

THOMAS R. ZIMMERMAN-BACKGROUND

COLLEGE EXPERIENCE:



West Liberty University

Mr. Zimmerman graduated from West Liberty State College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1972. Mr. Zimmerman served six years in the Combat Engineers of the West Virginia National Guard. He was hired by Aetna Casualty and Surety Company of Hartford Connecticut and worked as a Senior Claims Representative in Wheeling West Virginia for over seven years. As Senior Claims Representative for Aetna; he Maintained responsibility for all arising claims in eleven county area, determined coverage and performed investigations, evaluated and reserved assigned claims, negotiated with insureds, claimants and their legal representatives, worked closely with defense counsel to insure effective defense of suits, established and maintained favorable public relations with insureds, assisted supervisor in training of office claim specialists and unit assistants and , developed and implemented first staff automobile appraisal program in West Virginia regional office. During his term with Aetna, Mr. Zimmerman completed a number of educational enhancements, including Law for the Claimsman, Building Damage and Estimating, Automobile Damage and Estimating, as well as Aetna Insurance Policy Interpretation Courses

LAW SCHOOL:



WVU School of Law

Mr. Zimmerman left the insurance industry in 1977 and attended West Virginia University Law School, graduating in May of 1980. During the course of his studies, he served on the Academic Standing Committee, was active in the Marlyn E. Lugar Moot Trial Association and served as Justice of the local chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity. Mr. Zimmerman was active in

Student Bar Association, West Virginia Student Trial Lawyers Association and was a West Virginia Law Review Candidate.

LEGAL PRACTICE:



Downtown Parkersburg

Once admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for West Virginia, the West Virginia Supreme Court and West Virginia State Courts in May of 1980; Mr. Zimmerman commenced the private practice of law in Parkersburg West Virginia. Significant positions include: partnership with Bayley, Zimmerman and Hudson, where he was responsible for all litigation matters including discovery, expert witness identification and preparation. He served as lead defense counsel in preparation and trial of medical negligence and other personal injury cases. Mr. Zimmerman supervised tort claims investigation and disposition for self insured hospital and other business clients including medical malpractice, products liability, premises liability, and employment cases. He was involved in the drafting of hospital risk management refinements, including evaluation and, investigation of incidents, injuries, and loss control activity. The firm represented individual and corporate clients in administrative law matters including Workers Compensation Office of Judges, Human Rights Commission, Public Service Commission etc Responsible for law associate supervision and training in civil trial practice, real estate matters and loan document preparation Firm representative clients: St. Joseph's Hospital of Parkersburg, Commercial Banking and Trust Co., Parkersburg Housing Authority.

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:



City of Vienna

In July of 1986 and through 2008, Mr. Zimmerman served as Municipal Judge of the City of Vienna, West Virginia. Appointment is by the Mayor with the approval of City Council. He served under three mayors and their multiple administrations. Mr. Zimmerman retired from this position he as the longest serving judge in the city's history.

From 1992 through 2008 Mr. Zimmerman practiced solo and as managing senior partner of Zimmerman and Dils, a law partnership. Solo practice included civil litigation in personal injury matters, corporate and business law, condemnation, construction litigation, fraud tort claims, real estate title and certification, bankruptcy and collections The Firm served individual and corporate clients in civil litigation including defense of personal injury and property damage claims Responsible for corporate client's collection activities including: suits, post judgment remedies, and representation in The United States Bankruptcy Courts Firm representative clients: Pan Handle Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. of WV, Commercial Banking and Trust Co., Parkersburg Housing Authority, 84 Lumber Co.

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE OF LAW:



**The United States
Supreme Court**
Washington, DC



**United States Federal
Southern District**
Wheeling, W. Va.



**United States Federal
Court Northern District**
Wheeling, W. Va.



**United States Federal
Court Eastern District**
Wilmington, NC



**West Virginia Supreme
Court of Appeals**



**North Carolina Supreme
Court of Appeals**



**North Carolina Court
Court of Appeals**



**Brunswick County,
Superior Court**



**Wood County Circuit
Parkersburg, WV**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- 2008 – Present** **SOUTH BRUNSWICK ROTARY CLUB**
- 1992 -2008** **PARKERSBURG ROTARY CLUB**
- 1991 -2008** **PARKERSBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
- 1990 - 1997** **PARKERSBURG CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF**
EDUCATION
President, 1993, 1994
- 1988 - 1996** **VIENNA UNITED WAY, Legal Advisor**
- 1988** **WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY PARKERSBURG**
Instructor, Teaching "Law and Banking Principles"
- 1982 - 1987** **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS**

CLUBS, District 29 L, Constitution and By-Laws

**1988 - 1990
DIRECTORS**

WEST VIRGINIA CHILDREN TRUST FUND BOARD OF

Appointment made by Governor John D. Rockefeller IV.

1982 - 1988

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL, JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Board of Directors, Chairman 1984, 1985

1983 - 1988

WOOD COUNTY CHILD CARE CENTER

Board of Directors, President - 1987, 1988