

U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

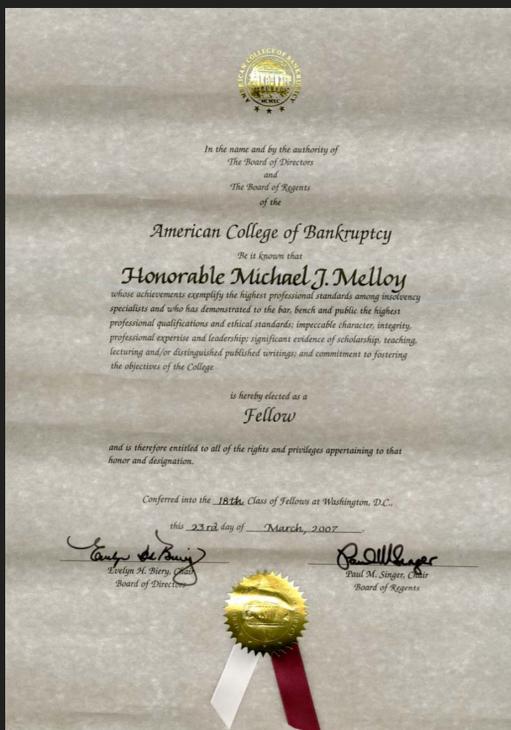


Michael Joseph Melloy was born on January 15, 1948, in Dubuque, Iowa. He graduated cum laude from Loras College in Dubuque with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics in 1970. From 1970 to 1972 he served two years in the United States Army and then continued to serve in the Army Reserves until 1976. While in the Reserves, he graduated with his Juris Doctor degree, with high distinction, from the University of Iowa College of Law in Iowa City in 1974.

After law school, he met Jane Anne Knapp in Dubuque. They married and had three daughters, Jennifer, Katherine, and Bridget.

From 1974 until 1986, Melloy practiced general, civil, and commercial litigation in the Dubuque firm O'Connor, Thomas, Wright, Hammer, Bertsch and Norby (later O'Connor & Thomas, P.C.), becoming a partner and shareholder.

In January 1986, Melloy was appointed U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, succeeding Judge William Thinnes. He was the only judge on the Court during the height of the farm crisis and held court in Cedar Rapids, Dubuque, Waterloo, Mason City, Fort Dodge, and Sioux City. When Judge William L. Edmonds was appointed to a new seat in August 1987, Judge Melloy became chief judge, a position he held until his appointment to the district court.



Certificate recognizing Judge Melloy's election as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy, 2007.



Iowa's U.S. Bankruptcy Judges from 1987 to 1992. L-R: Michael J. Melloy, N.D. Iowa Chief Judge; Lee M. Jackwig, S.D. Iowa Chief Judge; Russell J. Hill, S.D. Iowa; William L. Edmonds, N.D. Iowa.