

## Green Bay Access to Justice Hearing - Panel Members

**Howard Bichler** is an attorney with the Forest County Potawatomi tribe. He was appointed to the Access to Justice Commission by the State Bar of Wisconsin. For 30 years, Howard has practiced in the area of Indian Law for Wisconsin tribes. He has also served as an attorney with Wisconsin Judicare and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Howard is on the board of directors for Wisconsin Judicare, which provides free civil legal services to low income people in northern Wisconsin. He is a past Chair of the State Bar's Indian Law Section and its Board of Governors. He is a former member of the Legislative Council Committee on State Tribal Relations.

**Sherry D. Coley** is an attorney in the Green Bay office of Godfrey & Kahn S.C., where she maintains an active litigation practice representing businesses, manufacturers and employers in employment, commercial and product liability disputes. Sherry is also a member of Defense Research Institute and the American Bar Association, Products Liability Section. She is the immediate Past-President and on the board of the State Bar of Wisconsin's Young Lawyers Division. Sherry also serves as the Young Lawyers Division representative on the State Bar's Board of Governors.

**Hon. David Keck** has served as a Court Commissioner in Winnebago County since 2006. He previously worked as a staff attorney with the State Public Defender's Office in Oshkosh for 13 years. As a past president of the Winnebago County Bar Association and an active member of his local legal community Commissioner Keck played a leading role in creating the Free Legal Assistance Clinic that uses volunteer attorneys to serve the people of Winnebago County. Commissioner Keck serves on the Board of Directors for Legal Action Wisconsin, which provides free civil legal services to indigent clients throughout southern Wisconsin.

**Hon. David Raasch** is an Associate Judge for the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court. He also provides training and technical assistance to tribal communities as a tribal court specialist with Fox Valley Technical College. He has been a police officer in Shawano and was the clerk of municipal court for the City of Green Bay for 20 years, retiring in 2004. Judge Raasch is on the faculty of the National Judicial College in Reno, NV, Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Tribal Law and Policy Institute and past president of the Wisconsin Tribal Judges' Association. He is the producer for the documentary film, "Tribal Nations: The Story of Federal Indian Law" as well as a national speaker on topics of reparative justice, peacemaking and developing cross jurisdictional relationships.

**Fr. Bill Ribbens** is a member of the Norbertines of St. Norbert Abbey in De Pere. He was appointed to the Access to Justice Commission by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Upon ordination in 1962, he became a member of the faculty at Abbot Pennings High School, De Pere. He continued teaching at Premontre High School in Green Bay while he also served as a Child Care Worker at Our Lady of Charity. In 1980, Fr. Ribbens became Associate Pastor at St. Joseph Parish in De Pere. He continued his involvement with education as acting school administrator at St. Joseph school. Fr. Ribbens is certified in substance abuse counseling, offering AA spiritual direction as well as 4th and 5th step support. He also assists St. Willebrord Parish's Hispanic ministry program.

**Hon. Margaret Vergeront** has served since 1994 as a judge on the Wisconsin Court of Appeals for District IV based in Madison. Judge Vergeront was appointed to the Access to Justice Commission by the State Bar of Wisconsin. She has been an attorney in private practice, an attorney with Legal Action of Wisconsin and Law Clerk to U.S. District Court Judge James E. Doyle.