

About Judge Steven I. Platt (Retired)

Judge Steven I. Platt (Ret.) retired as a full-time Circuit Court Judge on January 15, 2007. He has since been approved by the Court of Appeals to be recalled in all eight Circuits and the Court of Special Appeals to try cases and conduct Settlement Conferences as a Recalled Judge. He is also engaged in Private Mediation, Arbitration and Neutral Case Evaluation of Complex Civil Litigation including Medical Malpractice cases, Legal Malpractice cases, Product Liability cases, Construction Litigation and Business Disputes as well as other civil cases, including multiple party Contract and Tort cases.

Judge Platt has been a member of the Bar for over 30 years. He was in private practice for 10 ½ years from 1976 to 1986 during which time he also served as a Judge of the Orphans Court. He was appointed to the District Court for Prince Georges County in 1986 where he was designated Administrative Judge in 1988 and to the Circuit Court (7th Circuit) in 1990. While a Circuit Court Judge, he had management responsibility for all “Complex Civil Non-Family Cases” in the Court, which included the supervision of all settlement conferencing, mediating and scheduling of these medical malpractice, legal malpractice, business litigation, and products liability cases. He also presided over many of these cases. He is the acknowledged architect of the Maryland Businesses Technology Case Management Program. That Case Management Program has been cited as a model for the Nation in articles appearing in The Business Lawyer, a publication of the Section of Business Law of the American Bar Association, in Case In Point, the periodical of the National Judicial College, and in The Maryland Bar Journal.

Judge Platt is a trained Mediator having completed the basic 40 hour course, as well as advanced courses. He serves as a Panel Arbitrator and Mediator for the American Arbitration Association (AAA), International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR), Resolute Systems (RS) and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) as well as his own company, The Platt Group, Inc. In addition, he has taught the use of mediation and arbitration in resolving Business Disputes to Judges and Lawyers both in Maryland and Nationally through both The Judicial Education Program of The American Enterprise Institute (AEI)/ Brookings Joint Center for Regulatory Studies, on whose Judicial Advisory Board he has served, and through The American College of Business Court Judges of which he is a past President.

Judge Platt is the Founding and Managing Member of “The Platt Group, Inc.” a group of Retired Trial Court Judges, an Appellate Court Judge along with senior and experienced practitioners, a PHD Neuro-Psychologist, a former Maryland Commissioner of Financial Regulation, and a former Maryland and County elected official who can provide mediation, arbitration and public policy facilitation services depending on their area of expertise in all areas. More information and contact information on “The Platt Group, Inc.” can be found on its website at www.theplattgroup.com.

Judge Platt was named “one of the best Judges in the Washington Metropolitan area” by The Washingtonian Magazine in an article entitled “Best of The Bench” in its September 1996 issue. He has received many awards and recognition including an award for “Leadership in The Law” and “Innovator of The Year” from The Daily Record Legal and Business Newspaper. He graduated from the University of Virginia with a B.A. in Government and Public Administration and obtained his J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law.

Finally Judge Platt’s experience extends beyond our borders including consulting and presenting to judicial and legal authorities and audiences in Russia, The Middle East, and The Hague during the last 15 years.