



Judge Edward J. Elum has served the Massillon Municipal Court District for over 13 years. Eddie was first elected as Judge in November, 1995 and subsequently re-elected in 2001 & 2007. Judge Elum is a lifelong resident of Massillon, Ohio.

As Judge of the Massillon Municipal Court, Judge Elum has coordinated an aggressive **Community Work Service Program** that orders defendants to perform work for local non-profit community, civic and church organizations. This program has generated over **2.5 Million Dollars** of labor hours and donations for the community and non profit organizations.

Judge Elum has also instituted procedures that will protect the **Victims of Crime**. Judge Elum orders the defendants to repay their victims for the damages and losses they suffered as a result of the crime. Since 2003, the restitution ordered by the Court to the crime victims exceeded \$765,000.00. Eddie has presided over 50,000 cases as Judge and enforces strict collection procedures for payment of court fines and costs.

Judge Elum has received numerous awards and recognition from Charitable, Religious and Veterans organizations for his community service, humanitarian and judicial activities:

- *Boys and Girls Club of Massillon* recognized and awarded Judge Elum and the Court, the Club's **Helping Hand Award** (2009) for the Judge's public service in directing the Court's community work service program to benefit the Club in performing a variety of maintenance, repairs, soup kitchen support and funding for the Club's endowment fund.
- *Massillon Rotary Club* awarded Eddie the **2007 Paul L. David Humanitarian Award**. The Paul L. David Award honors an individual or business that has made an impact on western Stark County and demonstrates the ideals of Rotary, and to recognize and memorialize

Mr. David for his commitment and contributions to his community. The Paul L. David Award is to encourage philanthropy, humanitarianism and support for community improvement;

- *Massillon Rotary Club and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International* named Eddie a **Paul Harris Fellow** (2006) in appreciation of his tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of Rotary's humanitarian relations among people of the world, including Rotary's efforts to eradicate the polio virus;
- *Shiloh Baptist Church of Massillon* honored Eddie in 2008 for his generosity and continuous support to the Church's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Breakfast;
- *VFW Post 3124, Massillon* honored Eddie with its **Appreciation Award** (2007) for meritorious and distinguished service in furthering the Aims and Ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States;
- *Massillon Lions Club* awarded Eddie its **Community Service and Leadership Award** (2006) for his efforts in assisting the Club with the Lions Lincoln Theatre;
- *Quest Recovery Services* twice honored Eddie and fellow Judge Richard T. Kettler with its **Joy Timken Community Services Award** (2002 & 2008) for their consistent support of alcohol and drug treatment alternatives;
- *Boys and Girls Club of Massillon* bestowed on Eddie the Club's **Man and Youth Award** (1999) for his outstanding service to the youth of the community;
- *Grace Community Church* bestowed the Church's **Servant of the People Award** (1998) to Judge Elum;
- *Faith Community Fellowship Church* honored Eddie with the Church's **Community Service Award** (2004);
- *Community Services of Stark County* recognized Eddie with its **Community Service Award** (2002) for his humanitarian efforts and support of The Family Living Center;

- *Habitat for Humanity of Massillon* recognized Eddie with its **Community Service Award** (2004) for his efforts in assisting with the building of Habitat homes;
- *Military Order of The Purple Heart USA*, awarded Eddie its **Citation** (2000) for exceptionally meritorious service to our veterans in our community;
- *Civil Liberties League of Massillon* bestowed its **Civil Liberties Award** (1996) to Eddie for his strong support and defender of an individual's civil rights;
- *Lebanese American Association of Stark County* recognized Eddie with its **Leadership Award** (1998); and,
- Eddie & Margaret are the original Plaque Sponsors for the Massillon Academic Booster Club's "**Most Improved Student**" Award given annually to six students attending Massillon's elementary and middle schools. Since 1996, each school has the name of the student who received the Award affixed to the school's Plaque that is prominently displayed in the school.

Eddie is a founding member of the **Western Stark County Homeless Task Force**, a collaborative effort formed in 2006 by the Court, governmental agencies, local churches and clergy together with social service agencies to eradicate homelessness and tackle poverty issues in Stark County. In 1993, Eddie was a co-founder of the **Family Living Center**, a residential housing program to assist homeless families with children obtain permanent housing; attain self-sufficiency skills and employment opportunities.

Judge Elum is a former member of the Board of Trustees of Massillon Community Hospital and Doctors Hospital ("Affinity Medical Center") and was instrumental, during the merger of these hospitals, in negotiating substantial benefits for the Family Living Center, a homeless shelter located on the campus of Massillon Community Hospital and medical services for the West Stark Medical Clinic, a medical clinic for the uninsured and underinsured located adjacent to the hospital.

Prior to becoming Judge, Eddie was an Assistant Attorney General and General Counsel for Higher Education in the Ohio Attorney Generals Office (1983-92), a Massillon City Prosecutor (1978-81), and a lawyer with the local law firm of *Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffith and Dougherty*. Eddie has extensive experience in Education Law, Charitable Trusts and Community Foundations. He assisted in the creation of **The Massillon Area Civic Trust Fund** in 1981, which is a component trust fund of **The Stark Community Foundation**; and was an original trustee and lawyer for the **AHEAD** (Affordable Housing Educational Advancement Developers Foundation). As a dedicated advocate of Ohio's two-year colleges, Eddie was awarded the **Public Sector Award** in 1993 by Jefferson Community College of Steubenville, Ohio.

Eddie is presently serving on the Executive Committee of the Stark County Community Corrections Planning Board; he is a Massillon Tiger Sideliner and is on the Advisory Board for Habitat for Humanity of Massillon under the governance of the Habitat for Humanity of Stark and Carroll Counties. Eddie is a 20 year volunteer for the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph Church that serves hot lunches and distributes groceries every Monday to individuals and families.

Eddie has served as a member of The Stark County Bar Association Executive Committee, The Board of Trustees of The Massillon Museum, Stark State College of Technology, Stark Development Board, Massillon Main Street and Treasurer of the Central Catholic Booster Club.

Eddie is a graduate of *The University of Notre Dame*. He received his law degree from *The Ohio Northern University*, where he received **The Liberty Bell Award** for his dedicated service to his community and law school classmates. He attended *The Ohio State University* and received a Management in Government Certificate.

Eddie and his wife, Margaret have two children, Jeannette & Paul. The Elum Family are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Massillon.

Judge Elum is a former United States Naval Officer.

## **CIVIC, COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

Eddie is a member of Rotary Club of Massillon, Boys & Girls Club of Massillon Corporate Board, Knights of Columbus Council 554, American Legion Post 221 (Honor & Color Guard), La Societe Des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevaux Voiture 10, Elks Lodge 441, Eagles Aerie 190, Moose Lodge 481, Army-Navy Garrison 207, The Stark County Bar Association, The Ohio State Bar Association, The Association of Municipal and County Judges of Ohio, Stark County Township Association, Stark County Firefighters Association, The Massillon Area Chamber of Commerce, Central Catholic Booster Club, Massillon Benchwarmers and Sideliners. Eddie was a youth basketball coach at the YMCA and the Boys & Girls Club of Massillon.

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