



## Judge David J. DiStefano Biography



I was appointed by Governor Snyder to fill the probate judge seat vacated by Hon. Frank D. Willis after his 38 years of service. I am the sole probate judge in Van Buren County. I have been assigned to do the traditional decedent estate administration cases, guardian and conservatorships, mental hearings - as well as the general civil docket. I am also the presiding judge for the Adult Recovery Court.

I was the principal attorney/owner of DiStefano Law Offices located in Paw Paw, Michigan prior to my appointment. My practice consisted of estate planning and administration, domestic relations mediation and the representation of corporations and municipalities in Southwest Michigan. I also served as city attorney for the City of Bangor for 25 years. Prior to establishing DiStefano Law Offices, I served as a partner in the law firm of Verdonk, Verdonk and DiStefano in Bangor, Michigan.

I was fortunate to experience serving as board chair for the West Michigan Savings Bank and as a board member for Beacon Specialized Living Services, Inc. I also served as a board member and officer for several government agencies including; Van Buren Economic Development Corporation, Van Buren County Mental Health Authority and Bangor Public Schools.

I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from Michigan State University, and was lucky to have attended at the same time as Kurt Gibson and Magic Johnson. I graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1981 as a member of the Brooke Class.

My wife Teresa and I reside in Van Buren County. We have two children, who are almost independent, and two-year-old twin grandsons.