

Kevin S. Burke
Judge
Hennepin County District Court

PROFESSIONAL ADDRESS:

404 Family Justice Center
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

JUDICIAL

Judge, Hennepin County District Court
July 25, 1984 – present

Chief Judge, Hennepin County District Court
July 1, 2000-June 30, 2004; July 1, 1992-June 30, 1996

Presiding Judge, Drug Court, Hennepin County District Court
January 1, 1997-June 30, 2000

Assistant Chief Judge, Hennepin County District Court
December 1998-June 30, 2000; July 1, 1989-June 30, 1992

Chair, Minnesota Conference of Chief Judges
July 1, 1991-June 30, 1996

GENERAL

Partner, Chestnut & Brooks, P.A., 1980–1984

Partner, Ranum, Quackenbush & Burke, 1979–1980

Assistant Public Defender, Hennepin County Public Defenders Office, 1975–1979

Student Director, Legal Aid to Minnesota Prisoners (L.A.M.P.), University of Minnesota Law School, 1974 – 1975

Administrative Assistant to Chairman, Metropolitan Council, 1973

Research Associate, Minnesota Experimental City, 1972

Intern, Congressman Michael J. Harrington, 1972

Intern, Office of Minnesota Senate Counsel, 1971

AWARDS

- 2012 Judge William H. Burnett Award, American Judges Association
- 2010 Judicial Educator of the Year, American Bar Association Judicial Division, National Conference of Specialized Court Judges
- 2009 Mission Award, presented by Wayside House for support for helping women recover from substance abuse.
- 2007 Named One of the 100 Most Influential Lawyers in the History of Minnesota by Law & Politics Magazine.
- 2005 Trial Judge of the Year, Minnesota Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates
- 2004 Governing Magazine Public Official of the Year
- 2003 National Center for State Courts William H. Rehnquist Award
- 2003 Hennepin County Bar Association Judicial Professionalism Award
- 2002 National Center for State Courts Distinguished Service Award
- 1998 Lifetime Achievement Award
Presented by H.E.A.R.T. for leadership in the cause of freedom for people afflicted with chemical dependency
- 1997 U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Director's Community Leadership Award
- 1996 Toll Fellow, Selected by the Council of State Governments as one of the future leaders of state government
- 1995 David Graven Public Service Award

By the Minnesota State Bar Association and presented to the lawyer who best exemplifies the high standards of the profession in combination with a commitment to public or community service

- 1994 Jack Young Excellence in Corrections Award presented by the Minnesota Association of Community Correction Act Counties
- 1993 Award of Merit presented by the Society of Professional Journalists for distinguished service in the field of freedom of information

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs
Reflective Leadership Program 1984-85
Ethics and Public Policy Program 1986

University of Minnesota Law School
J.D., 1975

University of Minnesota
B.A. 1972
Summa Cum Laude, political science
Thesis: "New Towns and Urban Growth Policy"

TEACHING & CONSULTING

University of Minnesota Law School, Adjunct Faculty Member
Legal Writing, 1986-1991
Trial Practice, 1992-present

University of St. Thomas Law School, Adjunct Faculty Member
Criminal Procedure, 2003-present

National Center for State Courts, Court Executive Development Program,
On-Line Instructor-Judicial Independence, 2001-2004

William Mitchell College of Law, Adjunct Faculty Member, 1977-1997
Trial Skills, Advanced Trial Advocacy
Cross Examination Skills, Basic Lawyer Skills

University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs
Reflective Leadership Program, 1986-1990

Lecturer and Consultant with court systems in 38 states, federal courts and in Abu Dhabi, China, Canada, Egypt, Ireland, India and Mexico on judicial training, court management and court leadership

Sample of recent topics:

- Fairness in Courts
- Court Leadership
- Case Management
- Performance Management in Courts
- Dealing with Self Represented Litigants
- Judges and the Media
- New Judge Training
- Minnesota's New Felony DWI Law
- Strategic Litigation for Public Lawyers
- The Role of the Judge in the Courtroom
- Minnesota Evidence
- Cross Examination
- Ethics and Bias in the Courtroom
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Demonstrative Evidence

PUBLICATIONS

"Minding the Court: Enhancing the Decision Making Process," *International Journal for Court Administration*, February 2013

"McGovern and His Daughter Terry: What We can Learn," *MinnPost*, October 22, 2012

"Minding the Court: Enhancing the Decision Making Process, American Judges Association White Paper," October 2012

"Leadership Without Fear," *Future Trends in State Courts 2012*, Williamsburg, VA; National Center for State Courts, 2012

"A Vision for Enhancing Public Confidence in the Judiciary – Commit to Fairness in Court," Vol. 95, No. 6, *Judicature*, May/June 2012.

"Judicial Independence; The New Threat From Within," Vol. 95, No. 5, Judicature, March/April 2012, co-authored with Steve Leben.

"Attorney Specialization," Vol. LXIX, No. III, Bench&Bar of Minnesota, March 2012, co-authored with Sudha Rajan.

"Creating a New Generation of Courts," Vol. 47, Issue 4, Court Review, 2011, co-authored with Brian Ostrom and Roger Hanson

"It is All About the People Who Work in the Courthouse, Future Trends in State Courts 2011 Williamsburg, VA; National Center for State Courts, 2011.

