

# Judge Bill Koch

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## EDUCATION

J.D., George Washington University Law School; Washington, DC, 1988  
D.C. Law Students in Court Student Attorney  
Michael D. Cooley Memorial Award Recipient  
Student Bar Association Vice President

B.S.C.E., Duke University School of Engineering; Durham, NC, 1985  
Double Major: Civil/Environmental Engineering and Public Policy Studies  
United States Air Force ROTC Corps Commander  
Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society  
Resident Advisor  
United States Air Force ROTC Cadet Training Officer

## EXPERIENCE

HENNEPIN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT 2007-Present  
Minneapolis, MN

Fourth Judicial District Judge. Appointed by Governor Tim Pawlenty. Criminal felony block assignment. One of eight judges assigned to felony block calendar pilot program designed to improve bench's overall timeliness in case management through disposition.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 2000-2007  
District of Minnesota

Assistant United States Attorney. Major Crimes Section. Lead environmental crimes prosecutor. Co-lead anti-terrorism prosecutor. Prosecuted cases of murder, international terrorism related activities, trans-national counterfeiting and fraud, large-scale financial fraud, money laundering, wildlife trafficking, drug offenses, gun crimes, witness tampering, gambling, and other felonies. Frequent lecturer at the Department of Justice's National Advocacy Center, local and

national CLEs, and law schools. Two-time recipient of Commendations from the Department of Justice. Selected for DOJ's Environmental Crimes Policy Committee. Developed inmate family transport program with District Court. Innovative sentencing agreements.

DOWNEY, BRAND, SEYMOUR & ROHWER LLP  
Sacramento, CA

1997-2000

Partner. Complex business and environmental litigation. Lead counsel in multi-million dollar patent-related litigation. Lead counsel in state criminal/civil environmental investigations and internal corporate investigations. Co-counsel in multi-million dollar RICO prosecution. Represented business facing possible federal debarment for alleged laboratory fraud. Represented numerous clients in Superfund cost-recovery actions; served as Common Counsel for very successful 22-member PRP group. Pro Bono Coordinator; initiated new award-winning program. Chair of Litigation Department Professional Development Program.

LEONARD, STREET AND DEINARD PA  
Minneapolis - St. Paul - Mankato, MN

1991-1997

Shareholder. Practice focusing on environmental litigation, corporate compliance and complex business litigation. Litigation coordination team for Canadian railroad with operations in the United States. Leading member of national defense team for agricultural chemical company in complex \$150 million multi-venued pesticide litigation. Co-counsel in federal Clean Air Act enforcement action involving \$54.1 million in penalties, resulting in \$40,000 assessment. Proposed, authored, and secured passage of watershed "Minnesota Environmental Improvement Pilot Program" legislation. Initiated renewed firm participation in St. Paul "Assistant City Attorney" program; oversaw program, recruited and trained volunteer attorneys. Joined with small number of other young lawyers to reinvigorate County and State "New Lawyers" sections.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
Andrews AFB, MD

1990-1991

Area Defense Counsel. Sole defense counsel representing over 3,000 Air Force personnel located at 10 bases in seven states. Managed one of busiest defense counsel offices in Air Force. Achieved over 90% retention in administrative discharge boards. Attained remarkable results in felony courts-martial.

ANDREWS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
Suitland, MD

1989-1991

Director and Vice Chair. Elected to Board of Directors of multi-million dollar credit union with branches and members in five states and three countries. Elected Vice Chair by fellow Board members after less than one year on the Board.

Proposed expansion of services, worked closely with staff to implement new services.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

1988-1990

District of Maryland

Special Assistant U.S. Attorney. Prosecuted all civilian offenses committed on Andrews Air Force Base. Solely administered docket of over 1,200 cases. Achieved 99% conviction rate. Instituted innovative sentencing alternatives, including MADD contact meetings and child safety-seat purchase program.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

1988-1990

Andrews AFB, MD

Primary responsibility for prosecuting offenses at one of the busiest Air Force base legal offices. Successful in cases of child molestation, drug use and distribution, larceny, assault, and other felonies. Achieved 98% conviction rate in 50 felony courts-martial. Created S.T.O.P. anti-drug program and Juvenile Corrections Board.

