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1. EDUCATION:

Drake University, 1965, B.A; (Athletic Scholarship)
Drake University Law School, 1968, JURIS DOCTORATE
Mediation Courses, both preliminary as well as advanced
Annually, 15 hours of Continuing Legal Education
National Security Seminar, US Army War College-Attendee
U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Attendee, lecture on China
Attendance at many noon briefings at Camp Dodge, Iowa by AUSA.

2. CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

1968-1969, Law Clerk to Justice Bruce N. Snell, Iowa Supreme Court

1969 to Sept. 2023, Partner in the Law Firm of Sullivan & Ward, P.C., West Des Moines, Iowa. I retired from the practice of law in September of 2023.

3. OTHER:

Member, past and present, of various Community, Athletic, Military, and Bar Association Boards and Committees:

Drake University Law School Board of Counselors (1992-1995), (2001-2004)
Drake University Football Board
Drake University, Bulldog Club Board member.
Des Moines YMCA Board.
Des Moines YMCA Camp Board (Past Chair);
Big-8 Collegiate Conference Football Officials Association (Past President);

Big-12 Collegiate Conference Football Officials Association.
Des Moines Athletic Officials Association (Past President);
Roosevelt High School Foundation Board.
Riders Club, Roosevelt High School Booster Club (Past Chair);
National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Iowa Chapter, (Past President);
Iowa Gold Star Military Museum (Current Board Chair);
Capital Campaign, Iowa Gold Star Military Museum (Current Chair);
Iowa Chapter, Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (Past Board Member and Legal Counsel);
Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. (Associate Member);
561st. Field Artillery Battalion. (Associate Member and past reunion organizer).

Member, Polk County, Iowa State and American Bar Associations,
American Association for Justice,
C. Edwin Moore Inns of Court (Master of the Bench),
Fellow-Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Professional Committees:

Iowa State Bar Association:

Legal Education and Admission to the Bar (1977);
Ethics, Litigation Section, (1991-1994);
Professional Ethics and Conduct (1985-1991):
Appointed member, Iowa Supreme Court Grievance Commission (2012- 2015)

Polk County Bar Association

Bench/Bar Committee-Co-Chair (2005-2007);
President, Young Lawyers Section: (1973-74)

In 2008, I was able to secure a Commutation of Sentence from President George W. Bush for an individual who had been sentenced in 1995 to Federal Prison for life without parole. After spending 6 years of pro bono work on this case, it culminated with a meeting in the White House, where success was reached.

Certified Mediator.

Member--Central Presbyterian Church.

4. AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS:

Fellow, Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers.
Adult Volunteer of the Year Award, Des Moines YMCA Camp.
Recipient, Drake University Athletic Department, Double-D Award (2009);
Recipient, Iowa State Bar Association, Rolland Grefe Pro Bono Publico Award (2009);
Distinguished Iowan Award, National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame

(2006).

Recipient, Roosevelt High School (Des Moines, Iowa) Hall of Fame recognition (2018).

5. PUBLISHED WORKS:

Authored four articles on Football Officiating for American Football Coach, Magazine.

6. PERSONAL INTERESTS:

My Grandkids.

Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, Camp Dodge, Iowa. As of 2024 have been the Board Chair for 23 years.

Hunting, fishing.

Serving on community, athletic, legal, and military boards.

Football officiating. Just as a personal note, I officiated football for 36 years, working seventeen years in the former Big-8 Collegiate Conference, and five in the Big-12 Collegiate Conference. Having retired from active officiating at the end of the 2000 football season, I stayed involved in officiating. For a number of years, I scouted potential Big-12 officials, and later I ran the game clock on the scoreboard at Big-12 games. In my officiating career I was fortunate to have worked the Oklahoma-Texas game 4 times, the Nebraska-Oklahoma game 6 times, the number one and two teams in the country on two different occasions, and have officiated nine Bowl Games, which among others included two Cotton Bowls, the Peach Bowl, the Citrus Bowl, and the 1994 Rose Bowl Game between Wisconsin and UCLA);

Study of United States World War II military history.

Born September 1, 1943, Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas-where my Dad was stationed at the time.

Married, 3 Children, 6 Grandchildren