

Hon. John W. Demling (Ret.)

The Honorable John W. Demling was appointed as an Associate Judge for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, DuPage County in March 1997. He served 21 years, 18 of which were in the Domestic Relations Division. From 2016 through 2017 he served as the Presiding Judge of the division. Judge Demling graduated from IIT/Chicago Kent College of Law in 1977. From 1977 through 1982 he worked with his father in the Law Offices of John Demling in Glen Ellyn, Illinois engaged in general practice with an emphasis on Mechanics' Lien litigation. Upon the death of his father, he established the firm of Demling & Eckhardt continuing his general practice with an emphasis on Mechanics' Lien litigation. From 1987 through his appointment as judge he worked for Fireman's Fund Insurance Company's surety claims office, managing attorneys resolving surety and fidelity claims.

Judge Demling has always been active in continuing legal education both in private practice and while on the bench. He has been an active lecturer and author for organizations such as Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, the Illinois State Bar Association, the DuPage County Bar Association and the Illinois Judicial Educational Conference. Judge Demling was also a volunteer for the Lawyers Assistance Program (LAP) and in 2013 received the John Powers Crawley Award for his contributions to the goals and mission of LAP. Judge Demling also received the Lawyer of the Year Award from the DuPage County Bar Association in 2007.

Judge Demling has been a life long resident of Glen Ellyn, Illinois and served as Village Trustee from 1989 through 1993 and as Village President from 1993 through 1997 and presently serves as Chairman of the DuPage County Ethics Commission. Judge Demling is Of Counsel with the firm Mirabella, Kincaid, Frederick and Mirabella LLC and continues to reside in Glen Ellyn with his wife of 46 years Mary.