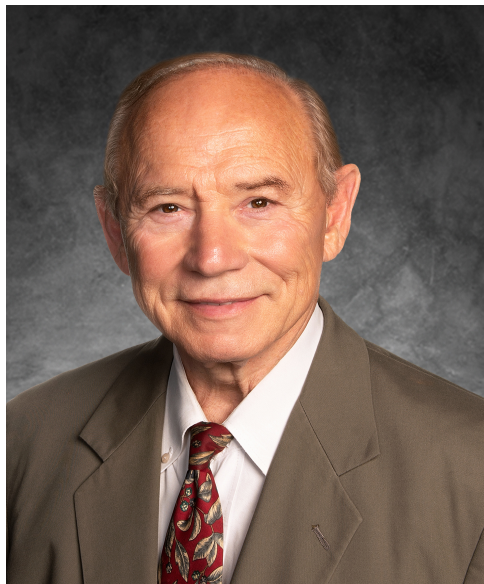




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Judge Welch has extensive knowledge of the law and vast experience presiding over complex civil matters through thousands of cases in his long career as a highly respected jurist.

For many years prior to retirement, Judge Welch refined his legal knowledge and skills in resolution. Since retiring, he has focused on alternative dispute resolution, for which he is imminently qualified.

EDUCATION

Judge Welch received his B.S. in business management from the University of Maryland in 1977 and his J.D. from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1980. He later earned his master's degree in judicial studies from the University of Nevada-Reno in 2009. Judge Welch completed and was awarded his LLM Degree in Alternative Dispute Resolution from the Pepperdine Law School in 2014. He was certified at the National Judicial College as a mediator in 2024.

- US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- US District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
- US District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
- US District Court for the Western District of Louisiana
- All Louisiana State Court

CAREER

Judge Welch joined the United States Air Force when he was 18 years old and served during the Vietnam Era in the Strategic Air Command and stationed as support for N.A.T.O.

- **2005 - 2024:** Judge, Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal
- **1995-2004:** Judge, 19th Judicial District Court
- **1989-1994:** East Baton Rouge Metro Council
- **1985-1994:** Prosecutor, Zachary City
- **1980-1994:** Attorney in private practice
- **1980-1988:** Baker City Council
- **1983-1985:** Assistant attorney general

Judge Welch also taught at the LSU Paralegal Program from 1998 to 2004 and has served as an adjunct professor of law at the Southern University Law Center since 1997.

AWARDS & ASSOCIATIONS

Awards

- Inductee, Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame

Associations

- East Baton Rouge Planning & Zoning Commission
- Family Road, Inc.
- ALS Association of Louisiana and Mississippi
- Dean Henry George McMahon American Inn of Court
- Louisiana Supreme Court Leadership Program