

Bill Yoder Bio

Judge Yoder obtained his BS Degree from Purdue University in 1982 and his JD from The John Marshall Law School in 1985.

Bill spent three years in private practice during which time he served as a part time public defender. He became an Assistant State's Attorney in 1988, where he rose to the position of Chief Felony Prosecutor in McLean County. After leaving the State's Attorney's Office, Bill spent eleven years in private practice as a partner at the John W. Yoder Law Firm where he concentrated in criminal law.

He was appointed McLean County State's Attorney in December of 2002 and was elected to additional four year terms in 2004 and 2008.

During his tenure as State's Attorney, he was involved in the successful development and implementation of the McLean County Drug Court and the McLean County Mental Health Court. He was also involved in the development of the McLean County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, a council charged with evaluating the efficiencies of, and recommending positive changes within, the criminal justice system.

In December of 2011, he was appointed Associate Judge and has served in both Logan County and McLean County.

Judge Yoder has previously presided over the Logan County Drug Court. In his current assignment, he hears DUI cases, pretrial bond court, and presides over the McLean County Recovery (mental health) Court.