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"In addition to the depth of resources from his vast governmental back-ground (in all three branches, both federal and state) and his experience in the trenches as a litigator and on the bench, Steve Aldrich will bring to your ADR session the qualities he demonstrated as a lawyer and as a judge – intelligence, perspicacity, diligence, analytical ability, empathy, a quick grasp of the essential issues, creativity, curiosity, and a leavening sense of humor."

Gary A. Weissman,
Jackson, Wyoming
*Trainer of Arbitrators and Mediators
Editor, ADR Desk Book, MinnCLE*

While on the Family Court Bench, Judge Aldrich helped a couple to settle a 15 year old spousal maintenance dispute using 'baseball' arbitration. Prior to the agreement to arbitrate before Judge Aldrich, the parties had suffered through 12 motions before five separate judges.

STEPHEN C. ALDRICH

Stephen Aldrich retired in 2010 as a District Court Judge in Hennepin County, 4th Judicial District of Minnesota. After 25 years of law practice, Judge Aldrich served in the Civil Division of the Court for six years and in the Family Division for 10 years, eight of those half-time.

A 1971 graduate of the University of Minnesota Law School, Judge Aldrich was the principal in Aldrich Law Offices from 1975 to 1997 and is a current member of the **Collaborative Law Institute of Minnesota** where he also served prior to his election in 1996. He has been recognized for his creative approach to resolving family disputes while on the bench, and in 2002 was recognized for his service to the public sector with a **Pro Bono Publico Award**.

- Former Member, **Supreme Court Board on Continuing Legal Education**
- Educator who has taught continuing legal education for more than 30 years to family and civil lawyers and judges, covering diverse curriculum including settlement techniques, judicial discretion, ethics, marketing and all facets of family law
- Author and contributor to numerous legal publications, Judge Aldrich is unique in writing chapters for three **Civil and Family Law Desk Books**
- Fellow, **American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML)** Minnesota Chapter from 1981 to 2008.
- Named **Metro Judge of the Year** by M.A.D.D., 2007
- Member for 12 years and Screening Committee Member for 5 years for the **Ethics Committee, Hennepin County Bar Association**
- Served as Chair, **Family Law Section**, and Member of **Executive Committee, Hennepin County Bar Association**
- Served as Vice Chair and Member for 8 years for the **Charter Commission, City of Minneapolis**

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While on the bench, Judge Aldrich's civil cases included matters involving land condemnations, zoning, environment, and consumer protection as well as employment, noncompete and business breakup cases.

Endorsed "qualified" by the **Minnesota Chapter of the Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota (ACTLMn)** in 1996 Judicial election.

"...we tried an intellectual property case before Judge Aldrich. Although we did not get the result we hoped for, our primary problem was weak facts. We have tried cases all over the country and Judge Aldrich is one of the finest trial judges we have appeared before. He is intelligent and fair and takes his duties as a judge very seriously and recognition is due him. It was an honor to appear before him."

Ken M. Peterson and Will Wohlford
*Morris, Laing, Evans, Brock
& Kennedy Chtd
(Wichita, Topeka, & West Palm Beach)*

* Judge Aldrich does not do mediations of personal injury and medical malpractice, but will do other neutral work in those fields.

