Hon. David A. Berchelmann, Jr.

Senior District Judge Of Council Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee 10001 Reunion Place, Suite 600 San Antonio, Texas 78216

Judge Berchelmann brings vast knowledge and skills developed through his 40 year legal career as a trial lawyer and judge – having served the past 32 years as District Court Judge. Judge Berchelmann provides alternative dispute resolution services including mediation and arbitration. Qualified to serve as a "Special Judge", Judge Berchelmann also tries lawsuits on agreement of the parties and upon referral by the trial court.

Professional Experience

- ❖ Judge, Of Council to the Law Firm Naman, Howell, Smith & Lee 2013 − Present, San Antonio, Texas
- ❖ Judge, 37th Civil District Court; State of Texas 1992 2012 San Antonio, Texas
- ❖ Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals; State of Texas 1989 − 1990 Austin, Texas
- ❖ Judge, 290th Criminal District Court; State of Texas 1981 1989 San Antonio, Texas
- ❖ Assistant District Attorney; Bexar County District Attorney's Office 1973 1980 San Antonio, Texas

Education

- St. Mary's University School of Law Doctor of Jurisprudence/Juris Doctor (J.D.) 1970-1973
- St. Mary's University
 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), History
 1966-1970

Honors and Awards

- St. Mary's University Distinguished Alumni Award, 2011
- ❖ Developed and implemented the Community Service Probation program in conjunction with the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department.
- Starting in 1982, required probationers to make a financial contribution to the Crime Stoppers Reward Program, which has been adopted by many judges in the system and is still part of their probationary discipline today.

Organizational Involvement

- ❖ Who's Who in American Law
- San Antonio Bar Association
- ❖ State Bar of Texas (Judicial Section), 1981
- ❖ Texas Bar Foundation, 1989
- **❖** YMCA Texas
- ❖ Youth & Government Committee

- ❖ St. Mary's Law Alumni Board Lecturer
- Crosspoint
- ❖ Board of Alamo Kiwanis Club
- Community Justice Program
- * Bexar County Juvenile Board
- ❖ Local and State Bar Legal Seminars, 1981

Licensed to practice before the Texas Courts, the United States Supreme Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.