



Ronald Goodman, Chair

Ron Goodman was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota in 1947. He was raised primarily in Rolla and Napoleon, North Dakota. He graduated from high school from Assumption Abbey Prep School, Richardton, North Dakota in 1965. Ron attended Notre Dame University, transferred to St. John's University, Minnesota, and graduated with a BS in Psychology in 1969. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1969 to 1973. While in the Air Force, he did graduate work through the University of Southern California and attended the University of North Dakota (UND) after his discharge from the military. Ron received a Masters degree from UND in 1974 in guidance and counseling.

Ron worked for a North Dakota human service center in Mandan from 1974 to 1978. He attended the UND School of Law from 1978 to 1981 and received a JD degree from UND in 1981. He entered private law practice in Oakes, North Dakota in 1981 and continued until 1991 when he assumed the position of Dickey/LaMoure County Judge. He served as county judge until 1995 when he was elected to a North Dakota District Judge position. Ron served as district judge until 2009 when he retired and assumed a surrogate judge position. He resigned that position to assume his role on the North Dakota Ethics Commission in 2019.

Ron has taught business law as an adjunct professor for both Valley City State University and the University of Mary. He is a member of the Oakes, ND Legion and VFW, the Oakes Lions Club, and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Ron currently serves on the Oakes Area Community Foundation and the Oakes School Foundation.

Ron married Mary Jo (Kambeitz) Goodman in 1968. Ron and Mary Jo have two children, Chris and Eric, and five grandchildren, Katie, Reid, John, Faith and Betsy. They also have four granddogs.