## **PROFESSIONAL TEACHING AND PUBLICATIONS**

Speaker, "Defense Pretrial and Trial Tactics," *Environmental Crimes Seminar*, Department of Justice Office of Legal Education, National Advocacy Center; Columbia, SC (May 2007)

Speaker, "Federal Enforcement of Environmental Criminal Law," *Annual Environmental Law Institute*, Minnesota CLE (May 2007)

Speaker, "The Evolution of Environmental Criminal Enforcement," University of Minnesota School of Law (March 2007)

Speaker, "Criminal Prosecutions Involving Foreign Witnesses and Other International Issues," *Great Lakes Vessel Pollution Workshop*, Department of Justice and Environmental Protection Agency; Chicago, IL (March 2007)

Speaker, "When Do Environmental Offenses Become Environmental Crimes?," Hennepin County Bar Association, Environmental Law Committee (February 2007)

Speaker, "Generating New Environmental Cases" and "Individual and Corporate Defense Issues," *Advanced Environmental Crimes Seminar*, Department of Justice Office of Legal Education, National Advocacy Center; Columbia, SC (May 2006)

Speaker, "Federal Criminal Procedure and Enforcement, and the Environment," University of St.

Thomas (April 2006)

Speaker, "Prognostications on the Future of Environmental Enforcement," Hennepin County Bar Association, Environmental Law Committee (March 2006)

Speaker, "Prosecution of Federal Environmental Crimes," William Mitchell School of Law (November 2005)

Speaker, "Environmental Criminal Enforcement for Non-Criminal Environmental Attorneys," Greene Espel *PLLP* (October 2005)

Speaker, "Criminal Enforcement of Environmental Laws," University of St. Thomas (April 2005)

Speaker, "Environmental Enforcement Update," Hennepin County Bar Association, Environmental Law Committee (March 2005)

Speaker, "Federal Enforcement of Environmental Laws," *Emerging Environmental Issues*, Hamline University Law School (February 2005)

Speaker, "Professional Development: What it Means, What to Do," University of St. Thomas School of Law (November 2004)

Speaker, "Federal Prosecutions and the Role of the United States Attorney's Office," *National Orientation Training*, United States Postal Inspection Service (June 2004)

Speaker, "Supplemental Sentencing in the Environmental Context," *Advanced Environmental Crimes Seminar*, Department of Justice Office of Legal Education, National Advocacy Center; Columbia, SC (May 2004)

Speaker, "Careers in Criminal Justice," University of St. Thomas School of Law (January 2004)

Speaker, "Wetlands Enforcement II: The Minnesota Experience," Midwest Environmental Enforcement Association; Madison, WI (October 2003)

Speaker, "Clean Water Act 404 Enforcement Training," *2003 National Clean Water Act 404 Enforcement Conference*, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Justice, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Washington, DC (July 2003)

Speaker; "Minnesota Environmental Crimes Awareness Training," Midwest Environmental Enforcement Association (April and May 2003)

Speaker, "Lessons Learned from Two Recent Federal Cases," MPCA Enforcement Retreat,

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (April 2003)

Speaker, "Environmental Enforcement of Environmental Laws: The *Ashland* Case and Others,"

Hennepin County Bar Association, Environmental Law Committee (March 2003)

Speaker, "Annual Law Enforcement Training Seminar," National Park Service (January 2003)

Speaker, "Homeland Security and the Environment After 9/11," *The Environmental Factor*,  
Minnesota Institute of Legal Education (October 2002)

Interviewed, "Step Up: People Helping People Business Award," Fox 40 News; Sacramento, CA  
(March 22, 2000)

Speaker, "Annual Law Enforcement Training Seminar," National Park Service (January 2002)

Editor, *Environmental Law Alert* (1997-2000)

Editorial Board, *California Environmental Law and Remediation Reporter* (1997-1999)

Speaker, "Managing Adversity in the Current Regulatory Climate," *1999 Water Managers' Workshop*, Association of California Water Agencies (September 1999)

Interviewed, "Business Law and Internal Auditors," *Auditing News from The Institute of Internal Auditors*, IIA Today (March/April 1997)

Speaker, "Minnesota Audit Law and Implementation," Environmental Auditing Roundtable  
Winter Meeting (January 1997)

Speaker, "How to Take an Effective Deposition," Minnesota CLE (March 1996)

