# Hon. F. Paul Kurmay

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## **Educational Background**

- Graduated Fairfield Prep in 1962
- Graduated U. Va., Phi Beta Kappa, 1966
- Graduated Georgetown Law Center, 1969

## **Professional Background**

- Attorney since 1969; law practice closed in 1995
- Stratford Judge of Probate 1979-2014
- Conn. Probate Court Administrator, 1995-2002
- Of Counsel, Law Office of Charles L. Kurmay 2014-Present
- Author of numerous articles and court decisions on probate
- Advocate for children, families and the incapable
- Connecticut Probate Assembly Committees: Committee to Study Court Finances, 2003-2005; Committee to Streamline Probate Court Procedures, 1996-1998; Committee on the Bonding of Probate Fiduciaries, 1997-2000; Ethics Committee, 1995-2012; Executive Committee, 1991-2001; Financial Advisory Committee, 1995-2001; Finances Study Committee, 1982-1984; Planning Committee, 1988-2001; Probate Advisory Committee, 1985-1986; Procedures Review Committee, 1982-1989; Procedures Review Committee Chair, 1985-1989; Implementation Committee on Gender, Justice & the Courts, 1993-1997; Long Range Planning Committee, 2001-2002; Special Committee on Intervivos Trusts, 1997-2001

## **Church/Civic Background**

- Ordained as a permanent R.C. Deacon May 15, 1995
- Leader of the Ministry to the Sick since 1993
- Leader of St. Mark's Contemplative Prayer Group
- Past President of the Stratford Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.
- Founder of Bethlehem Houses I & II
- Member of Stratford Clergy Association since 1995
- Established Clergy Emergency Fund in 1996
- Former Stratford Director of the CROP Hunger Walk
- Past President of the Stratford Rotary Club
- Group Leader: Habitat for Humanity, 2008-2009
- Church Group Leader: Thomas Merton Center soup kitchen
- Coordinator, Lord's Kitchen of Stratford, a Community Feeding Program for the poor

#### **Professional/Community Awards**

- Conn. Probate Assembly Judge of the Year, 1988
- Casey Family Services Award for Children, 2001
- Bridgeport Rotary Club Service Award, 1998

- Children in Placement Judge Thomas D. Gill Award, 2004
- Bridgeport Bar Association Outstanding Service Award, 2007
- Governor Raymond E. Baldwin Award, 2007
- Stratford Community Fund Lighthouse Award, 2008
- John W. Sterling Memorial Award, 2009
- Catholic Charities / Thomas Merton Center Volunteer of the Year, 2013
- Certificate of Appreciation from the Office of the Probate Court Administrator and the Connecticut Probate Assembly, October 2014

#### **Publications**

- 1996. Do Children Need a Bill of Rights? Children as More than Objects of the Law; Connecticut Probate Law Journal, 10 Conn. Prob. L.J. 237-259.
- 1998. Connecticut Probate Seminar: Practical Representation of Clients with Psychiatric Disabilities; Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal, 12 Quinnipiac Prob. L.J. 475-482.
- 1999. Connecticut Probate Courts: A look into the twenty-first century; Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal, 13 Quinnipiac Prob. L.J. 379-399.
- 1999. Children in the Probate Courts of Connecticut Building a Case for Greater Resources; Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal, 14 Quinnipiac Prob. L.J. 227-244.
  2000. A Probate Symposium on Children's Issues; Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal, 15 Quinnipiac Prob. L.J. 93-95.