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Judge Michael Fitzpatrick served on the Wisconsin Court of Appeals and, before that, served as a circuit court judge. He continues to work as a reserve judge. He now serves as a mediator and arbitrator through Fitzpatrick ADR. He has twice been elected by Wisconsin's judges to both the Wisconsin Judicial Council and the Wisconsin Civil Jury Instructions Committee and for many years was on the faculty of the Wisconsin Judicial College. He is an elected member of the American Law Institute, contributing to the Restatement (Third) of Torts; a board member of the Dispute Resolution Section of the State Bar of Wisconsin; and a board member of the American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section's Dispute Resolution Committee. Before taking the bench, Judge Fitzpatrick was a partner at the Brennan, Steil & Basting law firm, where he chaired the Litigation Practice Group and tried numerous lawsuits, including intellectual property disputes, insurance coverage litigation, and products-liability cases in federal and state courts throughout Wisconsin and the United States. Judge Fitzpatrick served two terms on the State Bar of Wisconsin Professional Ethics Committee, was president of the Western District of Wisconsin Bar Association, and was president of the James E. Doyle Chapter of the American Inns of Court. Judge Fitzpatrick received his undergraduate degree from Drake University and his law degree from the Drake Law School. He is a member of the Drake Law School Board of Counselors.

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