

Honorable M. Joseph Donald
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Juris Doctorate conferred: Marquette University Law School, 1988; Marquette University, Bachelor of Arts degree – Philosophy, 1982. Marquette University (B.A. 1982); Shorewood High School (1977); Harambee Community School (1973)

Appointed to the Circuit Court in 1996; Elected in 1997, 2003 and 2009.

Current Rotational Assignment: General Felony – Criminal Division

Previous Assignment: Presiding Chief Judge of Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center. Children's Court; Felony Division-Drug Court, General Felony; Homicide/Sexual Assault; Civil/Probate. Creation and development of the Drug Treatment Court. Which addresses addictive disease by using a non-adversarial approach. Incorporating inpatient and outpatient treatment. Reducing recidivism and abuse of alcohol and other substances by improving the health and life of abusers. Providing an effective and accountable community based alternative to incarceration

Summary of Career Preceding Judgeship: Law Clerk for Milwaukee County Circuit Court(1988-89) Assistant City Attorney-City of Milwaukee(1989-96), Prosecute City ordinance violators in Municipal and Circuit Courts, Tax foreclosures, Bankruptcies, Property Tax Assessments, Unemployment Compensation and Fire and Police Commission. Prior to the City of Milwaukee, Office of the Commissioner of Securities, Madison WI,(1986-87) Commercial Union Insurance Company, Boston, MA. (1984-85) Bank of New England, Boston, MA.(1983-84)

Other Pertinent Biographical Data: Appointed to serve on Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council (1996-99); Past-Member of Woolsack Society of Marquette University Law School (1996); Member of Urban Day School Board; Past-Member of Milwaukee Area Technical College Board (1991-94); Member of Governor Task Force to Enhance Probation and Parole; Member of Judicial Selection Committee; Past- Member Milwaukee School of Art & Design Board; Past Member Next Act Theatre; Past Member of Marquette Law School Alumni Board; 2010 Honoree Leaders in the Law Award presented by Wisconsin Law Journal

Personal: Born in Milwaukee on Feb.8, 1959; Married (Ann Donald) with three children,(Jordan, MUHS '07) (Hillary, PUIS '10) (Ryan, MUHS '12) and member of Mother Good Counsel Parish. Life long resident of the City of Milwaukee.