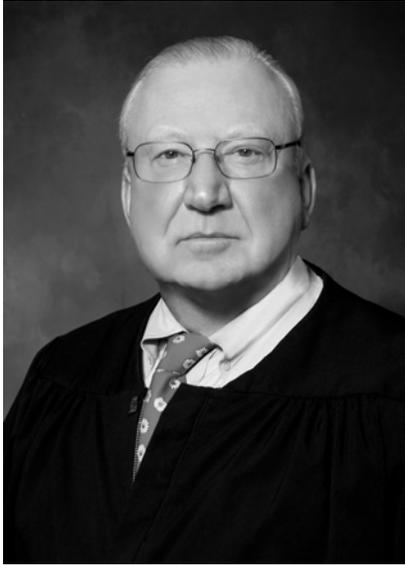


Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff

June 16, 1939—January 22, 2015



Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff of St. Clair Shores, Michigan, died January 22, 2015 at the age of 75. Judge Zatkoff was born on June 16, 1939. He is survived by his wife, Kelly, his children Catherine (Mike), Joseph and Mary Elizabeth, as well as grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. He was preceded in death by his son, Lawrence, Jr.

Judge Zatkoff was appointed as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan on March 4, 1986 by President Ronald Reagan. He served as Chief Judge of this Court from January 1, 1999 until he took senior status on June 16, 2004. At the time of his death he was still serving this Court from our Port Huron Courthouse.

During his tenure at the U.S. District Court, Judge Zatkoff was selected to serve for three years as Sixth Circuit representative on the Judicial Conference of the United States. He directed a large-scale renovation of the chief judge's historic courtroom, originally constructed in 1939 and restored to its original grandeur. He was also instrumental in the creation of a oral history program in the Eastern District of Michigan.

Judge Zatkoff graduated from the University of Detroit in 1962, and cum laude from Detroit College of Law in 1966. Prior to be appointed to the U.S. District Court he served as a Probate and Circuit Judge for Macomb County, Assistant Prosecutor for Macomb County, Associate Government Appeal Agent for for the Selective Service Administration, and in private practice. He has also served as faculty for Detroit College of Law.