

K. MICHAEL (MIKE) WARNER

ATTORNEY

EXPERIENCE

PRIVATE ATTORNEY • 2014-PRESENT

Lawrence, Kansas

SHAWNEE COUNTY PRO TEM TRAFFIC COURT JUDGE • 2019-2020

Shawnee County Kansas

CITY OF TOPEKA MUNICIPAL COURT ASSOCIATE JUDGE • 2017

Topeka, Kansas

TEMPORARY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY • 2016

Shawnee County District Attorney's Office • Topeka, Kansas

- Assisted the Shawnee County District Attorney's office on a short-term basis given high caseloads and a transitioning District Attorney
- Prosecuted adult felony crimes as first chair assistant district attorney

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY • 2010-2014

United States Attorney's Office, Criminal Division • District of Kansas

- Additional positions and responsibilities included:
 - First United States Attorney, District of Kansas
 - Interim Criminal Chief, District of Kansas
 - Criminal Coordinator, Kansas City, Kansas Criminal Division

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY • 1999-2010

United States Attorney's Office, Criminal Division • Western District of Missouri

- Prosecution of complex white collar, fraud, robbery, and homicide cases in federal court, including three death penalty jury trials.
- Prepared and argued appellate cases before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, Missouri.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY • 1991-1994, 1995-1999

Johnson County District Attorney's Office • Olathe, Kansas

- Working caseload of approximately 75 - 90 cases per year.
- Assigned to a four-person homicide unit.
- Emphasis on prosecution of primarily felony persons crimes and complex white-collar crimes.
- Member of the Johnson County Arson Task Force and the Kansas City Metropolitan Insurance Fraud Unit.

GENERAL COUNSEL • 1994

Citizen's Utility Ratepayer Board • Topeka, Kansas

- C.U.R.B. is an independent regulatory agency located within the Kansas Corporation Commission.
- Possessed day-to-day supervisory, job assignment, and budgetary responsibilities for a four-person office.
- Personally lead presentations to consumer groups, public interest groups, news organizations and the Kansas legislature.
- Administrative law agency involved in approximately 25 complex rate/utility regulation cases in 1994, including a controversial 17-day-rate case trial captioned In the Matter of Kansas Pipeline Partnership.

STAFF ATTORNEY • 1990

Kansas Sentencing Commission • Topeka, Kansas

- Served as the sole attorney assigned to a four-person office.
- Work involved subcommittee legal advisory, legal research, legislative and subcommittee presentations, and statute drafting/revision assignments.
- Made numerous presentations to probation, law enforcement, judicial, and attorney groups throughout the state.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY • 1989

Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office • Kansas City, Kansas

- Prosecuted felony crimes in an adult division for a fifteen-person district court office in an inner-city, metropolitan area.
- Majority of case assignments involved person crimes like homicide, aggravated robbery, aggravated battery, and sexual assault offenses.
- As part of my assignment to the homicide unit, I responded to the homicide scenes.
- Caseload consisted of approximately 50 – 75 felony cases
- During this time, I was also assigned to the traffic court division.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY • 1987-1989

Harvey County Attorney's Office • Newton, Kansas

- Only assistant prosecutor in a two-person office for a county inhabited by approximately 50,000 persons.
- Caseload consisted of nearly 100 cases per year including every type of adult, juvenile and mental health proceeding, including adult felony and misdemeanor prosecutions, and traffic court violations.
- Represented the county attorney's office in juvenile crime, child-in-need-of-care, parental termination, and mental commitment proceedings.
- Participated in regular group presentations to juvenile offenders seeking diversion for first time offenses.
- When required, worked as a city court prosecutor in Newton Municipal Court.
- The assignment of this position also included the role of rotating small claims court judge.
- During this time, I also maintained a small civil law private practice while working as a prosecutor.

PRIVATE ATTORNEY • 1985-1987

Private Practice • Salina, Kansas

- Solo practitioner, criminal defense attorney in an office-sharing arrangement.
- Work consisted of private client cases and court appointments in adult, juvenile, mental health and child support cases.
- Represented clients charged with various felony and misdemeanor crimes in both district and municipal court, including representation of clients in civil and family law proceedings.
- Represented persons in municipal and traffic court proceedings in Saline and contiguous counties.
- As a criminal defense attorney, participated in jury trials, bench trials, and preliminary and suppression hearings.

CLAIMS ATTORNEY • 1984-1985

Iowa National Mutual Insurance Company • Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Kansas City, Missouri

- Claims Attorney, Iowa National Mutual Insurance Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Kansas City, Missouri
- Field claims adjustor/attorney for branch offices in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Kansas City, Missouri.
- Position involved adjusting nearly 100 - 150 claim files per year, pertaining to personal injury, liability, homeowner, and property damage claim submissions.

EDUCATION

J.D., Dean's Honor List Graduate | Washburn University | Topeka, Kansas | 1983

M.A. Degree in Economics | Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics | University of Missouri | Kansas City, Missouri | 1976

B.A. Degree in Economics | University of Missouri | Kansas City, Missouri | 1975

BAR ADMISSIONS

Kansas:

- Douglas County Bar Association
- United States District Court
- Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Kansas Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court of Kansas
- Admitted 1984 – in good standing

Iowa:

- Admitted 2013
- Inactive Status

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

GROUP PRESENTATION:

- Lecturer/Group Presentation, Johnson County Police Academy
- Lecturer, Johnson County Bar Association
- Lecturer, Kansas Trial Lawyers Association

TEACHING:

- Instructor, Economics, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, 1977 – 1978
- Adjunct Instructor, Economics and Business Law, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas 1989 – 1995
- Associate Professor, Business Administration, Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, 1987 – 1988
- Associate Professor, Chairperson of Business and Economics Department, Marymount College, Salina, Kansas, 1985 – 1987
- Instructor, Economics, Washburn University of Topeka, Topeka, Kansas 1981 – 1984
- Assistant Professor, Business and Economics, McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas, 1978 – 1981