

Judge Joseph K. Reeder

Twenty-Ninth Judicial Circuit ([Putnam County](#))



Judge Reeder was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He is a graduate of the West Virginia University College of Business and Economics. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business and Economics (Accounting) in 1987. He received his legal education at the West Virginia University College of Law. Judge Reeder graduated from law school with honors, as a member of the Order of the Coif, in May 1991. While in law school, he was active in the Lugar Trial Association and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity.

Following law school, Judge Reeder practiced law as an associate and then partner in several Charleston law firms. In 2003, he founded his own firm in Hurricane, West Virginia, where he practiced until his election to the bench in November 2012. He was re-elected in 2016. As a lawyer, Judge Reeder tried numerous cases and represented both individual and business clients in state and federal courts throughout West Virginia.

Judge Reeder was elected to the bench in the Twenty-Ninth Judicial Circuit (Putnam County), as a Republican. As judge, he has been particularly concerned with drug abuse issues and their effect on the community. He started the Putnam County Adult Drug Court and has been the presiding judge in that court since it was founded.

He is a member of the American Bar Association Judicial Division and a member of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals.

Judge Reeder is a member of the Pine Grove Church of Christ. He also is active as a leader of Troop 17 of the Boy Scouts of America and served as Membership Chairman (2014-2015) for the Pioneer District. He is a member of the Scott Teays Lions Club and was a Charter Member of the Putnam County Kiwanis Club. He was also instrumental in starting a BSA Legal Explorers Club in Putnam County for young people who may be interested in pursuing a career in the legal profession.

Judge Reeder resides in Hurricane with his wife, Linda, a Putnam County teacher, and their two sons.