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About Judge Ledina

Judge Burton Ledina was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey and moved to Sullivan County when he was only 6 years old. With the exception of college and law school, Judge Ledina has spent his entire life living and working in Sullivan County.

An exemplary role model with more than 38 years of Judicial Experience, Ledina's judicial career began in 1969 as the Monticello Village Justice followed by 18 years as Town of Thompson Justice and currently, he serves as Sullivan County Court Judge and Surrogate – a position he has held for the past 11 years.

As County Court Judge, Ledina rules on felony criminal cases which affect the safety, welfare, and quality of life in our community. These cases often involve difficult circumstances including murder, burglary, robbery, assault, sale of drugs, arson, fraud, the abuse of children and domestic violence.

Judge Ledina continues his commitment to serve the residents of Sullivan County in his capacity as County Court Judge, Surrogate, Acting Family Court Judge, and Acting Supreme Court Justice. During the last eleven years, he has presided over many complex jury and non-jury trials to verdict. In addition, he has also presided over numerous pre-trial hearings, probation violation cases, and cases involving family offenses, child custody, divorce, personal injury, medical malpractice, real property, and commercial disputes. He has written volumes of decisions and legal opinions.

With more than 3 decades of real judicial experience, he currently manages separate trial court calendars for civil matters, criminal felonies, Family Court proceedings, as well as Surrogate Court matters.

As Surrogate, he presides over and supervises the administration of decedent's estates, and protects the inheritances of widows, widowers and orphans, a field in which he has practiced extensively during nearly four decades of private practice.

Both litigants and lawyers alike have benefited from Ledina's demonstrated judicial temperament and ability.

Recognized by his peers, he twice received the highest judicial rating of the Sullivan County Bar Association and was rated as "highly qualified" by the New York State Bar's Judicial Screening Committee. He has been unanimously confirmed for Judicial Office by the New York State Senate and the Senate Judiciary Committee on two separate occasions.

In his spare time, Judge Ledina has dedicated much of his life to both professional and community service. He has volunteered in sports programs for youth, serves in the Masons, Lions, and Elks Clubs as well as the Sullivan County Bar Association. He is a supporter of several local organizations including the Sullivan County Historical Society, Catskill Art Society, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, and the Liberty Museum and Art Center.

Throughout his career, Judge Ledina has committed himself to upholding the law in a fair, firm and compassionate manner with the highest standards of honesty, integrity and hard work. Judge Ledina pledges to continue to make our system of justice work for the people of Sullivan County.

Burton Ledina and his late wife, Harriet, have three children and five grandchildren.

