

Faculty Biographies

COSTELLO, KEVIN Commissioner Kevin Costello has been a Court Commissioner in Waukesha County since 2018 and prior to that was a Court Commissioner in Milwaukee County for 14 years. On his first day on his first job as an Assistant District Attorney, his supervisor told Kevin to open Ch. 48 and learn it. He said he would get right on it and, after the supervisor left, he asked the secretary what Ch. 48 was and where he could find it. Thus began a career in children's law that extended from his first day as an ADA, through 20 years as a private practitioner engaging in all aspect of this area of law and being the senior staff representative for the private bar at Milwaukee County's Children's Court, and now as a Court Commissioner. Commissioner Costello also serves as a member of the Wisconsin Commission on Children, Families and the Courts.

FOLEY, CHRISTOPHER (Ret.) Judge Christopher Foley currently serves as a mediator, arbitrator, and special master. He was a Circuit Court Judge in Milwaukee County for 38 years. He previously served as a chair of the Juvenile Jury Instruction Committee and the Juvenile Benchbook Committee. Judge Foley was named a "Milwaukeean of the Year" in 1996 by Milwaukee Magazine and was given the Children's Service Society Service to Children Award in 1997 for his work in implementing the Foster Care Conversion Project, which freed hundreds of children for adoption who had been mired in long-term foster care. He has been the recipient of United States Congress' Angels in Adoptions Award; Jockey Being Family's Jurist of the Year; Marquette University's Professional Achievement Award; and very recently given the Wisconsin State Bar's Lifetime Jurist Achievement Award. Judge Foley has testified before congressional committees and appeared on ABC's News Nightline and NBC's Today Show discussing child custody disputes.

A graduate of Marquette Law School in 1978, Judge Foley was a law clerk for the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, a Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney, and a Milwaukee Municipal Court Judge before he was appointed to succeed his father, the Honorable Leander J. Foley, Jr., as a Circuit Court Judge. He and his wife, Deb, are the proud parents of seven children: Rebecca, Christopher, Jr., Patrick, Kevin, Sean, Donald and Ben. Additionally, they are also proud grandparents of Nora Grace Foley, Leander Donald Cramer, and Evelyn Clare Foley!

JAMIESON, ANTON Commissioner Anton Jamieson has been a Circuit Court Commissioner since 2006. His primary responsibilities are in juvenile and family court. He has been a faculty member at the National Judicial Institute for Domestic Violence and the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking. He serves as a member of the Wisconsin Judicial Committee on Child Welfare (WJCCW) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Judicial Workgroup. In his spare time, he actively seeks players of sheephead.

KLICKO, WENDY Judge Wendy J.N. Klicko was elected to the Circuit Court of Sauk County in 2016. After graduating from University of Minnesota Law School in 1997, she began her legal career with Cross, Jenks, Mercer and Maffei in Baraboo practicing family law and insurance defense. She then spent 16 years as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for Sauk County; representing the Department of Human Services in Ch. 48 cases involving child abuse/neglect and termination of parental rights, Ch. 51 mental commitments, and Chs.54/55 guardianship and protective placement cases.

Judge Klicko is a faculty member for the New Judge Orientation and Child Welfare Law Orientation and has served on the DCP/PIP Advisory Group and State Team Planning for the Children's Bureau, the Wisconsin Commission on Children, Family and the Courts, the Family Model Recording-Keeping Committee and Juvenile Law Benchbook Committee. She is a long-time member and past president of the Rotary Club of Baraboo and past board member of the Baraboo Theatre Guild.

ROSSELL, JASON Judge Jason A. Rossell presides over Branch 2 of the Circuit Court for Kenosha County. After his appointment to the bench in November 2011, Judge Rossell, was elected to a six-year term beginning in August 2012 and was subsequently re-elected in 2018. He is currently assigned to the Criminal rotation, after previously being assigned to the Juvenile and Family rotation. In April 2017, Judge Rossell was appointed by the Wisconsin Supreme Court as the Chief of District 2, encompassing Kenosha, Racine and Walworth Counties. Judge Rossell is a member of the Wisconsin Judicial Committee on Child Welfare and the Legislative Committee of the Judicial Conference. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Rossell, was a sole practitioner and Guardian ad Litem for three years. Before starting his own practice, Judge Rossell served as an Assistant District Attorney for over six years. He is a proud graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School and the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater. Judge Rossell is married with two children and is an active member of Crossway Community Church.

ZIEGLER, TODD Judge Todd Ziegler has been a Monroe County Circuit Court Judge since 2007. He currently serves as Deputy Chief Judge for District 7. He received his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1995. After law school, he was a law clerk for the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. He then started a wide-ranging private practice that included Guardian ad Litem work, representing parents in children in need of protection and services (CHIPS) actions, and representing youth in delinquency cases.

Judge Ziegler has been a member of the Wisconsin Judicial Committee on Child Welfare since its inception in 2012. He led Monroe County's work on CHIPS cases with Casey Family Programs starting in 2015. In addition, he has been a member of a judicial workgroup addressing youth justice cases, since 2017, and has previously served on the Wisconsin Juvenile Jury Instruction Committee. Judge Ziegler is also a Treatment Court Judge for felony OWI offenders; starting the program in 2012.