William H. Koch, "Environmental Auditing: Beyond Regulatory Cat and Mouse," *Bench & Bar*  
(December 1995)

Speaker, "Effective Client Relations for New Lawyers," *Nuts & Bolts Seminar*, Hennepin County  
Bar Association (November 1995)

Speaker, "Environmental Auditing in Minnesota," Industrial Council of Environmental  
Managers (November 1995)

Speaker, "Environmental Audits: MPCA's Improvement," *Environmental Regulation in Minnesota*, Institute of Business Law (October 1995)

Speaker, "Auditing: Minnesota's Statute and EPA Rule," *Environmental Law for Business Lawyers*, Minnesota Institute of Legal Education (October 1995)

William H. Koch, "Environmental Auditing Privilege," American Bar Association/Young Lawyers Division Criminal and Juvenile Justice Committee Recommendation (October 1995)

Speaker, "Practice Development Strategies for New Lawyer," Minnesota State Bar Association (September 1995)

Speaker, "Minnesota's New Environmental Improvement Program," Twin Cities Environmental Auditing Roundtable (September 1995)

Charles K. Dayton & William H. Koch, "Minnesota's New Approach to Environmental Audit, Amnesty and Privilege," *11th Annual Environmental Law Institute*, Minnesota Institute of Legal Education (June 1995)

William H. Koch, *et al.*, "Can We Trust the Government with Environmental Audits," *Barrister* (May 1995)

William H. Koch, *et al.*, "CERCLA Desktop Guide," American Bar Association/Young Lawyers Division Natural Resources and Environmental Law Committee (May 1995)

William H. Koch, "Changes in Environmental Enforcement," *Minnesota Asphalt Pavement Association Newsletter* (April 1995)

Charles K. Dayton & William H. Koch, "Environmental Auditing and the Self-Audit Privilege," *Environmental Auditing - Can It Provide Better Results?*, Minnesota Environmental Initiative (October 1994)

William H. Koch, "New Environmental Sentencing Guidelines Proposed," *Minnesota State Bar Association Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section Newsletter* (April 1994)

Speaker, "The Traveling Attorney," Minnesota Legal Administrators Association (April 1994)

William H. Koch, "Right to Counsel for Juvenile Offenders," American Bar Association/Young Lawyers Division Criminal Justice Committee Recommendation (August 1992)

Reviewer, "Criminalization of Knowing Exposure to HIV/AIDS," American Bar Association/Young Lawyers Division Criminal Justice Committee Recommendation (August 1992)

Henry J. Shea & William H. Koch, “Corporate Environmental Liability,” *Alleged Misconduct: Civil and Criminal Litigation Involving Officers, Directors, Corporations & Individuals*, Minnesota Institute of Legal Education (July 1992)

## **PAST AND PRESENT PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Milton L. Schwartz American Inn of Court  
American Bar Association (and Committees)  
Minnesota State Bar Association (and Committees)  
Hennepin County Bar Association (and Committees)  
California State Bar Association (and Committees)

## **PAST AND PRESENT CIVIC AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**

University of Minnesota Law School McGee Civil Rights Moot Court Judge  
Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Judge  
58th Annual NYC Bar Moot Court Judge (University of St Thomas Law School)  
Minnesota State Bar Association Mock Trial Judge  
District Court Inmate Family Transportation Committee  
University of St. Thomas Law School Student Mentor  
Cityview Arts Magnet School Reader/Mentor  
PTSA President (Bloomington Public Elementary School)  
PTSA President-Elect (Bloomington Public Elementary School)  
PTSA Treasurer (Bloomington Public Elementary School)  
BRAVO Presenter (Bloomington Public Elementary School)  
Art Masterpiece Presenter (Bloomington Public Elementary School)  
Cityview Magnet School Reading Program (Minneapolis Public Schools)  
Bloomington Athletic Association Coach – basketball and football  
Southdale YMCA Coach – basketball, soccer, flag football, indoor soccer  
Webster Elementary Student Court Judge (Minneapolis Public Schools)  
Duke University Alumni Association Regional Interviewer  
Habitat for Humanity  
HCBA Ethics Committee/Investigator  
Phillips Neighborhood Legal Clinic  
St. Paul City Attorney Trial Intern Program  
Minnesota HIV/AIDS Project  
Volunteer Lawyers Network Unlawful Detainer Project