"Just What Made Drug Courts Successful," Vol. 94, No. 3, Judicature, November-December 2010.

"Just What Made Drug Courts Successful?" Vol. 36, No. 1, New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement, Winter 2010.

"The Evolution of the Trial Judge from Counting Case Dispositions to a Commitment to Fairness," Vol. 18, No. 2, Widener Law Journal, 2009.

"Understanding the International Rule of Law as a Commitment to Procedural Fairness," Vol. 18, Issue 2, Minnesota Journal of International Law, Summer 2009.

"Procedural Fairness: A Key Ingredient in Public Satisfaction," Vol. 44, Issue 1/2, Court Review, 2007-2008.

"An Opportunity for Leadership is Lost," Vol. 55, No. 3, Drake Law Review, Spring 2007.

"*State v. Dettman*: The End of the Sentencing Revolution or Just the Beginning?" Vol. 33, No. 4, William Mitchell Law Review, 2007.

"Moving from Court Management to Court Leadership," Vol. 21, Issue 1, Court Manager co-authored with Michael LaBrosse.

"Another View of Local Legal Culture: More than Court Culture," Vol. 20, No. 4, Court Manager, Winter 2005-06, co-authored with Frank Broccolina.

"Judging the Courts," Vol. 48, No. 3, State News, March 2005.

"A Judiciary That Is as Good as Its Promise: The Best Strategy for Preserving Judicial Independence," Vol. 41, Issue 2, Court Review, Summer 2004

"The Tyranny of the "Or" is the Threat to Judicial Independence, Not Problem-Solving Courts," Vol. 41, Issue 2, Court Review, Summer 2004

"A Court and a Judiciary That Is as Good as Its Promise," Vol. 73, No. 1, The Hennepin Lawyer, January/February 2004

"A Court and a Judiciary That Is as Good as Its Promise," Vol. 40, Issue 2, Court Review, Summer 2003

"Transforming the District Court," Vol. 72, No. 1, The Hennepin Lawyer, January 2003

"The Hennepin County Drug Court: A Progress Report," Vol. 69, No. 5, The Hennepin Lawyer, May 2000.

"Drugs and the Legal System," Vol. 72, No. 1, Spectrum, The Journal of State Government, Winter 1999.

"That was Then; This is Now," Vol. 62, No. 5, The Hennepin Lawyer, May/June 1993.

"Doing the System Justice: Toward the Creation of a More Healthy Judiciary," Vol. 7, No. 1, Law & Politics, April 19, 1992.

"New Chief Judge Eyes Courtroom Changes," Vol. 62, No. 2, The Hennepin Lawyer, Nov/Dec 1992.

"Misconduct on the Bench, or . . . What to do With Judges Who are Cantankerous," Vol. 49, No. 4, The Hennepin Lawyer, Mar/Apr 1992.

"Chief Justice A.M. 'Sandy' Keith," The Hennepin Lawyer, Mar/Apr 1991.

"State on New Course for Sentencing: 'Just Desserts,'" Vol. 6, No. 6, Minnesota Trial Lawyer, Sept/Oct 1981.

Public Defender Trial Lawyers Manual, published October 1979 by Minnesota Public Defenders Association and Hennepin County Public Defenders Office through L.E.A.A. grant.

"DWI – A New Law – An Old Approach," Vol. 48, No. 2, The Hennepin Lawyer, Nov/Dec 1978.

MEDIA

Meet Your Court (1/2 hour television interview show broadcast weekly)

In Chambers with Judge Kevin Burke (20 minute weekly call-in show on WCCO radio)

BLOGS - WEBSITES

Founder: AJA Blog: <http://blog.amjudges.org/> Daily blog dealing with topics of interest to Canadian and U.S. Judges

Co-founder: Procedural Fairness for Judges and Courts: <http://www.proceduralfairness.org/> Website and blog devoted to advancing procedural fairness in courts

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Judicature Society, Board Member, 2004-2007

American Judges Association, Board of Governors, 2003-present; President 2011-2012

Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, University of Denver, Board of Advisors, 2006-present

National Center for State Courts, Board of Directors, 1995-2001; Strategic Planning Committee, 2000-01; Executive Committee, 2000-01; Research Advisory Committee, 2000-2004

The Council of State Governments, Drug Initiative Task Force, 1998

Justice System Journal, Editorial Board, 1997-2004

State Board of Public Defense, Member, 1983; Chair 1984-1990

Minnesota Supreme Court Task Force on Trial Court Financing, 1988-1991

Governor's Advisory Counsel on State/Local Relations, Trial Court/Public Defender Finance Committee, 1989

State of Minnesota Task Force on Juvenile Programming, Evaluation and Planning, 1994

Metropolitan Council Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, Chair 1977-1981,
Member 1981-1984

Metropolitan Health Board, Member 1976-1977

Legal Rights Center, Inc., Board of Directors 1978-83; Secretary 1982-83

Minneapolis Employment Task Force, Member 1981

Hennepin County Bar Association Criminal Law Section, Vice-Chair 1982-83; Chair
1983-85

Federal Public Defender Panel, 1980-1984

Hennepin County Commitment Defense Panel, 1979-1984

Legal Advice Clinic, 1976-1984

Federal Pro Se Panel Project, 1983

Minnesota Lawyers International Human Rights Committee, 1983

ABA Death Row Representation Project, 1984