

Honorable Edward Sosnick (ret.)

Judge Edward Sosnick (Ret.) entered private practice in 1968, including serving as a city, township and village attorney. He also served as Chief Trial Lawyer in the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

Sosnick was elected to the 48th District Court in 1984, and in 1988 to the Oakland County Circuit Court. The Michigan Supreme Court appointed him twice as chief judge of the Circuit Court during which, among many other achievements, he oversaw the creation of the Family Division.

He "retired" (age limited) at the end of 2012 and transitioned into a successful private practice as a mediator and arbitrator. He is now Of Counsel to the Hertz Schram PC law firm. He has successfully handled and settled, literally hundreds of cases.

Judge Sosnick, with attorney Richard Victor, co-created Michigan's first court-sponsored divorce education program, SMILE (Start Making It Livable For Everyone). SMILE teaches divorcing parents to work together to minimize the impact of divorce on their children.

Judge Sosnick was one of the founding board members of HAVEN and he founded and served as chair of the Oakland County Coordinating Council Against Domestic Violence, which has had a major impact in improving the county-wide efforts against domestic violence.

He was appointed to chair the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment board and served many years in that capacity.

For more than 10 years, Judge Sosnick presided over the Juvenile Drug Court. This program uses a therapeutic jurisprudence model to help young offenders and their families recover from drug abuse and dependency. The JDC has literally saved lives and restored families.

Judge Sosnick has been a long-term member of the OCBA. Most recently, Judge Sosnick and OCBA Past President Judge Cunningham have co-chaired a new OCBA committee, LOCA (Lawyers Of A Certain Age). LOCA provides a vehicle for seasoned members to share social, educational and other activities. The OCBA also benefits from the wisdom and knowledge of this group.

During his judicial career, Judge Sosnick received numerous honors, awards and service credentials, including the State Bar of Michigan Champion of Justice Award, OCBA Distinguished Service Award, OCBA Distinguished Public Service Award, *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* Most Respected Judges (twice), SBM Family Law Section Award of Appreciation (five-time recipient), Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award, Parents of Murdered Children's John O'Hair Lifetime Achievement Award, and, most recently, was named *DBusiness Magazine's* 2019 Top Lawyer List.