

## **Hon. Michael A. Albis**

Judge Michael A. Albis graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in 1975 and earned his *Juris Doctor* from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1978. He was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1978.

Judge Albis was nominated to be a Judge of the Superior Court by Governor Dannel P. Malloy on January 24, 2013, and the General Assembly approved his nomination on March 6, 2013.

Prior to Judge Albis' appointment, he was engaged in the private practice of law as a principal in the firm of Hilcoff & Albis, LLC, in East Haven. He was also the Judge of Probate for the District of East Haven from 1999 to 2011. He served as the Administrative Judge of the New Haven Regional Children's Probate Court from 2011 to 2013. From 1980 to 1985, Judge Albis served as the Assistant Town Attorney, and from 1991 to 1997 as the Town Attorney, for the Town of East Haven. Judge Albis was also a member of the adjunct faculty of Quinnipiac University.

Judge Albis' first judicial assignment in April 2013 was to the Geographic Area court of the New Britain Judicial District, hearing criminal matters. In September of that year, he was assigned to the Hartford Judicial District-Family Division. After serving for three years in the Hartford Family Division, Judge Albis was assigned to the Middlesex Judicial District in Middletown in September 2016. Since that time he has acted as the Presiding Judge of the Middlesex District's Family Division. In addition, he served a term as the Presiding Judge of the Regional Family Trial Docket, also based in Middletown, which handles complex family matters referred by trial courts around the state.

From November 2014 to September 2016, Judge Albis was as a member of a committee consisting of representatives of the Superior Court and Probate Court systems. The committee addressed issues created by the overlapping jurisdiction between the two courts in matters affecting children. Judge Albis was instrumental in drafting a protocol now used by both courts to determine how best to proceed when cases involving the same child are brought in both the Probate Court and the Family Division of the Superior Court.

In October 2015, Judge Albis joined several other Connecticut judges in attending a conference in Atlanta, Georgia, entitled, "Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases," presented by National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. In April 2017, he was a co-presenter to Connecticut judges on the topic, "Domestic Violence in the Context of Custody and Parenting Plan Orders." He has also co-presented courses for the state's judges on several occasions as part of the annual Connecticut Judges' Institute.

In 2016, Judge Albis was appointed as a Member of the Connecticut General Assembly's Task Force to Improve Access to Legal Counsel in Civil Matters. The Task

Force issued a comprehensive report to the General Assembly recommending various legislative actions to address the needs of lower income litigants in non-criminal cases. The recommendation named by the Task Force as its highest priority, providing court-appointed counsel for indigent parties in hearings on restraining orders in family court, is now the subject of a pilot program funded by the Connecticut legislature which is being conducted in the Waterbury Superior Court.

Judge Albis currently also serves as the Assistant Administrative Judge of the Middlesex Judicial District. In June 2018, he was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Judges' Association.

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