

CHARLES P. KOCORAS

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- November, 1980 - Present
United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Served as Chief Judge from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2006.
- January, 1979 - November, 1980
Partner in the law firm of Stone, McGuire, Benjamin & Kocoras.
Firm was a four member partnership with four associates engaged in both civil and criminal matters with emphasis on tax cases.
- November, 1977 - January, 1979
Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission, State of Illinois.
Chairman of a five member commission responsible for the regulation of privately owned utilities doing business in Illinois and the regulation of intra-state motor carriers.
- February, 1971 - October, 1977
United States Department of Justice, Office of the United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois.
Assistant United States Attorney

POSITIONS HELD

- (a) First Assistant United States Attorney
Supervision of all federal litigation in the Northern District of Illinois, including 83 Assistant United States Attorneys and 74 Administrative Personnel. Was appointed First Assistant in July, 1975 (was court appointed United States Attorney from 7/5/77 until 7/18/77).
- (b) Deputy Chief, Criminal Division and Special Prosecutions Division
Responsible for first line supervision of criminal prosecutions.
- (c) Trial Attorney, Criminal Division and Special Prosecutions Division
Involved in the prosecution of over 200 criminal cases with approximately 25 of those cases being tried to the court or a jury.

Conducted grand jury investigations involving financial frauds, official corruption and organized crime matters.

1975 - Present

John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois.
Adjunct Professor Teaching Trial Advocacy Courses.

August, 1969 -
February, 1971

Bishop and Crawford, One First National Plaza,
Chicago, Illinois.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Recipient of Department of Justice Special Commendation Award for Outstanding Service in 1974.

Recipient in 1976 of Department of Justice Director's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant United States Attorney.

Recipient in 1999 of Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws by The John Marshall Law School.

Recipient in 2006 of Honorary Degree of Doctor Humane Letters by DePaul University.

Recipient in 2011 of Award of Excellence as Adjunct Professor by The John Marshall Law School.

Recipient in 2011 of the Mary Heftel Hooton Award by the Women's Bar Association of Illinois.

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Former Member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Criminal Law (6 years).

Former member of the Federal Criminal Jury Instruction Committee for the Seventh Circuit.

Former member of the Chicago Bar Association Committee on Evaluation of Candidates, Investigation Division.

Lecturer at various legal seminars.

NON-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

1962-1969 Internal Revenue Service
Chicago, Illinois

POSITIONS HELD

- (a) Revenue Agent
- (b) Instructor
- (c) District Conferee
- (d) Estate Tax Examiner

EDUCATION

1956-1958 (a) Wilson Junior College
Chicago, Illinois

1958-1961 (b) DePaul University
College of Commerce
Chicago, Illinois

Bachelor of Science Degree
Major in Accounting

HONORS

Admission to Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting society based on scholastic achievement.

- (c) DePaul University
College of Law
Chicago, Illinois
(Evening Division)

Juris Doctor Degree

Valedictorian of graduating class (1/47 - Day and Evening Division combined for class ranking).

- (d) Admitted to the practice of law by the Supreme Court of Illinois on May 20, 1969.

MILITARY SERVICE

Illinois Army National Guard - 1961 - 1967

6 months active duty - 5/61 - 11/61

HONORS

Honor Graduate

Radio School

Fort Knox, Kentucky - 9/61

Chicago Tribune Award for
Outstanding Guardsman - 1965