

RESOLUTION
RETIREMENT
of
THE HONORABLE ARTHUR J. BOYLAN
United States Magistrate Judge
District of Minnesota



Presented by:
The Honorable Michael J. Davis
Chief Judge
United States District Court
District of Minnesota

United States Magistrate Judge Arthur J Boylan retired on January 8, 2014, after more than 17 years of extraordinary service to the Court.

In 1986, Judge Boylan was appointed to the Minnesota State District Court for the 8th Judicial District. He served as a state district court judge for ten years. He was president-elect of the Minnesota District Judges Association until he was appointed to the federal bench.

On November 1, 1996, Judge Boylan was appointed as a federal magistrate judge for the District of Minnesota. He quickly gained a reputation as a thoughtful and even-tempered judge. Judge Boylan also became nationally known as an exceptional mediator. His calm, tenacious, and fair manner have helped to settle hundreds of cases both big and small. He was key in enabling or administering settlements in multiple MDLs, such as the Guidant Defibrillator MDL, the Medtronic Defibrillator MDL, the Levaquin Products Liability MDL, and the Zurn Pex Plumbing Product Liability MDL. He has

mediated settlements in emotionally charged cases ranging from a lawsuit involving a police officer shot by a fellow officer to a lawsuit involving a murdered woman and the security system that failed to alert her to the intruder.

Judge Boylan is most well-known for his role as the mediator of the 2011 NFL lockout dispute, Brady v. National Football League. Under intense media glare, Judge Boylan worked on negotiations for 26 sessions over more than 100 days. Against the odds, the NFL Players Association and the NFL Commissioner reached a deal to end the NFL lockout on August 4, 2011, having cancelled only one preseason game, and signed a ten-year collective bargaining agreement. Judge Boylan's straight-shooting and calm style gained the trust of all those involved. He truly loves to mediate and help the parties find the best solution for the situation.

The State of Minnesota is grateful that Judge Boylan chose to make this his home. Judge Boylan's parents were Irish immigrants who came to the United States in the late 1920s. He grew up on the West Side of Chicago. And although he has been a Minnesotan for decades, he remains a true Chicago Bears fan. Judge Boylan attended college at St. Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota. While at St. Mary's, he met the love of his life, his wife, Kate. After graduation, they married and moved to Chicago, where Judge Boylan attended Chicago-Kent College of Law, and earned his J.D. in 1976. Judge Boylan then returned to Minnesota and joined the law firm of Hulstrand, Anderson & Larson in Willmar. He practiced with the firm for ten years. During that time, he became an integral part of his new Minnesota community. He was chairman of the Willmar United Way, president of the Lion's Club, and director of the Willmar Chamber of Commerce. His deep commitment to his community continued throughout his career on the bench.

Judge Boylan served as Chief Magistrate Judge from 2010 until his retirement. Throughout his career on both the state and federal bench, he gave selflessly to the court and the legal profession. He is a past president of the Minnesota Chapter

of the Federal Bar Association. He served on the District of Minnesota's Local Rules Committee. He received the Minnesota Bar Association President's Award. He was also a former chair -28-of the Minnesota State Bar Association's Committee on Rules of Professional Conduct. In 2013, the Minnesota Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers honored him as "Jurist of the Year."

In retirement, Judge Boylan will no doubt spend more time with his cherished' family — his wife, children, and grandchildren; perfecting his curling; and mediating many more difficult disputes. He will be sorely missed by the bench.

By this resolution, the members of the Judicial Conference express their admiration, affection, and respect for the Honorable Arthur J Boylan. I respectfully move for the adoption of this resolution.