

Jack Melvin Campaign: Melvin seeks Waukesha Circuit Court Br. 12

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Iraq Vet, Committed Conservative and Gov. Walker Appointee Seeks Open Waukesha Bench

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Oconomowoc, WI—With the recent announcement that long-serving Judge Kathryn Foster will not seek reelection in Spring of 2018, Iraq vet, committed conservative and Gov. Walker-appointee Jack Melvin announced he'll be seeking the open bench.

“Since 2004, as a member of the Wisconsin Army National Guard I’ve been offered an opportunity to both serve and protect our great country while broadening my legal experiences,” said Jack Melvin. “Serving as a judge for Waukesha County presents an opportunity to further my commitment to public service while utilizing my legal experience. Waukesha has a proud history of electing rule of law judges, and I look forward to making the case I am the best fit for the open circuit court seat.

Melvin, 43 resides in Oconomowoc with his wife and two daughters and currently serves as Governor Walker’s appointee to the Wisconsin Division of Gaming as the Division Administrator. Prior to joining the administration, Melvin managed litigation at QBE North America (the former-General Casualty) for nearly 12 years, prior, he was in private practice.

Melvin takes great pride in his service to the country, delivering 40 months of active duty of which 36 months were spent overseas as a member of the Wisconsin National Guard at the rank of Major. Melvin’s most-recent deployment was to Iraq in 2016 as a member of the Wisconsin unit that augmented the famed “Screaming

Eagle” 101st Airborne Division. Melvin served as the Division’s Operational Law Attorney in the effort to help Iraq expel ISIS from its borders. His previous deployment came a little over a year prior (2014) with the headquarters detachment of Wisconsin’s 32nd Infantry Brigade in Jordan, aiding in its protection from the ISIS-fueled civil war embroiling neighboring Syria. Jack’s first deployment was in 2008 when he was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Egypt as part of the counter terrorism and anti-piracy efforts in the Middle-East.

As a member of the Guard’s JAG (Judge Advocate General Corp), Melvin has had a very diverse practice, handling environmental issues, estate planning, military justice, law of war and more. Melvin is currently assigned to Joint Force Headquarters in Madison where he serves as the lead prosecutor for crimes committed by members of the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

“I’ve witnessed the explosion of drug usage in Waukesha County, coupled with the seemingly rising number of criminals released on bail despite being on probation, and am increasingly concerned for the safety of my family,” said Melvin. “Recently, a four-time convicted drunk driver who was out on bail struck and ended the life of a good Samaritan only minutes from my door. I do not believe this reflects the response of the Waukesha County justice system voters expect.”

As a civil litigator, Jack has managed lawsuits against General Casualty insureds throughout the nation. Jack has appeared in courts from Rhode Island to Washington State as the corporate representative of General Casualty and it’s insured. From those experiences, he has learned a great deal about the varied methods of court operations and judicial styles that he hopes to bring to the Waukesha bench.

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