

## **PATRICK J. FIEDLER – CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **BIOGRAPHICAL**

Patrick Fiedler's diverse legal career includes service as the United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, 18 years as a Dane County Circuit Judge, and President of the State Bar of Wisconsin. As a lawyer, he has tried over 60 jury trials, and as a judge he has presided over more than 150 juries. Since returning to the private practice of law in late 2011, he has served as a mediator and arbitrator in over 150 different cases. Additionally, he has represented numerous individuals in both civil and criminal cases as a trial lawyer. Patrick also has served as an independent investigator for both public entities and private organizations. As a mediator, Patrick's practice is to: "Prepare, listen and then evaluate." At trial, his practice is to: "Focus on the issues from a jury's perspective. Then present your case accordingly."

To date, Patrick has mediated or arbitrated cases involving § 1983 claims, police misconduct, personal injury, products liability, attorney malpractice, accounting malpractice, errors and omissions insurance, various issues relating to insurance coverage, construction disputes, breakups of law firms and accounting firms, attorney theft, condemnation (eminent domain), trust and estate disputes, fraudulent sales, vehicle warranties, home warranties, open records law, theft of funds, employment, employee theft, wage and salary, business disputes, loan disputes, land contracts, discrimination, nuisance, defamation, property development, land disputes, home remediation, contracts (real estate and other contracts), commercial foreclosures, air pollution, and condominium disputes.

RATES – \$300/hour

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

State Bar of Wisconsin, 1980 –  
    President-Elect, 2012 – 2013  
    President, 2013 – 2014  
    Immediate Past President, 2014 - 2015  
    Board of Directors of the Criminal Law Section, 1996 - 2000  
The Fellows of the Wisconsin Law Foundation, 2014 –  
Dane County Bar Association, 1993 –  
Wisconsin Trial Judges Association, 1994 – 2011

### **JUDICIAL ACTIVITIES**

Judicial College - Faculty, 1999 - 2009; Associate Dean, 2003 - 2009  
Instructor, University of Wisconsin Law School, 1998 - 2001  
Legislative Committee, 1996 - 2002  
Dane County Bar Association, Bench Bar Brawl, Master of Ceremonies, 1999 – 2004

## HONORS & AWARDS

2007 ABOTA Judge of the Year [American Board of Trial Advocates – Wisconsin Chapter]  
2008 Victim Advocacy Award, Honorable Mention for Outstanding Victim Advocacy  
[Wisconsin Victim/Witness Professional Association]  
Wisconsin Super Lawyer, Alternative Dispute Resolution – 2014, 2015  
Best Lawyers in America, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law – 2014, 2015

## EDUCATION

Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, J.D.  
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, B.B.A.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

United States Court of Appeals of the 7th Circuit  
United States District Courts of the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin  
Wisconsin Supreme Court

## ARTICLES

“The New *Daubert* Standard for Experts in Wisconsin Courts”,  
[Axley Website](#), November 29, 2011

“Out-of-State Lawyers Need to Be Aware of Local Rules”,  
[Axley Website](#), December 19, 2011

“Concussion Bill Becomes Law”,  
[Axley Website](#), June 5, 2012

“Wisconsin Court of Appeals Adopts Rule Limiting Insurers’ Duty to Defend”,  
[Axley Website](#), June 20, 2012

“Supreme Court Issues Opinion In Sizzler Contaminated Meat Case”, [Axley Website](#),  
July 5, 2012

## SEMINARS

"Rambo Litigation - Does it Work and How Do You Stop It?" Dane County Bar  
Association. 1997

"Selected Evidentiary Issues - Nuts and Bolts", Wisconsin Academy of Trial Lawyers, Tort  
Seminar. 1998

"Courts and the Media", State Bar of Wisconsin, Media-Law Relations Committee. 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

"Evidentiary Traps for the Unwary", State Bar of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. 2001

"Demonstration of a Civil Trial", Lawyering Skills Program, University of Wisconsin Law School. 2005

"An Experience in Evidence", Wisconsin Judicial College. 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

"18<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute of Trial Practice", State Bar of Wisconsin. Presiding judge for a mock trial presentation. 2007

"The New *Daubert* Standard for Experts in State Courts", Dane County Bar Association. 2011

"eRisk: Electronic Discovery for Medical Professionals", MMIC Webinar. 2011

"The New *Daubert* Standard for Experts in State Courts", Green County Bar Association. 2011

"The New *Daubert* Standard for Experts in State Courts", Sauk County Bar Association. 2012

"The New *Daubert* Standard for Experts in State Courts", Dodge County Bar Association and Jefferson County Bar Association. 2012

"The New *Daubert* Standard for Experts in State Courts", Iowa County Bar Association. 2012

"The New *Daubert* Standard for Experts in State Courts", Legal Association for Women. 2012

"Judge's Perspective – Exercising Discretion", UW Law School class. 2012

"The New *Daubert* Standard for Experts in State Courts", Waukesha County Bar Association. 2012

"The New *Daubert* Standard for Experts in State Courts", American College of Trial Lawyers (Wisconsin Chapter). 2012

“The New *Daubert* Standard for Experts in State Courts”, UW Law School class. 2012

“The New *Daubert* Standard for Experts in State Courts”, La Crosse County Bar Association. 2012

“SCOTUS 2012 and 2013 Terms”, Federalist Society – Madison Chapter. 2013

“Pro Bono – A True Story”, Dane County Bar Association. 2013

“President’s Forum: Practical Advice for Negotiation, Discovery, Mediation and Trial.”  
State Bar of Wisconsin Annual Meeting. 2015