Judge Heather Ann Welch, J.D.

Professional Biography and Resume

Education

Valparaiso University, J.D. 1994
Indiana University, B.S. Business Analysis 1989

Career

Judge, Marion County Superior Court, Civil Division, Room 12- current assignment.

Judge, Marion County Superior Court, Criminal Division, Room 9 2007-2008
Judge Welch presided over approximately 1800 D Felony cases. She was elected in November of 2006 and began her duties in Criminal 9 on January 1, 2007. Judge Welch has remained Special Judge on several Dissolution cases.

Master Commissioner, Marion County Superior Courts 2001-2006
Master Commissioner Welch served in Criminal Court 1 and Civil Court 10. Presided over cases involving major felonies and murders, family law cases, and civil cases. Commissioner Welch presided over approximately 80 major felony jury trials, over 100 bench trials of all types, and over 350 felony sentencings.

Attorney, Kiefer & McGoff, Indianapolis 1999-2001
Practiced in areas of criminal law, family law, attorney disciplinary matters and administrative licensing in both state and Federal courts.

Deputy Prosecutor, Marion County Prosecutor's Office 1996- 1999
Major Felony trial attorney, Marion Superior Criminal Court 1. This caseload consisted of A-C Felonies and Murder cases. She conducted approximately 70 jury trials and 30 bench trials.

Deputy Attorney General, Indiana Attorney General's Office 1995-96
Assigned to the Medical Licensing Division, drafted and filed complaints against physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals on behalf of the State. She litigated the complaints before the appropriate administrative boards.

Professional Membership & Participation:

Indianapolis Bar Association:
- Chair of the 2011 Legislative Committee
- Member of the IBA Board of Managers: Member at Large 2006-2008;
- Member of the IBA Board of Managers: Vice President 2010- current
- Member of the Diversity Task Force
- Chair of the Pro Bono Standing Committee 2008
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- Member of the Executive Committee of the Women in the Law Division
- Member of the Bench Bar Conference Committee 2006
- Co-Chair person of 2007 Bench Bar Conference
- Chair person of the 2009 Bench Bar Conference
- Member of the Bench Bar Conference Committee 2010
- Indianapolis Bar Foundation Fellow

Indiana State Bar Association:
- Member of the Ethics Committee
- Member of the Judicial Committee
- Member of the Committee on Juvenile Justice Summit

American Bar Association
National Association of Women Judges
American Judicature Society
American Inn of Court Sagamore
Indiana Judges Association:
- Member at Large for Marion County District 2009- current

Indiana Judicial Center:
- Criminal Instructions Committee
- Ethics Committee

Marion County Bar Association

Frequent Speaker at the Indianapolis Bar Association and the Indiana State Bar Association

Community Service

Board Member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana 2007-2010
Board Member of St. Thomas Aquinas School Commission 2008-2010
Reach for Youth Volunteer for Teen Court

Professional Admissions

Indiana Supreme Court	October 31, 1994
United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana	October 31, 1994
United States Court of Appeals For the Seventh Circuit	April 26, 1999