



# Hon. J. Edward Prochaska, Ret.

Rockford, IL.

Judge Ed Prochaska served as a Winnebago County Circuit Judge from 1996 to his retirement in December of 2018. A highly respected jurist and attorney, Judge Prochaska was known for his effectiveness at resolving civil litigation through the mediated settlement conference process. He was the Presiding Judge of the 17th Circuit Civil Division (2010-2018).

From 2007 to 2018, Judge Prochaska sat in the Law, Chancery & Miscellaneous Remedies division, where he conducted hundreds of successful settlement conferences. He successfully facilitated many multi-million dollar settlements, including two settlements over \$10 million.

While sitting as a judge, Judge Prochaska presided over 214 jury trials, including medical negligence (47), auto accidents (53), legal malpractice, nursing home, premises liability, subrogation, eminent domain, breach of contract, civil rights, animal control act, negligent hiring/supervision, dram shop, and product liability. His extensive experience as a jurist and litigator instill confidence during the mediation process, as he combines the evaluative and facilitative mediation styles to help resolve civil disputes. He completed a 40-hour Civil Mediation course at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada in 2017.

Judge Prochaska has extensive experience with the resolution of:

- Personal Injury
- Medical Negligence
- Nursing Home Negligence
- Auto Accidents
- Trucking Accidents
- Subrogation
- Business Disputes
- Professional Negligence
- Construction
- Declaratory Judgments
- Commercial & Residential Foreclosures
- Breach of Contract
- Premises Liability
- Civil Rights
- Dram Shop
- Animal Control Act
- Negligent Hiring/Supervision
- Product Liability
- Asbestos Claims
- Legal Malpractice
- Tax Liens
- Mechanics Liens
- Eminent Domain

Prior to moving to the Law, Chancery & Miscellaneous Remedies division, Judge Prochaska sat in the Felonies Division for one year. He served as an Associate Judge for his first 10 years on the bench, assigned to multiple courtrooms including Traffic, DUI, Small Claims, Probate, Citations, Juvenile, Misdemeanors, Felonies and Orders of Protection.

Before beginning his judicial career, Prochaska was a partner at the Rockford, Illinois office of Hinshaw & Culbertson, where he specialized in insurance defense litigation with an emphasis on medical and hospital professional liability.

To schedule a mediation with Judge Prochaska, please call 800.776.6060, x125 or schedule online at [www.ProchaskaMediation.com](http://www.ProchaskaMediation.com)

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### Biography

**Resolute Systems, LLC**  
December 2018 – present

**Circuit Judge, Winnebago County  
Law, Chancery & Miscellaneous Remedies**  
2007-2018

**Circuit Judge, Winnebago County  
Felonies**  
2006-2007

**Associate Judge, Winnebago County**  
1996-2006

**Hinshaw & Culbertson**  
1987-1996  
Litigation Attorney with emphasis on medical/hospital professional liability; became partner in 1994.

### Education

- JD, University of Houston Law Center
- BA, Augustana College (History/Political Science)

### Professional Memberships

- Winnebago County Bar Association (1987-present)
- American Bar Association (1987-1996)
- Illinois State Bar Association (1987-1996)
- Boone County Bar Association (2001-2005)
- Illinois Judges Association (1996-present)
- I.J.A. Board of Directors (2008-2014)

### Mediation Training

Completed week-long Civil Mediation course at National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada in 2017

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