



## Hon. Peter D. Houk (Ret.)

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### AREAS OF FOCUS

[Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)

### EDUCATION

- Wayne State University Law School (J.D., 1969)
- University of Michigan (B.A., 1966)

### BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Michigan

United States District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan

United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

United States Supreme Court

### EXPERIENCE

Hon. Peter D. Houk (Ret.) has dedicated more than 45 years to working in the law, and is a true advocate to those in need. Recently, he was named "Lawyer of the Year" in Lansing by Best Lawyers for Mediation.

Before joining Fraser Trebilcock as an Arbitration and Mediation attorney, Peter presided as an Ingham Circuit Court Judge for seventeen years, the last ten of which were spent serving as Chief Judge. On the bench, he was twice recognized by Michigan Lawyers Weekly as one of the state's "Most Respected Judges".

As an attorney, Peter is unswervingly committed to the best interests of his clients. He arbitrates and mediates disputes with fairness, understanding, and a complete focus on the individuals involved.

Other Professional Experience:

- Ingham County Circuit Court Judge (1986-2003)
  - Chief Judge (1992-2002)
- Ingham County Prosecutor (1977-1986)
- Lansing City Attorney (1972-1977)
- Assistant Attorney General for the State of Michigan (1969-1972)

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- State Bar of Michigan

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
  - Criminal Law Section
  - Crime Victims Committee (Past Chairman)
  - Ingham County Bar Association (Past Board of Directors Member)
  - Michigan Judges Association
  - American Arbitration Association list of approved mediators and arbitrators for construction and commercial matters and employment law
  - International Mediation Institute certified mediator
  - American Inns of Court, Thomas M. Cooley Chapter, Past President
  - Michigan Supreme Court Rules of Criminal Procedure Committee (1981-1986; 2002-2003)
  - Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Adjunct Professor of Criminal Law (1983-2002); Distinguished Visiting Jurist (2002-2006)
  - Michigan Judicial Institute lecturer
  - Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan (Past President, 1983-1984)
  - Michigan Justice Training Fund (Commissioner, 1983-1984)
  - Mason State Bank, Board of Directors Member
  - Edgewood United Church of Christ (Past Moderator and Trustee)
  - Ingham County Children's Trust Fund (Past Vice Chair)
  - Lansing Torch Club (President, 1999)
  - Mason Rotary Club (Former Member)
  - Mason Rotary Foundation (Former Board Member)
  - Governor's Conference on Traffic Safety (Member, 1987)
  - Governor's Drunk Driving Task Force (Member, 1983)
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#### HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- Achieved an AV Preeminent peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell
  - Selected as 2018, 2017 & 2015 'Lawyer of the Year' in Lansing, by Best Lawyers for Arbitration
  - Listed in [The Best Lawyers in America](#), Arbitration and Mediation in Lansing 2018; first listed in 2010
  - Elected as a Fellow of the State Bar of Michigan
  - Selected as a '2018 Leading Michigan Lawyer' by Leading Lawyers for ADR Law: Commercial Litigation and ADR Law: Commercial Real Estate, Environmental & Construction; first named in 2014
  - Twice named by Lawyers Weekly as one of Michigan's Most Respected Judges
  - Listed in [Super Lawyers](#), Alternative Dispute Resolution (2006-2017)
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#### TESTIMONIALS & CLIENT MATTERS

"I have known Peter for almost 40 years, as City Attorney, Ingham County Prosecutor, Circuit Court Judge, private practice, and mediator. In all of his positions, Peter was accessible, treated attorneys and parties with respect, allowed attorneys to try their case, and was always able to think outside the box when necessary to reach a resolution, which is why he is such a good mediator." -Anonymously shared with Best Lawyers

"Peter provides excellent services as a mediator. He is well-prepared, reasoned in his approach, and makes a concerted effort to assist the parties in trying to reach resolution." -Anonymously shared with Best Lawyers

"Peter Houk is an excellent lawyer and was a great Circuit Judge, Prosecuting Attorney and City Attorney before he began his mediation practice." -Anonymously shared with Best Lawyers

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