

Biography of Justice Michael J. Gallagher (Ret.)

Justice Gallagher is an Honors graduate of both the University of Illinois at Chicago where he received his B.A. and the Chicago-Kent College of Law where he was awarded his J.D. Justice Gallagher was also awarded a Master's Degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Chicago in 2010.

He was a staff attorney for the SEC, and a law clerk for Justice William G. Clark in the Illinois Supreme Court. He was also an associate and partner at Cassidy, Schade, LLC.

Judge Gallagher served on the Circuit Court for 8 years, 6 of them in Law Division. He also served 15 years in the Appellate Court. He was Presiding Justice of his Division multiple times and served as the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the First District Appellate Court from September 1, 2009 until August 31, 2010.

Since retiring in April 2011, Justice Gallagher has been the principal of Michael J. Gallagher Mediation Services. He is a mediator, arbitrator and also conducts appellate consultations.

He has written and lectured extensively.