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**EXPERIENCE**

**Volunteer Activities**

2015 to present

Since 2015, I have volunteered thousands of hours with Volunteer Lawyers Network, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, and Dispute Resolution Center. I represent low-income people in housing issues, criminal expungements and immigration issues. I volunteer as a mediator in Ramsey County Housing Court. I also am a volunteer Conciliation Court Referee in Dakota County. I am employed as a part-time staff attorney for HOME Line Minnesota.

**Rathke Mediation, LLC**

2014 to present

Qualified neutral under Rule 114 with areas of expertise in general civil, business/commercial, personal injury, professional liability/malpractice, insurance and complex litigation

**Lommen Abdo Law Firm**

partner 1991-2014; of counsel 2014

I have more than 20 years of experience in general litigation, and, since 2001, have concentrated in plaintiffs' personal injury work including medical malpractice, significant automobile cases and products liability. Beginning in 2009, I prosecuted several products liability cases against powdered infant formula manufacturers arising from bacterial infection of infants.

From 1991 to 2001, my practice consisted of legal malpractice defense, municipal defense, employment and commercial litigation. About 75 percent of my practice during this period consisted of legal malpractice defense which included several trials. Other significant litigation included representation of investors in a directors' liability case involving Midwest Federal which resulted in a significant settlement.

**Crow Wing County Attorney**

From 1975 to 1991, I served four terms as the elected County Attorney of Crow Wing County, Minnesota (county seat, Brainerd). During this time, I personally tried more than 200 jury trials.

The County Attorney was a part-time position. During these years I was a partner in the Brainerd law firm of Borden, Steinbauer, Rathke and Krueger.

The Governor appointed me to the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, where I served as a member from 1978-1991 and as chair from 1982-1986. In this capacity, I testified on sentencing reform before a congressional committee and several state legislative committees. I also served as Director of the Minnesota County Attorney Association from 1976 to 1991, and was President of that organization from 1981 to 1982.

**Minnesota Senate Counsel assigned to Judiciary Committee** 1972-1974

I staffed the Judiciary Committee when it considered no-fault auto reform, the Uniform Probate Code, no-fault marital dissolution and other significant legislative reform.

**Law Clerk for Justice Fallon Kelly, Minnesota Supreme Court** 1971-1972

### **OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES**

- Qualified Neutral Under Rule 114
- Civil Trial Specialist by Minnesota Bar Association
- Member, Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota
- Member of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission by governor's appointment, 1978 to 1991 (chair 1982 to 1986)
- Director, Minnesota County Attorney Association, 1976 to 1991 (president 1981 to 1982)
- Member, Minnesota Lawyers Professional Responsibility, 1977 to 1984
- Member from time to time, Hennepin County Ethics Committee
- Member of ABA and Minnesota and Hennepin County Bar Associations
- Listed as Super Lawyer for numerous years
- Appeared on NBC Today Show in 1986 regarding prosecution of child abuse cases
- Dakota County Conciliation Referee

### **EDUCATION**

J.D., Valparaiso University School of Law, 1971  
Articles Editor for Valparaiso U. Law Review

B.A., Valparaiso University, 1968