



# Resolute Systems, LLC

MEDIATION, ARBITRATION & ADR CONSULTING

## Hon. Michael J. Fusz, ret. Antioch, Illinois

Judge Michael J. Fusz retired from 19th Judicial Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois in November of 2019 after a 15-year judicial career. He sat in various courts in the Civil Division for 11 years, where he presided over a wide variety of civil litigation matters including wrongful death, personal injury, property damage, business and commercial disputes, probate cases, landlord-tenant disputes, condemnation and insurance coverage matters, as well as administrative reviews.

While on the bench, Judge Fusz heard and ruled on innumerable bench trials and presided over in excess of 180 jury trials, including more than 80 civil jury trials. He regularly conducted civil settlement conferences, with the majority reaching settlement prior to trial.

He served in the Law Division of the 19th Judicial Circuit from February 2013 to November 2019. Prior to that, he served in Probate/Arbitration Court from July 2012 to February 2013 and presided over Small Claims, Landlord-Tenant cases and Post-Judgment matters from September 2008 to July 2012.

Judge Fusz also presided over the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit's Therapeutic Intensive Monitoring (T.I.M. court), a special mental health court program, from January 2007 through June 2012.

In addition to his Mediation and Arbitration practice, Judge Fusz has been an adjunct Business Law instructor in the Business Division at the College of Lake County since 1985. He also served as an intelligence officer in the United States Navy Reserve from 1987 to 2007, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander.

He is a member of the Illinois Bar Association, the Jefferson Inn and the Lake County Bar Association. He is also an editor of the Lake County Bar Association monthly publication, "The Docket."

### Mediation & Arbitration Concentration

- Personal Injury and Wrongful Death
- Professional Liability
- Medical Malpractice
- Products Liability
- Commercial & Business
- Condominium & HOA-Owner relations
- Eminent Domain
- Zoning
- Landlord -Tenant
- Probate
- Insurance Coverage

### Professional Experience

Before beginning his judicial career, Judge Fusz practiced in both the private and public sectors.

He first clerked for the Honorable Howard C. Ryan, Illinois Supreme Court from 1977 to 1978 and then served as an Assistant State's Attorney in both McHenry and Lake County, trying over fifty jury trials and also serving as Chief of Felony Review in Lake County. He then served as both an Associate and Partner in the Chicago-based firm McKenna, Storer, Rowe, White & Farrug and as an Associate at Querrey & Harrow before joining the Chicago-based firm of Tressler, Soderstrom, Maloney and Priess (now Tressler, LLP) as a partner. While at these firms, he tried over thirty jury trials to verdict.

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### Biography

Resolute Systems, LLC  
January 2020-Present

Judge, 19th Circuit Court of Lake Country  
2004-2019

Tressler, Soderstrom, Maloney  
and Priess Partner 1996-2004

Querrey & Harrow Associate  
1995-1996

McKenna, Storer, Rowe, White & Farrug  
Associate 1986 -1991  
Partner 1992-1995

Chief, Felony Review, Lake Co. State's  
Attorney Office  
1984-1986

Assistant State's Attorney, Lake County  
State's Attorney's Office 1980-1986

Assistant State's Attorney, McHenry County  
State's Attorney's Office 1978-1980

Law Clerk

Law Clerk to the Honorable Howard C. Ryan,  
Illinois Supreme Court  
1977-1978

### Education

- Juris Doctorate with Honors,  
Chicago-Kent College of Law  
J.D. Notes and Comments Editor and  
Special Projects Editor, Chicago-Kent Law  
Review
- Bachelor of Science, Illinois Institute of  
Technology