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**Dispute Resolution Worldwide**

**HONORABLE JAMES PATRICK MCCARTHY, Ret.**  
**Chicago, Illinois**



Judge James P. McCarthy was appointed to the Cook County Circuit Court in 1996. From 2003 to his retirement in 2019, Judge McCarthy sat in the Law Division. During his tenure on the bench, he developed a reputation as an effective pre-trial judge.

Prior to beginning his judicial career, Judge McCarthy served in the Corporation Counsel office for the City of Chicago in the Litigation Division. In this capacity, he defended the City of Chicago and its employees in civil litigation. He litigated in both State and Federal courts.

Judge McCarthy will concentrate his mediation practice in the areas of:

- Personal Injury
- Professional Liability
- Property Damage
- Construction
- Contract
- Commercial
- Business
- Municipal

**Professional Experience**

Senior Attorney Supervisor, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
June 1987 to January 24, 1996

Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Chicago  
April 1982 to June 1987

For fourteen years Judge McCarthy was assigned to the Litigation Division of the Corporation Counsel's Office defending the city of the Chicago and its employees in both Federal Court and State Court litigation. During the last eight years of his tenure, he was a supervisor in the Litigation Division and as such supervised approximately half of the case load, (which averaged about 250 Federal and State cases) for about twenty attorneys.

His duties encompassed supervision of all aspects of litigation from discovery, pre-trial, settlement and trial of cases.

**Licensure:**

State of Illinois Supreme Court  
November 3, 1978

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois  
April 3, 1979

U.S. Court of Appeals, 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
February 10, 1981

Trail Bar, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois  
December 22, 1982

United States Supreme Court  
December 15, 1986

**Professional Memberships:**

Illinois State Bar Association

**Education:**

Northern Illinois University School of Law, JD. 1978  
St. Joseph's College, B.S. Business Management, 1972

**Military:**

United States Army Reserve, 1968 – 1974

**To schedule mediation or arbitration with Judge McCarthy, please call  
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