

Resume of  
**Judge James L. Kimbler (Retired)**  
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## **Judicial Experience**

### **Medina County Common Pleas Court Judge**

Served 18 years

Empanelled 331 juries

Approximately 181 criminal juries

Approximately 150 civil juries

Handled death penalty trial

Published 38 opinions as Common Pleas Court Judge

(see attached list)

Instituted first certified drug court docket for Medina County Common Pleas Court

Instituted first certified mental health docket Medina County Common Pleas Court

### **Wadsworth Municipal Court Judge**

Served over 10 years

First judge in the United States recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Empanelled 251 juries

Established first full time municipal court probation office for Medina County

Established first municipal court sponsored community service program

Established motor vehicle immobilization program for repeat driving under suspension offenders

Published 26 opinions as Municipal Court Judge

(see attached list)

### **Huron County Common Pleas Court Judge Referee**

Presided over domestic relations cases

Wrote opinions regarding domestic relations cases

## **Legal Experience**

### **Associate at Murray & Murray, Co. LPA**

Did civil and criminal litigation

Represented appellant in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals which became a published opinion on statute of limitations in Federal Courts for 10b-5 litigation

Represented appellants in various Ohio Courts of Appeal

### **Huron County Assistant Prosecutor**

Handled criminal cases

Was lead attorney on criminal jury trials

Handled civil litigation

Handled non-support cases

### **Medina County Assistant Prosecutor**

Legal advisor to county officials and agencies  
Legal advisor to township boards and officials  
Was lead counsel on several criminal jury trials

### **Kimble Law Office**

Opened law office in Lodi, Ohio  
Handled civil litigation  
Handled criminal litigation  
Handled domestic relations litigation  
Handled bankruptcies

### **Service on Committees/Commissions**

Governor's Committee on Prison and Jail Crowding  
Committee made recommendations to Governor's Office and General Assembly  
Ohio Criminal Justice Sentencing Commission  
Served as representative of the Ohio Association of Municipal & County Court Judges

### **CLE Lecturer Experience**

Topics taught include: Ohio Rules of Evidence, Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure, Ohio's Right to a Speedy Trial, Insurance Law, Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, Trial Advocacy, New Judges Orientation  
Organizations include Ohio Judicial College, Ohio Association of Municipal & County Court Judges, Ohio State Bar Association, Parma Bar Association, Ohio Chief Probation Officers' Association, Medina County Bar Association

### **Non-Profit Board Membership**

Ohio Association of Municipal & County Court Judges  
Medina Chapter of the American Red Cross  
Medina Salvation Army Advisory Board  
Hands Across Medina County  
Hospice of Medina County

### **Bar Admissions**

Admitted to the Ohio bar in 1974  
Admitted to the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Ohio bar in 1975  
Admitted to the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in 1975

### **Education**

Received BA with Honors from Ohio University  
Graduated from Case Western Reserve Law School