

HONORABLE ROBERT KUNSELMAN



Outstanding Achievement in Public Service

Judge Robert Kunselman was born in 1937 in Summerville, Pennsylvania to Harry and Priscilla Kunselman. He was raised in New Sewickley Township. He graduated from Freedom Area High School in 1955. During high school he played football and acted in the school plays. He graduated with a major in history from Geneva College in 1959, and from Duquesne University School of Law in 1962.

After law school Kunselman served in the United States Army Reserves from 1963 to 1969 and was in private practice in Beaver with the firm of Reed, Luce, Good, Tosh & Kunselman from 1963 to 1982. He served as solicitor for New Sewickley Township for a number of years.

Kunselman was appointed to Common Pleas Judge in Beaver County in May 1982, elected to a ten-year term in 1983, and retained for additional ten-year terms in 1993 and 2003. He served as President Judge from 2003 until December 31, 2007, when he was required by law to retire.

Kunselman married his high school sweetheart, Evonne Bilotto, in 1961 and had four children, Harry, Lisa, Christopher, and Elena. He has nine grandchildren.

During his twenty-five years on the bench, Kunselman has tried several death penalty cases, several multi-million dollar civil cases, and everything in between. He specialized in child custody cases during the first sixteen years of his tenure and civil cases during the remainder of his tenure.

Kunselman has been an active parishoner at Sts. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church in Beaver for more than forty years. He has served as a lector, Eucharistic minister, and a member of the pastoral council and school advisory council.

He also has served as chairman of the Beaver Area United Way and as secretary of the Beaver County Bar Association.

Kunselman is a self-proclaimed history buff. In his spare time he also enjoys playing golf.

Politics is the art of the possible.

~Otto Von Bismarck