



Lisa Borgen

Retired Judge of District Court

Mediator | Arbitrator | Special Master

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“As a judge, I saw firsthand how empowering it can be when people are given the opportunity to resolve their disputes outside the courtroom. Mediation creates a space for thoughtful dialogue, practical solutions, and outcomes that truly reflect the needs of the people involved.” — Lisa Borgen (Retired Judge)

BIOGRAPHY

Lisa Borgen (Retired Judge) brings decades of outstanding legal and leadership experience, including seven years as a respected District Court Judge and two terms as an elected County Attorney. During her judicial tenure, she presided over a broad range of civil and family law cases, earning a reputation for practical wisdom, efficiency, and a calm, steady presence in the courtroom. Her approach was marked by fairness and a deep commitment to helping parties find resolution—even in the most complex and emotionally charged matters.

Appointed to the Minnesota District Court bench in 2006, Judge Borgen served until her retirement in 2013. She previously served as Clay County Attorney from 1999 to 2006, following a successful career in private practice representing clients in both civil and criminal matters. After her judicial service, she took on a leadership role as Vice President at American Crystal Sugar Company, where she oversaw all administrative divisions—including human resources and labor relations—until her retirement in 2024. Now retired from the bench and corporate leadership, Lisa brings her depth of experience to mediation, arbitration, and special master roles—offering parties a balanced, solution-focused approach to resolving disputes effectively and collaboratively.



PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil Mediation
- Family Mediation
- Civil Arbitration
- Family Arbitration
- Special Master Assignments

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota (1996)
- B.A. Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead Minnesota (1993)
- LPN, North Dakota State School of Science Wahpeton, North Dakota (1982),

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Minnesota
- United States District of Minnesota

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS & EMPLOYMENT

- Vice President, American Crystal Sugar Company (2014-2024)
- Judge, Seventh Judicial District, State of Minnesota (2006-2013)
- Clay County Attorney (1999-2006)
- Attorney, Borgen Law Office (1997-1999)

CIVIC & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Council Member, Moorhead City Council (2024-present)
- Commissioner, Moorhead Public Service Commission
- Board Member, Metro Flood Diversion Authority Board



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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Board Director, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- Board Director, Minnesota Judicial Council
- Board Director, Minnesota County Attorney's Association
- Board Director, Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation
- Nominating Committee Chairman, CoBank
- Board Director, Red River Children's Advocacy Center
- Board Director, Moorhead Legacy Education Foundation
- Board Director, Downtown Moorhead, Inc.
- Board Director, Eventide Senior Living
- Board Director, United Way of Cass and Clay Counties
- Board Director, YMCA of Fargo-Moorhead
- Board Director, Minnesota State University Moorhead Foundation



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