

STEVEN A. PIHLAJA

Education

Legal: William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN: 1975 -1979; J.D.; May, 1979

College: University of Minnesota, Duluth: 1970-1975; B.S. Degree: Political Science and History; Graduation: June, 1975, *summa cum laude*

Employment

2002-Present Fourth Judicial District Court Judge

1997- 2002 Steven A. Pihlaja Law Office, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Areas of Practice: Civil and Criminal Litigation
Federal Defenders Criminal Justice Act Panel: 1988 to 2002

1982 - 1997 Pihlaja & Stromme, Attorneys, Minneapolis, MN; Partner
Areas of Practice: Civil and Criminal Litigation

1979 - 1982 Steven A. Pihlaja Law Office, Minneapolis, MN

Courts of Practice (prior to judicial appointment)

	<i>Date Admitted:</i>
Minnesota Bar:	October, 1979
Federal District Bar:	June, 1980
U.S. District Court, Southern District, California:	<i>pro hac vice</i> in June, 1987
Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals:	January, 1989
U.S. District Court, Western District, Wisconsin:	December, 1996
Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals	August, 1997
U.S. District Court, Western District North Carolina	<i>pro hac vice</i> December, 1998

Professional Associations

Minnesota Association of District Court Judges

Minnesota State Bar Association:

Member, 1980 to present

Colleague Mentoring Program, 1995 to present

Chair and Officer of Criminal Law Section, 1989 to 1990

Community and Volunteer Activities

- Minneapolis Charter Commission April 2000 Appointed by Judge Mabley:
- Northeast Economic Development Council President: 1999 to 2002
- Sugarloaf Interpretive Center Association President: 1995 to 1997
- Windom Park Citizens in Action Chair, Environment Committee: 1994 to 2002
- Northeast Minneapolis Retail Task Force Co-Chair: 1995 to 2002
- McDonough Multicultural School for Empowerment, St. Paul, MN 1994 to present
School to teach citizenship classes to immigrants