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Richard F. McDevitt concentrates his mediation practice on the resolution of substantial personal injury, wrongful death, commercial, construction, class actions and professional malpractice matters. He mediates out of his offices in Chicago and Merrillville, Indiana.

During the time he presided as Magistrate Judge of the Lake County Circuit Court, Judge McDevitt served as a member of the Indiana Supreme Court's Committee on Jury Rules from 2007 through 2009, drafting the Rules and Amendments governing assembly, selection and management of Juries in all Courts of the State of Indiana. Judge McDevitt was the recipient of the Outstanding Judge Award from the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence in 2008, in recognition for outstanding service to victims of domestic violence. As the Lake County Circuit Court Magistrate Judge, he presided over jury and bench trials involving all aspects of civil disputes, including personal injury and wrongful death, insurance coverage, medical and legal malpractice, class actions, contracts, real property, property tax, employment discrimination, wrongful discharge, injunctions and family law, among others, and also successfully conducted Judicial Settlement Conferences involving complex litigation. He is a graduate of the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum's Civil and Domestic Relations Mediation Training, and is registered with the Indiana Supreme Court as both a Civil and a Domestic Relations Mediator. Since leaving the bench, Attorney McDevitt has conducted hundreds of mediations and has served as Panel Chair on numerous Arbitration Panels involving personal injury and contract disputes.

Before taking the bench, Judge McDevitt worked in private practice of law in Lake County, Indiana, for 22 years. During that time he practiced as a civil litigator representing both Plaintiffs and Defendants. He also worked as City Attorney for the City of Gary, Indiana, as a litigator and appellate counsel.

Judge McDevitt is a graduate of Indiana University (BA, 1982), and Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington, Indiana (JD, 1985).