

Stephen W. Herrick, Albany County Public Defender

I was born and raised in Albany County, New York. Attended public schools, graduated from Union College and Albany Law School with B.A. and J.D degrees, respectively; Admitted to New York State and U.S. Federal District Court in 1973. I began practice in Albany as an Assistant Public Defender in 1973 and maintained a private law practice. I became Attorney for the Board of Education of the Albany Public School District in 1976 and held that position until appointed as Albany City Court Judge in 1995. I was elected to that position for a full term in 1995 and held that position until I was elected to Albany County Court in 2001. Reelected in 2011, I served as Albany County Judge; Acting Supreme Court Judge and Albany County Drug Court Judge until mandatory retirement due to age in 2016. On October 31, 2016, I returned to the Albany County Public Defender's Office as Public Defender, the position in which I now serve.

I reside in Albany, New York with my wife of 31 years; have two adult daughters and three very active grandchildren.

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EXPERIENCE

- Albany County Public Defender, 2016 – Present
- Albany County Court Judge, 2002 – 2016
- Albany County Drug Treatment Court Judge, 2002 – 2016
- VetTrack, 2010 – 2016
- Albany City Court, Criminal Part Judge, 1995 – 2001
- Albany County Drug Court Judge, 2000 – 2001
 - Multi-Jurisdictional “Hub” Drug Court
- Attorney at Law, Albany, New York, 1972 – 1994
- Girvin and Ferlazzo, P.C., 1994 (of Counsel)
- City School District of the City of Albany, New York 1976 – 1994
 - Counsel to Board of Education – Chief Labor Negotiator
- McDermott & Cheeseman, Esqs., 1975 – 1982
- Assistant County Public Defender, 1973 – 1975

EDUCATION

- National College for the Judiciary
 - Adult Drug Court Judicial Training Program, Reno, Nevada – 2000/2012
- Albany Law School, Albany, New York
 - Degree J.D., 1972
- State University of New York at Albany
 - Non-Degree Graduate Program in Political Science – 1972
- Union College, Schenectady, New York
 - Degree: B.A. – 1969 – Major: Political Science, Minor: History

JUDICIAL HONORS:

- Supervising Judge, Criminal Courts, Third Judicial District, 2014 & 2015
- Chair, New York State Drug Court Best Practices Committee, 2003 – 2007
- Board Member, New York State Association of Drug Court Professionals, 2004 – 2014
- Member, Statewide Local Court Advisory Committee, 1998 – 2001

PRESENT AND/OR FORMER AFFILIATIONS:

Professional

Albany County Bar Association
Capitol District Women's Bar Association
County Judges Association of New York State
New York State Drug Court Higher Education Initiative Planning Committee, 2011
New York State Association of Drug Treatment Court Professionals
New York State Local Court Advisory Committee, 1997 – 2002
Albany County Committee on Alternatives to Incarceration, 1999 – 2016
Capitol District Trial Lawyer's Association, Board of Directors, 1995 – 1996
Hudson Valley Community College Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice, 1998 – 2005
New York State Association of City School District Attorneys
Industrial Relations Research Association
School Board Association Council of School Attorneys

Charitable and Civic

Capitol District M.S. Society, Board of Directors, 1992 – 1995
M.S. Bike Tour, Committee Chair, 1992 – 1993
Historic Cherry Hill, Advisory Board Member, 1992
Center Square Neighborhood Association, past President
Washington Park Neighborhood Association, past President
Mayor's Committee on Youth and Violence, 1994
NAACP Legal Redress Committee – Lawyer Referral Program

Other

University Club of Albany	Adirondack Mountain Club
Albany Institute of History and Art	Nature Conservancy
Adirondack Museum	Appalachian Mountain Club
Adirondack Conservancy	Volunteer: Best Friends Animal Sanctuary (Dogtown) Kanab, Utah, 2007
Adirondack Architecture Heritage	Albany City Mission, 2009 - 2010
Friends of Camp Santanoni	

- 1st Drug Court in Albany County in Albany City Court, 2000
- 1st Felony Drug Court, 2002
- 1st DWI Treatment, 2005
- 1st Veterans Court part, 2009
- Handled over 1,000 participants; carried about 200 participants at a time
- Chaired Best Practices Committee for Drug Courts; issued Best Practices Report and Recommendations with forms for New York State Courts, 2008
- Received several awards and recognitions for Drug Court Practices and Successes