

## **THOMAS D. LAMBROS**

Cleveland-Marshall Law School, 1949-52  
Ohio State University Law School, summer, 1950  
Case Western Reserve Law School, summers, 1951 and 1952

Received degree of L.L.B. in 1952, Cleveland-Marshall Law School  
Admitted to practice in State of Ohio, 1952  
Received Honorary Doctor of Laws, Capital University, 1991

Judge, Court of Common Pleas, State of Ohio, 1961-1967

United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, 1967-1995

Chief Judge, United States District for the Northern District of Ohio 1990-1995

Member of the Board, Sixth Circuit Judicial Council, 1990-95; Former Member of the Board, Judicial Conference of the United States, 1993-95; Former President of the Sixth Circuit Federal Judges Association.

**BACKGROUND:** Pioneer in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Developed the Summary Jury Trial, a method for facilitating the resolution of cases through outcome prediction, evaluation and estimation. The Summary Jury Trial was endorsed for use by the Judicial Conference of the United States in 1984. Conducted Summary Jury Trials in the Northern District of Ohio, and several districts throughout the country including South Carolina, California, Michigan, and Texas. Served as Special Counsel to the Official Committee of Tort Claimants in the In re Dow Corning Corp. Chapter 11 bankruptcy matter, for evaluation of case making up class action lawsuit.

Served as transferee judge for judicial panels on multi-jurisdiction litigation. Designed and implemented a unique case management plan and computer assisted case evaluation process used to resolve approximately 10,000 asbestos related personal injury claims. Managed the pretrial coordination, trial, and settlement of the matter known as In re Air crash at LaGuardia Airport in March 1992. Selected and served as a faculty member for the Federal Judicial Center. As a faculty member lectured on civil case management, alternative case dispute management, and criminal sentencing.

Following thirty-five (35) years as a member of the judiciary served as mediator and arbitrator in commercial and other complex litigation; served as Special Counsel for the law firm of Bricker & Eckler from 1995 to 1998. While at Bricker & Eckler, founded the Thomas D. Lambros Dispute Management Center, serving as President and Chairman of the Board. The Dispute Management Center assembled panels of neutral arbitrators and mediators to resolve private disputes.



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From 1998 to present, Of Counsel with the Ohio law firm of Janik & Dorman LLP. Founded FedNet, an alternative dispute resolution corporation that provides neutrals, consisting of retired federal judges, to those seeking private dispute resolution methods at various stages of litigation.

Served as expert witness for Tobacco Industry, State of Ohio fee litigation for reimbursement of health care costs, 2000. Served as arbitrator in Tobacco Industry fee litigation, 2004.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:** member, The American Bar Association; The Ohio Bar Association; Ashtabula County Bar Association, Past President; The Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio, Past President; Federal Judges Association, Past President; Panel Member for the American Arbitration Association National Mass Torts Panel; Member of the National Panel of Distinguished Neutrals, Center for Public Resources; life member of the Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference; former member of the Board of The Judicial Conference of the United States; Fellow, American Bar Foundation; and Fellow, Ohio State Bar Foundation.

**AWARDS:** Recipient of The Award for Most Outstanding Achievement in Alternative Dispute Resolution, the Center for Public Resources, 1983; Recipient of the 1997 National Public Service Award from the Ohio State University School of Public Policy in Management; Recipient of the 1996 American Judicature Society's Herbert Harley Award for outstanding efforts for contributions substantially changing and improving the administration of justice; and Recipient of the American Arbitration Association Whitney North Seymour, Sr. Medal in 1996. In 1996, Congress enacted Public Law 104-136 ordering the dedication of The Thomas D. Lambros Federal Building and the U.S. Courthouse in Youngstown, Ohio.

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE:** Thomas D. Lambros & Thomas H. Shunk, The Summary Jury Trial, 29 Clev. St. L. Rev. 43 (1980); Thomas D. Lambros, The Judge's Role in Fostering Voluntary Settlements, 29 Vill. L. Rev. 1363 (1983-84); Thomas D. Lambros, The Summary Jury Trial-An Alternative Method of Resolving Disputes, 69 Judicature 286 (1986); Thomas D. Lambros, The Future of Alternative Dispute Resolution, 14 Pepp. L. Rev. 801 (1987); Thomas D. Lambros, The Summary Jury Trial: An Effective Aid to Settlement, 77 Judicature 6 (1993); Thomas D. Lambros, The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: A New Adversarial Model for a New Era, 50 U. Pitt. L. Rev. 789 (1989); Thomas D. Lambros, The Summary Jury Trial--Ending the Guessing Game: An Objective Means of Case Evaluation, A Comment on Professor Woodley's Proposal, 12 Ohio St. J. on Disp. Resol. 621 (1997). I also provided a report "The Summary Jury Trial and Other Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution" to the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee of the Operation of the Jury System, 103 F.R.D. 461, 483-84 (1984); American Advocacy: Foundation of An American Dream, Indiana Law Review.

**SPEAKER AND LECTURER:** at several seminars and law schools such as, Harvard, Yale, and Duke; and to bar associations, including the American Bar Association, on the topic of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Designated by the Chief Justice of the United States to participate on judicial panels on class actions and complex litigation at conferences and the U.S. Panel on Multi-District Litigation.