

Judge Edward O. Burke (Ret.) is now devoting his full time and attention to his mediation practice which includes arbitration and special master appointments in civil and family litigation.

He has a bachelor's degree in political science from Harpur College, which is now known as Binghamton University, and a law degree from Syracuse University where he received awards for the highest grade in Trusts and Estates and Domestic Relations and was a contributor to the Law Review. He is a member of the New York Bar where he practiced for two and one half years before moving to Arizona. He has been a member of the Arizona Bar since 1969.

Before his appointment to the bench in 1999, he held an "AV" rating from Martindale Hubbell and was a certified real estate law specialist. His practice included construction, real estate and business litigation, and he served as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association. Among his professional activities, he served as the chair of the Lawyer Referral Committee and was a member of the board of directors of the Maricopa County Bar Association. He was also on the Civil Practice and Procedure, Debtor Creditor Rights, and Member Assistance Committees of the State Bar of Arizona.

In his twelve years on the Maricopa County Superior Court, he was assigned to the civil, criminal, and family law departments. On each of these assignments, he conducted numerous settlement conferences. He served two years as the Presiding Civil Department Judge and three years as one of the court's three complex civil litigation judges. He served for two years on the board of the Arizona Judges Association

Judge Burke has lectured on civil litigation at the National Judicial College and at numerous bar CLE programs. He was a panelist at the 2009 conference of the National Structured Settlement Association and at the 16th Annual West Region Construction Defect & Insurance Coverage Conference.

In 2009 he received the Judge of the Year award from the Phoenix Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and in 2010 the Judicial Integrity Award from the Arizona Trial Lawyers Association. In 2011 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel.

While in practice, he earned a masters degree in business administration from Arizona State University. He has taught law courses at Onondaga County Community College in New York, Phoenix College, Scottsdale Community College, and the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University.