

JAG Bellipanni



Joseph Bellipanni, a former District Judge in the Twentieth Judicial District of Colorado (Boulder) joined the Judicial Arbiter Group, Inc. in the fall of 2002. First appointed to the Boulder County Court in 1983, Bellipanni was appointed to the District Court bench in 1984 where he served for fourteen years until 1998. The last twelve years of his District Court service was spent as Chief Judge. Joe Bellipanni received his undergraduate degree from Loyola University in Chicago. He joined the VIDA volunteer program and taught high school and junior high in Walsenburg, Colorado. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Colorado School of Law and was admitted to the Bar in Colorado in 1976. Joe Bellipanni began his post-law school career by serving as a clerk for then Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward Pringle.

He was in private practice with the Denver law firm of Davis, Graham & Stubbs from 1977 until his first judicial appointment in 1983. While at Davis, Graham & Stubbs, Joe Bellipanni's practice emphasized general civil, commercial and constitutional litigation.

In 1995, the Colorado Judicial Department recognized Bellipanni as its Judicial Officer of the Year. While as a judge, he served on a number of committees including the Multi-Disciplinary Committee on Family Law, the Colorado Chief Judges' Council, the Judicial Educational Planning Committee and the Supreme Court Criminal Rules Committee. He was a presenter at a number of programs and seminars that concerned civil, commercial and domestic issues.

After leaving the bench in 1998, Bellipanni served as Chief of Party and Senior Judicial Advisor for the USAID-funded Administration of Justice Support Project in Cairo, Egypt. In those roles, Bellipanni worked with Ministry of Justice officials, judges and staff to improve case management and judicial education.