

Judge Steve Mershon
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As a magna cum laude graduate of Bellarmine University (Philosophy), a former graduate student in Psychology at the University of Dallas and a graduate of the University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law, Judge Mershon would be honored to help resolve your dispute.

Judge Mershon was beginning his tenth year of practicing law when elected to the bench in 1988. As a volunteer for Kentucky's first Family Court, he presided over cases dealing with divorce, child custody, and child and adult abuse and neglect.

Since the end of 1995, Judge Mershon has presided in Circuit Court and is now a Senior Status Judge. He has heard many difficult cases in Circuit Court beginning with Brown & Williamson v Dr. Jeffery Wiegand and including five death penalty trials. Judge Mershon has a history of understanding the facts from the perspectives of all involved and either resolving the dispute or helping parties find a solution.

Judge Mershon is a former member of the Board of Directors of the YWCA Spouse Abuse Center, the Home of the Innocents, New Directions Housing Corporation, and Just Solutions. He was the founding president of the Board of Children First and former treasurer of the Louisville Chapter of the Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control. He is a past Chair of the board of Day Spring, which helps adults with mental retardation achieve their potential by providing housing and services in a community setting.

He has taught continuing legal and judicial education courses for the Delaware judiciary (1995); for mental health professionals, the bar and judiciary of Ireland (1996) and for the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (Colorado, 1997).

He was recognized as Judge of the Year by the Louisville Bar Association in 2007, inducted into Bellarmine University's Gallery of Distinguished Graduates in 2006 and recognized as Family Court Judge of the Year in 1994 by Kentucky Foster Care Citizens Review Board. In 1990, he was given the "Humanitarian to the Community" award from Parents United, an affiliate of the Family and Children's Agency, and in 1984 he received YWCA Spouse Abuse Center Volunteer Service Award.

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Judge Mershon understands the importance of alternative dispute resolution as demonstrated by his attendance at these Mediation trainings:

- 8/21/07 Louisville Bar Association: 15 Years of Mediation
- 1/24/06 Administrative Office of Courts: A Colloquium on Mediation in Kentucky
- 11/14/05 Administrative Office of Courts: General Civil Mediation*
- 4/16/02 National Judicial College: Settlement Techniques*
- 3/07/97 Kentucky Association of Trial Attorneys: Mediation Seminar
- 5/13/95 National Judicial College: Family Mediation*
- 5/31/91 Divorce Mediation Institute: Divorce Mediation Workshop*
- 11/21/85 American Bar Association: Negotiation; Can You Trust Your Instincts?

Thank you for considering Judge Mershon to resolve your dispute.