

Biosketch for Linda L. Chezem, J.D

Chezem holds an appointment as Professor, Youth Development and Agriculture Education, College of Agriculture, Purdue University. She also holds adjunct appointments at the Indiana University School of Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Purdue School of Science-Indianapolis, Forensic Science Program, and the Indiana University School of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. Chezem is a senior research fellow of the Sagamore Institute and continues to consult with National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism with a focus on legal issues and alcohol research.

She teaches the following courses:

Public Health Law and Policy,

Forensic Science and Law, and

Selected Issues in Juvenile and Youth Law.

She has held appointments at Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis, and an Affiliated Scholar with the Center for Public Health Law Partnerships at the University Of Louisville School Of Medicine.

Most recently, Chezem served as a special assistant to Dr. T. K. Li, the Director of the National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism through an interagency personnel agreement with Purdue University. Her assignment included serving as liaison to programs of other federal agencies' such as the; Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws:

Discretionary Grants to Rural Communities at the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice; the Uniform Policy Provisions Law Research at Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), SAMHSA and CDC Center for Injury Prevention, U.S. Department of Health; and Youth Development, National 4-H Headquarters CSREES, USDA.

Within the Institute, her assignments included providing shared leadership for NIAAA work groups on the Ethical, Social, and Legal Implications (ELSI), Alcohol and Technology Development, and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders focus on legislative and justice issues.

Chezem recently consulted with American University Justice Office Programs School of Public Affairs on their US Dept of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance pandemic preparedness project for the state and local public health and justice systems.

Linda L. Chezem served twenty-two years as a full time judge in Indiana. Her first bench was in a trial court in Lawrence County, Indiana. She has been appointed as a special judge in over 300 cases serving 25 different counties. Her jurisdictional experience at trial court level ranged from traffic to felony-murder, marriage dissolution, probate, juvenile, and unlimited civil and criminal dockets. In 1988, Chezem was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals, Fourth District. She was retained on a statewide yes/no vote in 1992.

In 2001, through her service on the Morgan County, Indiana, Board of Health Chezem recognized a compelling need for up to date materials and references for public health emergencies for the justice system. While on the bench, her work included service on the Indiana Judicial

Conference Education Committee (chair: 1990-1993); American Bar Association, Judicial Administration Division, 1980-1999; National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 1982-1998, (Substance Abuse Training Committee: 1987-1993). She was the first National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Judicial Fellow. (1993-1995). Chezem continues to conduct Impaired Driving and Alcohol Assessments at the request of the states. Chezem completed a fellowship (2000-2001) with the Mid-America Regional Public Health Leadership Institute) and served as a team mentor for the fellowship class of 2002-2003. Chezem completed a fellowship (2000-2001) with the Mid-America Regional Public Health Leadership Institute) and served as a team mentor for the fellowship class of 2002-2003.

Chezem has received the following honors and awards:

2008 Circle of Hope Award, Fairbanks Institute, Indianapolis. IN, May 5, 2008 (The Richard M. Fairbanks Circle of Hope Award recognizes outstanding contributions related to research, education or treatment of drug and alcohol abuse and addiction.)

Distinguished Barrister award from **The Indiana Lawyer**, Indianapolis, Indiana May 7, 2008
Indiana Academy of Law Alumni, Bloomington, Indiana, April 2007,
Lawrence County Pacesetter, 2005, Women of Excellence, Lawrence County, Indiana, March, 2005:

Distinguished Alumni Award, Indiana State University, October, 2000; Recognition of the Indiana General Assembly with a Joint Resolution of the Indiana House of Representatives and the Indiana Senate, January, 1998;

Sagamore of the Wabash, awarded by Governor Frank O'Bannon, January, 1998; second Sagamore awarded by Governor Evan Bayh, January, 1997; first Sagamore awarded by Governor Robert D. Orr, June 15, 1988;

National 4-H Alumni Award, United States Department of Agriculture for Outstanding Service to the 4-H Program, September 12, 1994;

National Friend of Extension Award, Epsilon Sigma Phi, National Honorary Extension Fraternity, December 11, 1993; Indiana Friend of Extension Award, Lambda Chi Chapter of the Epsilon Sigma Phi, October 20, 1993;

Hoosier Hero, The Honorable Dan Coats, United States Senator from Indiana, November 26, 1991;

1990 Forum Series Award, Girls, Inc.; 1990 Community Service Award, Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce, April 2, 1990; Distinguished Hoosier Award, Governor Robert D. Orr, January 3, 1989;

Robert J. Kinsey Award for Outstanding Judicial Service and Support to the Children and Youth of Indiana, Indiana Judicial Symposium, June 15, 1988;

Governor's Exemplary Project Award for the Lawrence County Life Skills Program, August 26, 1988; Governor's Exemplary Project Award for the Lawrence County Juvenile Casework Program, March 27, 1986.

Chezem has enjoyed serving the community in the following ways:

White House Conference for a Drug Free America. Member of the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee. Presented at the White House Conference, Washington, D.C., March 1, 1988

Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership, Former Board Member and Vice President; 1991-2003

General Service Board for Alcoholics Anonymous, NY, NY, Class A (non alcoholic) Trustee and First Vice President; 1996-2002.

National Alliance for Alcohol Research and Education, Inc., Board Member, 2002 to present.

Public Health Law Association, Atlanta, GA, Board Member and co-Chair of the Products and Services Committee, 2004 to 2008.

Morgan County Board of Health, Morgan County, Indiana, member and as chair. Term ended Dec 31, 2004

Chezem continues to serve as a board member and/or advisor to groups internationally as well as at home.