



HON. LITA M. POPKE

Bio

Lita Masini Popke, Retired Judge, Wayne County Circuit Court, joined JAMS in Detroit after a distinguished 20-year career as a Wayne County (Mich.) Circuit Court judge, including service as chief judge pro tem and as presiding judge in the Family Law Division. Judge Popke spent six years on Wayne County's Business Court, where she was known for efficiently managing the litigation before her, taking a hands-on approach to practical and cost-conscious solutions. On the family law bench, Judge Popke championed the needs of families. During her 12 years of service in Wayne County's Family Law Division, she enhanced the credibility of the family court system for both attorneys and litigants by taking action on referee reporting requirements, promoting federally funded programs for father involvement and as a member of the Child Support Leadership Council. Judge Popke believes that alternative dispute resolution gives parties control over their matter with meaningful settlements that might not be available in court. She is an adept problem solver with a keen ability to identify paths to settlement.