

Hon. Jeffrey A Conen

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Primary Areas of Expertise

Breach of Contract Financial Services

Education

(Title IX) Insurance Real Estate Professional Negligence

Current Employer-Title

Hansen Reynolds, LLC - Attorney

Profession

Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator

Work History

Adjunct Professor of Law, IIT-Chicago Kent College of Law, 2024 - Present; Attorney, Hansen Reynolds, LLC, 2020 - Present; Circuit Judge, State of Wisconsin, 1997 - 2020; Attorney, Law Office of Jeffrey Conen, 1988 - 1997; Municipal Judge, City of Glendale, WI, 1994 - 1997; Attorney, Kohner Mann and Kailas, 1987 - 1988; Attorney, Godfrey, Trump and Hayes, 1986 - 1987.

Experience

Twenty-three year career as a Milwaukee County Circuit Judge. Presided over 400 jury trials in both civil and criminal cases. Prior to serving as a Circuit Judge, elected Municipal Judge in the City of Glendale and was in private practice, handling a variety of civil and criminal litigation matters. As a Judge, presided over hundreds of civil trials. Conducted hearings with efficiency and impartiality, adhering to arbitration rules and due process, and issued well-supported written decisions. Guided parties through interest-based negotiation, helping clients identify underlying issues, manage risk, and achieve cost-effective settlements. Successfully mediated a broad range of commercial disputes, including breach of contract, business-to-business conflicts, vendor agreements, and partnership dissolutions as well as consumer protection claims involving product liability, false advertising, unfair trade practices, and warranty disputes. Also mediated disputes under state and federal statutes including the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), and Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA). Skilled in remote and in-person arbitration formats, pre-hearing management, settlement facilitation, and expert testimony evaluation. Have served on the faculty for the Office of Judicial Education for over 25 years and have taught judges in the areas of domestic violence, evidence, alternative dispute resolution, and a variety of civil litigation matters.

Mediator Experience

Has mediated many types of civil lawsuits, and at least 15% of the mediations involved multiple parties. In all, has mediated over 200 civil cases/disputes. Accordingly, If you have any Representative Issues Personal Injury and Products liability issues; insurance policy exclusions, primary/ excess/umbrella Handled as a Mediator coverage, and claims of bad faith, all types of contract disputes (consumer and well as commercial), Lemon Law and Magnuson/Moss warranty claims, real estate disputes, alleged fraud and unfair business practices, and consumer protection laws. Mediator Style & Process I require parties' written submissions in advance of the mediation. These submissions should not exceed Preferences 8 pages. I analyze the submissions to get a feel for the dispute. I then allow the parties to verbalize their positions in caucus sessions which allows me to further explore their needs and interests. Many times, the disputes don't settle on the first attempt. I will then continue to explore resolution either by phone, in person or virtually. I don't give up easily. Technology Proficiency Successfully completed Clearbrief Academy, June 2025.

Education

IIT-Chicago Kent College of Law (JD - 1985); University of Wisconsin Madison (BA - 1982). Northwestern University (Certificate in Mediation - 2020).

Professional Associations

American Bar Association; National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals; American Academy of ADR Attorneys (Board Member); Chicago Bar Association (ADR Section, Certified Mediator), Fellow in Academy of Court Appointed Neutrals. Recent Publications & Conen, J. A. (2026). The strategic value of appointing a special master or court-appointed neutral for Speaking Engagements discovery in complex litigation. Wisconsin Civil Trial Journal, 24(1), 61–65. In-Person ADR Seminar — April 23–24, 2026: Presented "What in the World is a Court-Appointed Neutral/Referee/ Special Master and How Can We Use Them More Effectively" at the American Academy of ADR Attorneys Annual Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa.. Presented "Ethical Considerations in Mediation and Arbitration" — May 13, 2025: A webinar hosted by

Locations

Where Parties Wisconsin and Metro Chicago Area Will Not be Charged for Travel Expenses Citizenship United States of America Compensation Hourly Rate: \$550.00 Daily Rate: Not provided Study Rate: \$550.00/hr Cancellation: Not provided Cancellation Period: Not provided

Languages

English Accordingly, If you have any