

FREDERICK J. STRAMPE

Education

Juris Doctor - 1997

University of Wisconsin; Madison, WI
Cum Laude, Deans List, Moot Court Board

Bachelors of Science - 1990

United States Military Academy; West Point, NY
Deans List

Employment

State of Wisconsin – Circuit Court Judge for Waukesha County

January 1st, 2023 to July 31st, 2023

As a Circuit Court Judge, I was responsible for over 600 criminal cases. I conducted status conferences and monitored the defendant's compliance with pre-trial supervision. I conducted hearings and made rulings regarding the States motions to revoke bail and defendants' motion to modify bail. Additionally, I conducted all types of evidentiary hearings, motion hearings, restitution hearings, and pre-trial conferences. I also presided over Civil, Misdemeanor, and Felony trials. During my time on the bench, I ruled on dozens of motions and sentenced hundreds of defendants.

Borgelt, Powell, Peterson & Frauen; Milwaukee, WI

Of Counsel	Aug 2023 – Present
President	2018 - 2022
Shareholder	2003 - 2017
Associate	1997 - 2002

My current practice involves the defense of individuals and corporations in high-value personal injury litigation. Since returning to Borgelt Powell last fall I have conducted depositions of parties and experts. I tried two civil cases in 2024. I continue to be active in several professional organizations and assist the firm's Associate Committee's efforts to train and develop young attorneys.

As president of the firm, I was responsible for the administration and operation of a 50-person firm, with offices located in Milwaukee, WI, and Oakdale, MN. This included monitoring and managing finances and cash flow, conducting weekly Shareholder meetings, conducting weekly Associate/Team meetings, supervising training for Associates and Paralegals, directing marketing efforts, and addressing issues with staff. I developed a Long Range Planning process to set and monitor firm goals. I also developed and supervised a committee system to make the operation of the firm more efficient.

In 2020, my responsibilities included forming and leading a COVID Committee that developed a comprehensive plan that complied with CDC guidelines. This plan protected the employees of the firm and our clients while allowing the firm to continue to provide high-quality legal services. The committee developed a plan for staff to work at home, established a schedule for minimal staffing at the main office, and enforced quarantine restrictions for sick and exposed employees.

As a Shareholder, I had complete responsibility for all aspects of the litigation process, with a diverse caseload of more than 75 active cases. My primary caseload involved defending clients in civil litigation. Typical cases include assisted living facilities, traumatic brain injuries, exposure to dangerous substances, product liability, insurance coverage, automobile liability, and premises liability. I am the primary client contact and supervise pre-suit investigations, retention of experts, drafting all pleadings, advising clients regarding necessary discovery, reviewing written discovery, conducting/defending depositions of fact and expert witnesses, advising clients regarding settlement, representing clients at mediation, and conducting trials. Responsibilities also include delegation of work to, and supervision of, Associates. I have conducted and defended hundreds of depositions including fact witnesses, parties, liability experts, and medical experts. I average one or two jury trials each year.

As a member of the firm's Associate Committee, I helped supervise the professional development of all Associates and Paralegals in the firm. As a member of the firm's Seminar Committee, I helped organize and conduct a full day of legal education for 200 - 250 firm clients. I present at the seminar every year.

I am a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), the Defense Research Institute (DRI), the Wisconsin Defense Counsel (WDC - prior Board Member and Past President), the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association, the Milwaukee Bar Association, and the Waukesha County Bar Association.

Infantry Company Executive Officer - Hohenfelz, Federal Republic of Germany, 1993 – 1994

Responsible for all administrative and logistical support for a 150-man Infantry Company. Including responsibility for the maintenance and accountability of 52 armored personnel carriers, 27 wheeled vehicles, and over 250 weapons and other sensitive items.

Infantry Platoon Leader – Hohenfelz & Bremerhaven, Germany, 1991 – 1992

Responsible for the training and supervision of a 40-man infantry platoon replicating threat doctrine at the United States Army's primary training area in Europe.

Activities

Referee high school football throughout southeastern Wisconsin.

Crew Chief and Referee since 2008

Selected by WIAA to officiate two State Championship games

Officiated youth and High School ice hockey from 1994 to approximately 2012

Member of the following organizations:

American Legion – Waukesha Post
St. Mathew's Lutheran Church – Wauwatosa, WI
Milwaukee Public Museum
Milwaukee Art Museum
Milwaukee Public Television
Friends of WUWM
Waukesha YMCA

Supporter of the following organizations:

United Way of Greater Milwaukee
Milwaukee Rescue Mission
Human Animal Welfare Society (HAWS)
Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra
State Bar of Wisconsin High School Mock Trial Program