

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY OF HON. MICHAEL G. GOTSCH, SR.

Professional: Admitted to bar in Indiana and U.S. District Courts in 1987, and in Michigan in 1992. Appointed as Judge of St. Joseph Circuit Court by Governor Joseph Kernan in May, 2004; Elected in Nov., 2004, and re-elected to second six-year term in Nov., 2010.

Employment: Judge, St. Joseph Circuit Court, 60th Judicial Circuit (2004-present); Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Chief of Staff, 60th Judicial Circuit (2003-2004); Counsel, St. Joseph County Office of Family and Children (2000-2002); Corporate Counsel, Meridian Title Corporation (1999–2000); Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, 60th Judicial Circuit (1987-1998); Executive Director, CASIE [Child Abuse Services, Investigation & Education] Center (1996-1998); Commissioned Officer, United States Army, (1980-1984).

Education: University of Notre Dame, A.B. (1979). Notre Dame Law School, J.D. (1987). Indiana Graduate Program for Judges (2008-2009).

Appointments: Member, Judicial Conference of Indiana (Board of Directors, 2009-present); Member, Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (Governing Board, 2005-present); Member, St. Joseph County Community Corrections Board (2003-present); St. Joseph County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (2010-present); Presidential Appointee, U.S. Department of Justice Task Force on Criminal Nonsupport (1996-1998); Official Observer, Uniform Parentage Act Drafting Committee, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (1996-1999); Commissioner, Indiana Commission on Abused and Neglected Children and their Families (2003-2005); Member, Indiana Child Custody and Support Advisory Committee (2004-2006); Indiana Support Enforcement Tracking System (ISETS) Evaluation Committee (1991-1999).

Organizations: Indiana Judges Association (2004-present); St. Joseph County Bar Association (1987-present ; Past President; Board of Governors; Bench & Bar Committee); Indiana State Bar Association (Board of Delegates, 2001-present); and Indiana Child Support Alliance (Honorary Life Member; Past President; Board of Directors; Founding Member). Former Member: National District Attorneys Association (Board of Directors; Chair, Child Support Enforcement Committee); National Child Support Enforcement Association (Board of Directors); Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Enforcement Association (Board of Directors); Prevent Child Abuse Indiana (Board of Directors, 2005-2006); Family & Children Center, Counseling and Development Services (Board of Directors, 2007-2010) and American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (Indiana Chapter).

Awards: Outstanding Judge Award, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (2010); Spirit of Giving Award, Family & Children's Center (2010), Honorable Order of the Kentucky Colonels (1994); Distinguished Service Award, Indiana Department of Public Welfare (1991); Army Meritorious Service Medal (1984); Army Commendation Medal (1983); Army Achievement Award (1982).

Other Activities: Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law and Moot Court/Mock Trial Judge: Notre Dame Law School; Lecturer: University of Notre Dame, St. Mary's College, Bethel College, Indiana University at South Bend; Speaker and Lecturer: National, regional and state child welfare conferences, and national, state and local continuing legal education seminars.