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Former Federal Judge Sean J. McLaughlin Returns To Knox Law



Hon. Sean J. McLaughlin (ret.) has returned to Knox Law, where he will focus his practice on alternative dispute resolution, including mediation, arbitration and early neutral evaluation in both federal and state courts.

He brings nearly 40 years of diverse experience to his practice, including 19 years as a Federal judge, five (5) years as general counsel of Erie Insurance Group, a Fortune 500 company, and one (1) year as a Federal court law clerk. He also has 13 years of private litigation practice at Knox Law, during which time he concentrated in civil litigation, including both insurance defense and plaintiff matters. The breadth and depth of his experience lends him a unique perspective on a variety of legal disputes, from all sides of the bench, and will serve him well as a mediator, arbitrator and neutral.

Hon. Sean J. McLaughlin (ret.) served as a United States District Court Judge from 1994 through 2013, completing his tenure as chief judge. During that time, he presided over 5,399 civil cases and 186 jury trials. He also regularly held settlement conferences on a wide variety of complex civil matters.

Judge McLaughlin served as Chair of the District Court's Court Governance Committee, as Chair of the Court's Long-Range Planning Committee, and as Chair of the Magistrate Judges Committee. In 2012, he was appointed by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. to serve on the United States Judicial Conference Committee on Court Administration and Case Management.

He joins a team of nearly 40 attorneys who have been providing quality legal services to businesses, governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, insurance companies, financial institutions individuals and families for 60 years.