

Biographical Information for Judge R. Peter Grometer

Judge R. Peter Grometer is a life-long Aurora resident who was first appointed as Associate Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit, which consisted of Kane, Kendall and DeKalb Counties, in 1985. In 1992, Judge Grometer was elected Circuit Judge by the residents of the 16th Judicial Circuit. Six years later, in 1998, Grometer was elected to the position of Chief Judge by his colleagues. In 2001, Judge Grometer was appointed Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court, Second District, and served as a member of the Illinois Appellate Court and the Illinois Appellate Court Workers' Compensation Division, where he served honorably until his retirement from the bench in 2009. Currently, Judge Grometer is Counsel to the law firm of Mahoney, Silverman and Cross and chairs the firm's Appellate Practice Group.

Beyond his service on the bench, Judge Grometer has a lengthy record of service to the community, including: current member of the Aurora Civic Center Authority Board, past President and member of the Aurora Rotary Club, Past President and Director of Mental Health and Mental Rehabilitation, Inc.; Director of Aurora Juvenile Protective Association, District Governor of the Boy Scouts of America and a former member of the Board of Education of School District 129.

He attended Michigan State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Business in 1968. He received his J.D. from the University

of Illinois in 1973. Peter served in the United States Army from 1969 through 1972. After law school, Peter returned to Aurora and practiced with the law firm of Alschuler, Putnam, McWethy, Funkey and Grometer from 1973 to 1985, before being elected Judge.

Judge Grometer met Susan Ann Hunter at the University of Illinois while he was working on a Law Degree and she was obtaining a Masters in Child Development (Susan served as an elementary school teacher at Hall School for twenty-plus years). They were married in 1970. The couple's three children – Tracey, Brandon and Bart – reside in Aurora.