

Linda Chezem

FORMAL EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Indiana State University, (B.S., 1968)
Terre Haute, Indiana 1966-1968
Indiana University School of Law, (J.D., 1971)
Bloomington, Indiana 1969-1971

ABSTRACT OF PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Private Practice of Law Paoli, Indiana	1971-1975
Judge, Lawrence County Court Bedford, Indiana	1976-1982
Judge, Lawrence Circuit Court Bedford, Indiana	1982-1988
Judge, Court of Appeals of Indiana Indianapolis, Indiana	1988-1998
Department Head, 4-H Youth, Professor, Youth Development and Agriculture Education Purdue University	1998 -2000 1998-present

Chezem is a professor at Purdue University in the Department of Youth Development and Agriculture Education. She also holds adjunct appointments at the IU School of Medicine, Department of Medicine.

She teaches the following graduate level courses:

Forensic Science and Law
Public Health Law and Policy
Women's Health Law
Selected Issues in Juvenile and Youth Law

Undergraduate Honors Class: Animal Ownership and Use Law.
Seminars on Responsible Conduct of Research

Law School:

Alcohol Science and Law
Animal and Ag Production (legal issues for use of animals in research)
Rural Public Health Law and Policy

Judicial Work Narrative

Linda L. Chezem held judicial office at the trial and appellate levels for 22 years in Indiana. She served as the presiding judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals, Fourth District. After her resignation from the Indiana Court of Appeals, she continued to serve as a senior judge by appointment of the Indiana Supreme Court until January 2004. She served as a special judge in over 300 cases serving 25 different counties. Her jurisdiction at trial court level included all crimes and misdemeanors, from traffic to felony-murder, marriage dissolution, probate, juvenile, and unlimited civil docket. Her committee work included chairing the judicial education committee at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Honors and Awards

Governor's Exemplary Project Award for the Lawrence County Juvenile Casework Program March 27, 1986
Sagamore of the Wabash given by Governor Robert D. Orr June 15, 1988
Robert J. Kinsey Award for Outstanding Judicial Service and Support to the Children and Youth of Indiana June 15, 1988
Governor's Exemplary Project Award for the Lawrence County Life Skills Program August 26, 1988
Distinguished Hoosier Award given by Governor Robert D. Orr January 3, 1989
1990 Community Service Award from the Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce April 2, 1990
1990 Girls, Inc. Forum Series
Hoosier Hero, Award from the Honorable Dan Coats, United States Senator from Indiana November 26, 1991
Indiana Friend of Extension Award, Lambda Chi Chapter of the Epsilon Sigma Phi October 20, 1993
National Friend of Extension Award, Epsilon Sigma Phi, National Honorary Extension Fraternity December 11, 1993
National 4-H Alumni Award, given for Outstanding Service to the 4-H Program September 12, 1994
Sagamore of the Wabash, given by Governor Evan Bayh January 1997
Sagamore of the Wabash, given by Governor Frank O'Bannon January 1998
Joint Resolution of Recognition and Honor by Indiana General Assembly on unanimous vote in the Indiana House of Representatives and the Indiana Senate January 1998
Distinguished Alumni Award, Indiana State University, October 2000
Pacesetter, 2005, Women of Excellence, Lawrence County, Indiana March, 2005
Indiana University Academy of Law Alumni Fellows, Bloomington, IN, April, 2007
2008 Circle of Hope Award, Fairbanks Institute, Indianapolis, IN, May 5, 2008 (The Richard M. Fairbanks Circle of Hope Award recognizes outstanding contributions related to research, education or treatment of drug and alcohol abuse and addiction.)
Distinguished Barrister award from The Indiana Lawyer, Indianapolis, Indiana May 7, 2008
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Award for Public Service, Nashville Tennessee, March 30, 2009
Chairman's Award, Indiana Governor's Council on Dangerous and Impaired Driving, Indianapolis, Indiana November 19, 2010