

# Judge Joseph D. Marino

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## Qualifications Profile

Dedicated and accomplished Probate Judge with demonstrated expertise across a broad spectrum of probate matters.

- Effective, dynamic public speaker and trainer/facilitator. A well-known and respected leader in the area of mental health law; frequent lecturer at seminars for other judges, state agencies, doctors and hospital staff and civic/community groups.
  - Philosophy reflects a keen commitment to balancing an individual's civil rights with the rights of the community as a whole.
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## Professional Experience

### **PROBATE COURT • Middletown, CT 1987–May 2025** **Judge of Probate** (*elected ten consecutive terms*)

- Probate Judge of one of the largest and busiest probate courts in the State of Connecticut, handling thousands of matters per year serving over 74,000 residents of Middletown, Cromwell, Durham, and Middlefield.
- The Court is unique for its workload of mental health matters due to the presence of Connecticut Valley Hospital, Whiting Forensic Hospital, Middlesex Hospital and Solnit Children's Center. Decision-making includes commitments, forced medication, shock therapy and conservatorships.
- Judge Marino is the Administrative Judge of the Central Connecticut Regional Children's Court and presides over cases involving custody, guardianships, termination of parental rights and adoptions.
- Experienced mediator with numerous referrals from judges and attorneys.

### **Yale School of Medicine • New Haven, CT 2024–Present** **Clinical Instructor, Department of Psychiatry**

### **Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University • North Haven, CT 2024–Present** **Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry**

### **Quinnipiac University School of Law • North Haven, CT 2024–Present** **Adjunct Professor**

### **LAW OFFICE OF JOSEPH D. MARINO • Portland, CT 1980–2022** **Attorney at Law**

- Maintained a successful private firm engaged in the general practice of law with a broad base of clients throughout Middlesex County.

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**Education**

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA SCHOOL OF LAW • Washington, DC**  
**Juris Doctor (1980)**

**JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY • Cleveland, OH**  
**Bachelor of Arts Degree (1977)**

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**Affiliations / Civic Involvement**

- President of the Connecticut Probate Assembly (*elected by fellow judges, Apr. 2004–Apr. 2006*)
  - Member of the Executive Committee, Budget Committee and Chair of Nominating Committee of the Probate Assembly
  - Probate Liaison to the following:
    - Committee to Study DCF Policy Manual
    - Committee to Study Sexually Violent Persons
    - Committee to Accept Probate Court Jurisdiction of Drug and Alcohol Commitment
    - State Task Force, Involuntary Outpatient Commitment
    - Committee to Revise Criminal Competency Restoration Statute
  - Middlesex County Bar Association (*1980 – Present, President: 2017-2018*)
  - National College of Probate Judges (*1987–Present*)
  - Legal Counsel, Xavier High School, Middletown (*1998–2022*)
  - Legal Counsel, East Hampton Housing Authority (*1985–2022*)
  - Middletown Political Town Committee (*1982–2000*); Member, Advisory Board (*2000–Present*)
  - Provider of legal services to Habitat for Humanity (*1994–2022*)
  - Rotary Club of Middletown (*2006–2024, President 2016-2017*)
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**Awards/Recognitions**

- Middlesex Chamber of Commerce: Governor William A. O'Neill Public Service Award
  - Rotary Club: Paul Harris Community Service Fellowship Award
  - NAACP: Community Service Award
  - Liberty Bell Award, Middlesex County Bar Association
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**Publications: Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal**

Co-Author of Article “Probate Court Matters in Psychiatric Hospitals: Medical and Legal Perspectives”  
(2024)

Decisions selected for frequent publication on wide range of topics, including:

Contested Admission of Will

Paternity

Involuntary Transfer of Mental Health Patient

Power of Attorney Accounting

Termination Parental Rights