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NEUTRAL PROFILE

Hon. James D. Barretto

PRACTICE AREAS:

Personal injury, Construction Site Accidents, Worker's Compensation, Auto Torts, Accidents Involving Children, Premises Liability, Property Damage, Insurance Coverage, Accidents involving minors, Wrongful Death, Brain Injuries, Alcohol-Related Accidents, Underinsured-Uninsured Motorist Claims.

PROFESSIONAL:

Massachusetts House of Representatives	1974 – 1985
Middlesex County Assistant District Attorney	1983 – 1986
First in the Appeals Bureau exclusively before the Supreme Judicial Court and the Appeals Court and later in the Trial Bureau.	
Bellotti & Barretto, Co-founder	1989 – 2009
Chief of Business, Technology & Economic Development Division	2009 – 2010
Associate Justice, District Court	March 2010
First Justice of the Peabody District Court	2014 – 2025

Tried or presided over countless jury trials and other matters over his fifteen-plus years on the bench and years of practice. Written hundreds of legal decisions during his tenure on the Court. For ten years, served on the District Court's Education Committee and lectured widely, playing a role in creating continuing judicial educational material and training new judges.

EDUCATION:

Graduated with honors from both Suffolk University and Suffolk University Law School.

OUTSIDE INTERESTS: READING, WRITING & MEDIA:

From 2002 to 2009, Judge Barretto served as a legal analyst for the local affiliate of a national cable news network and appeared on national and international television as a commentator on a variety of legal subjects.

While on the bench, in 2022, with guidance from the SJC's Committee on Judicial Ethics, Judge Barretto published a debut novel, *Mystic Wind: A Legal Thriller*, an award-winning novel dedicated to friend and colleague, former prosecutor Paul McClaughlin, who was murdered in the line of duty.

Upon retirement, Judge Barretto joined WCVB-TV 5 as a legal analyst covering breaking news on subjects of major legal importance.

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