



## **HONORABLE JEFFREY L. WARNICK (RET.)**

**Chicago, IL**



Judge Jeffrey Warnick (Ret.) served as an Associate Judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County from 2009 to 2025. During his tenure, he presided over a wide range of civil bench and jury trials, motion hearings, and settlement conferences. He also served in the Chancery Division, where he managed a high-volume docket of more than 7,000 commercial and residential mortgage foreclosure cases. His responsibilities included overseeing a daily contested call involving 25 to 40 fully briefed motions in complex commercial litigation, as well as appointing and supervising approximately 100 receiverships involving

commercial properties.

Judge Warnick brings extensive trial and litigation experience to his work, having conducted more than 60 jury trials and over 300 bench trials. He also has substantial appellate experience.

Before his judicial appointment, Judge Warnick was a partner at a litigation firm, where he represented insurance carriers, insureds, and businesses in matters involving arson and fire claims, construction disputes, subrogation, insurance coverage, and serious personal injury litigation.

With a legal career spanning more than 45 years as both a litigator and judge, Judge Warnick offers deep insight and seasoned judgment in his current practice as a mediator and arbitrator, helping parties resolve disputes efficiently and effectively outside the courtroom. He is known to be a workaholic and be completely prepared before trials and settlement conferences.

### **JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE**

**SWORN IN AS ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE 2009**

**TRAFFIC DIVISION OF 1ST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT 2009**

Trial Judge for DUI/Misdemeanors, and Municipal civil cases

## **CHANCERY DIVISION- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE-MECHANICS LIENS 2010-2011**

Trial Judge with docket of over 7,000 cases of commercial and residential mortgage foreclosures. Managed daily contested call of 25-40 fully briefed contested motions of commercial litigation. Appointed and managed approximately 100 receiverships of commercial property.

## **SECOND MUNICIPAL DISTRICT AND LAW DIVISION 2011-present**

Supervising Judge of the Civil Division, supervising all civil courts and judges . Created protocol for opening Zoom courts in Skokie that was followed throughout Cook Co. Settled 92 % of all Law and Municipal cases during settlement conferences.

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

### **PRUSIK, SELBY, DALEY & KEZELIS, P.C. 2008-2009**

Partner in litigation firm representing insurance carriers, insureds, and businesses regarding arson and fire claims, construction, subrogation, coverage issues and serious personal injury actions.

### **HEYTOW & WARNICK, P.C. 1988-2008**

Managing partner in Chicago law firm representing clients in insurance related issues and specializing in insurance coverage, fire, construction, subrogation and property issues.

### **COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEYS OFFICE 1979-1988**

Prosecution of criminal cases from Juvenile to Felony Trial Courts at 26th/ California. Supervised Arson Special Prosecutions Unit and tried many capital cases and over 50 jury trials

## **EDUCATION**

### **IIT-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW JD 1975-1978**

### **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BA 1971-1975**

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