

JUDGE JOHN P. CHIOTA
Personal Resume
2016

(1) Family History:

Date of Birth: February 17, 1943

Parents: Joan E. Chiota, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Epifano of Fairfield and John P. Chiota, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Chiota, Sr. of Bridgeport.

Spouse: Diane T. Chiota, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Trautman of Trumbull. Married June 18, 1966

Children: John Edwin (age 48)
Christopher Scott (age 46)
Gregg Andrew (age 41)
Kathryn Elizabeth (age 36)

Grandchildren 12 (ages 2 months to 16 years)

(2) Education:

Secondary: Fairfield College Preparatory School,
Class of 1961

College: College of Holy Cross, B. S. History
Class of 1965

Graduate: Fordham University School of Law, J.D.,
Class of 1968

(3) Professional Experience:

-Admitted to practice before the Connecticut Bar in 1968 and Florida Bar in 1986. Subsequently admitted to the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut; the United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; United States Tax Court;

-Formerly associated with the Bridgeport law firms of Willis & Holahan (1969-1985); McNamara and Kenney (1985-1988), Gentile, Chiota & Guthrie, LLC (1988 to 2012) and presently of John P. Chiota, LLC in Trumbull, Connecticut (2012 to present), specializing in estate planning, wills, trusts, decedent estates, family law, elder law, real estate and corporations.

(4) Professional Memberships:

- Member of Florida, Connecticut and Bridgeport Associations
- Member of the Bridgeport Bar Association Probate Section
- Former member of the Connecticut Bar Association Fee Arbitration Panel
- Member of National College of Probate Judges, 1969 to present
- Member of the Connecticut probate Assembly, 1969 to present
- Former Chairman of the Connecticut Probate Assembly Planning Committee in charge of overseeing the future of the Connecticut probate system.

(5) Civic Activities:

- Former Secretary/Member of the Board of Directors of the Fairfield County's Community Foundation
- Former Member Fairfield Prep Board of Governors
- Former Member St. Vincent's Hospital Estate Planning Committee
- Former Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Greater Bridgeport Area Foundation
- Central Connecticut Coast YMCA Capital Campaign/Major Donors Solicitation Committee
- Member of Fairfield Prep Alumni Association
- Former Member of Bridgeport YMCA Board of Managers
- Former Chairman United Way-Individual Gifts/Trumbull
- Former Member of the Greater Bridgeport YMCA Endowment Committee
- Former Member of the Holy Cross and Fairfield Prep Endowment Committees
- Former member of the Trumbull Town Council (2 terms)
- Former Member of the Trumbull Board of Finance (2 terms)
- Co-Founder and First President of the Trumbull (Pop Warner) Midget Football Program
- Former Member and officer of the Trumbull Jaycees
- Former Member of the Trumbull Republican Town Committee
- Former Lakewood-Trumbull YMCA basketball coach
- Former Director of the Trumbull National Little League
- Past Chairman of the Fairfield Prep Alumni Association and Bridgeport YMCA Board of Managers
- Lecturer to numerous civic and professional groups during the past thirty years on the subject of wills, probate and estate planning. Some groups addressed include the Bridgeport and Connecticut Bar Association seminars; Trumbull Continuing Education; American Association of University Women; Trumbull, Monroe and Easton senior citizen groups.

(6) JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:

-Served as Judge of Probate for the Trumbull Probate District (PD-46) covering the Towns of Easton, Monroe and Trumbull from 1979 to 2013.

(7) MEDIATION EXPERIENCE:

- As Judge of Probate for 35+ years, I have conducted hundreds of settlement/ mediation conferences over the years. Most recently I successfully complete a mediation for the Fairfield Probate Court.
