

JOAN F. KESSLER RESUME

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Born: June 25, 1943

Married: Husband, Frederick P. Kessler

Two adult daughters, Elizabeth Kessler and Anna Rulnick

Four grandchildren

EDUCATION

University of Kansas, B.A. *cum laude*, 1965

Marquette University Law School, J.D. *cum laude*, 1968

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law Clerk to Hon. John W. Reynolds, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin. 1968-1970

Cook & Franke, S.C.

United States Attorney, Eastern District of Wisconsin, 1979-1981
(Appointed by President Carter and confirmed by the Senate)

Foley & Lardner LLP, Partner 1981-2004

Judge, Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District 1, 2004-2020

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association, member, later Chair, "Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities," now the "Civil Rights Section"

Wisconsin Bar Association Board of Governors, various positions
Including Chair

Co-Founder, Lawyers Association for Women
Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association, President
Milwaukee Bar Association, Board of Directors

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Established the “Fred & Joan Kessler Student Leadership Scholarship Fund” for UWM students who are Milwaukee Public School graduates.

Cross Lutheran Church, member over fifty years

ACLU Milwaukee, member; former Chapter Board member

NAACP, Milwaukee Chapter member

Milwaukee Woman’s Club, Race Equity & Inclusion Committee
founding member

Professional Dimensions (women’s business and professional club)

Race Relations Committee