**WILLIAM O. BERTELSMAN**

**United States District Judge**

**for the Eastern District of Kentucky**

**Vital Statistics:** Born January 31, 1936. Married, Peggy

Bertelsman, three grown children.

**Judicial:** Appointed United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, at Covington, November 28, 1979; Chief Judge 1991 1998; Member, United States Judicial Conference, Standing Committee on Practice and Procedure, 1989-1995; Liaison Member, Advisory Committee on Civil Rules , 1989-1995; Chairperson, District Civil Justice Reform Act Committee, 1991; Administrative Office of United States Court, Electronic Courtroom Group, July 1996 1998; Representative for Sixth Circuit to the United States Judi Conference, October 1, 2004

March 2006.

**Academic:** Salmon P. Chase College of Law Adjunct Professor of Law

1989 , Federal Jurisdiction

University of Cincinnati College of Law, Lecturer

1965, Corporations

1966-67, Civil Procedure I (2 years)

1968-72, Equity (5 years)

**Undergraduate Education:**

**Legal Education and Honors:**

**Military Service:**

Bachelor of Arts (Summa cum Laude) , Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1958.

Juris Doctor, University of Cincinnati College of Law, 1961, graduated first in class; Associate Editor, Law Review; Order of the Coif; Awards for highest grades in Evidence, Bills and Notes, Equity, Constitutional Law, Appellate Advocacy, Torts, Municipal Corporations, and Administrative Law; "Outstanding Judge" Award given by Kentucky Bar Association 1981; "Outstanding Trial Judge" Award given by Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys 1998.

Active duty U.S. Army Artillery, 1963 64; honorably discharged with rank of Captain. Served in Ohio and Kentucky active National Guard from 1958 until entry on active duty.

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| **Practice of Law:** | 1962-1979, Private Practice | of Law. Broad |
|  | general practice primarily | in areas of |

corporate, municipal, real estate, workmen's compensation, products liability, and negligence law; City Attorney and Prosecutor, City of Highland Heights, 1962-1969; Member of plaintiffs' Lead Counsel Committee for Beverly Hills Fire Litigation.

**Civic Affiliations:**

Member of Board and officer of Campbell County Chamber of Commerce (later merged into Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce), 1967-69; Member of Board, Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, 1969-1978, President, 1974.

**Professional Affiliations:**

Admitted to practice in Kentucky {1961) and Ohio (1962). Member: American, Kentucky State and Northern Kentucky Bar Association s; Association

of Trial Lawyers of America1

;

Kentucky Trial

Lawyers Association;\* Defense Research Institute;\* Board of Governors, Kentucky State Bar Association, 1978-79;\* American Judicature Society.

**Publications:** Co-author, Bertelsman and Philipps, Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure Annotated {West Publishing Co. 1984 and supplements 1992)

(2 volumes).

Wrote Quarterly articles published in Kentucky Bench & Bar of the Kentucky Bar Association on various subjects .

"Attorney's Fees and the 1964 Amendment to the Uniform Commercial Code, 11 Jan. 1965, Kentucky State Bar Journal.

"Libel and Public Men," 52 American Bar Association Journal 657 (July 1966).

"The Ninth Amendment and Due Process of Law - Toward a Viable Theory of Unenumerated Rights," 37 U. Cin. L. Rev. 777 {1968).

\* Resigned on receiving judicial appointment.

"The First Amendment and Protection of Reputation and Privacy -- New York Times v. Sullivan and How It Grew," 56 Ky. L.J. 319 (1970).

"Injunctions Against Speech and Writing: A Re­ Evaluation," 59 Ky . L.J. 319 (1970).

"Kentucky Professional Corporations, 11 Panel Publishers work on professional corporations (1974).

"What You Think You Know (But Probably Don't) About the Federal Rules of Evidence - A Little Knowledge Can Be a Dangerous Thing, " 8 N.Ky. L. Rev. 81 (1981); reprinted in The Advocate, Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys (1985), and in Trial Magazine, The Association of Trial Lawyers of America (1985).

"Right to a Speedy Trial -- Judges need to set time limits on cases for the public's sake,0" American Bar Association Journal (October 1994).