

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Professor of Practice, School of Public and Environmental Affairs**

**Director, Civic Leaders Living-Learning Center**

INDIANA UNIVERSITY: Bloomington, IN

January 2013-present

*Teach classes on urban affairs. Develop new Center for incoming first-year undergraduate students interested in public affairs to open in Fall 2013.*

**Consultant/Attorney-**

August 2011 - present

*Provide ongoing strategic advice and/or support for groups such as the Brady Center/Campaign and U.S. Conference of Mayors. Participant in numerous conferences on international, economic development, urban, and political issues. Offer legal advice to clients (Indiana.)*

**President and Chief Executive Officer**

BRADY CENTER/BRADY CAMPAIGN

TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE: Washington, D.C.

July 2006 – July 2011

*Provided executive leadership, public voice and strategic vision for the nation's largest grassroots advocacy group working to reduce gun violence in the U.S. Directed all aspects of this non-profit, providing management oversight of approximately 40 employees and budgets of \$8 million.*

*Key Contributions and Accomplishments:*

- Raised profile of organization with numerous appearances on television and radio (including live appearances on *CBS Evening News*, *PBS Newshour*, *Fox News*, *MSNBC*, and *C-Span*, and taped interviews on *ABC*, *NBC*, *CNN*, *NPR*, *The Colbert Report* and *The Daily Show*), and nearly daily interviews with national, regional and local media outlets, including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *LA Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *TIME* and *Newsweek*, as well as by giving speeches and participating in debates and presentations across the country;
- Formulated strategy and delivered public response to two U.S. Supreme Court decisions

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- Following Virginia Tech shootings in 2007, coordinated lobbying efforts with allies in Congress to enact improvements to Brady Background Check database, the first gun control legislation to be approved in over a decade, leading to over a million more names in the prohibited gun purchaser listings;
- Initiated strategy, communications and lobbying efforts for changes in national gun laws following Tucson shootings in January 2011;
- After the nation's worst economic downturn since the 1930s, balanced budget and started organization on path to growth with increasing revenues and donors;
- Worked directly with numerous elected and appointed officials in Washington, DC, and around the country to help advance passage and implementation of reasonable gun laws;
- Testified before Congress on numerous occasions.

### Mayor

CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

January 1988 – January 2000

*Served as the Chief Executive of Indiana's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city while overseeing approximately 2000 employees and budget of \$200 million. Served as President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors (1997-1998).*

#### *Key Contributions and Accomplishments:*

- Strategized, passed, and implemented aggressive annexation program promised during campaigns for mayor that expanded Fort Wayne's population from approximately 175,000 when taking office to over 250,000 in 2010;
- Received national attention for implementing "Community-Oriented Government", fighting crime, redeveloping brownfields, and advocating for urban interests;
- Reduced city property tax rate and city debt;
- Strengthened the police department and started community policing (helping bring crime rate when leaving office to a 25-year low);
- Revitalized the downtown, with two new major parks, flood control projects, and infrastructure improvements;
- Implemented economic development programs that helped add jobs and keep the unemployment rates under the state and national averages;
- Helped Fort Wayne receive "All-America City" recognition from the National Civic League in 1998;
- Established two new sister-city relationships (with Gera, Germany and Plock, Poland) and strengthened pre-existing relationship with Takaoka, Japan.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (cont.)

### Attorney

HELMKE BEAMS, LLP: Fort Wayne, IN January 2003- June 2006  
BARNES & THORNBURG, LLP: Fort Wayne, IN January 2000-December 2002  
HELMKE, BEAMS, BOYER & WAGNER: Fort Wayne, IN June 1973-December 1987

*Represented numerous business clients and individuals as part of a general law practice, serving in an “of counsel” capacity with two different firms after leaving the mayor’s office, and as a partner (and earlier an associate) prior to serving as mayor.*

### *Key Contributions and Accomplishments:*

- Chaired Sentry Points LLC, a private sector startup that developed and marketed web platforms capable of providing real time interoperability of police, fire, and emergency communications to the public sector, with primary responsibility for introducing product to mayors and public safety officials across the country (January 2004-June 2006);
- Special Counsel to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Secretary Andrew Cuomo) working on gun violence prevention issues (February 2000-January 2001);
- Associate Allen County Attorney (part-time)(January 1974-December 1987);
- Associate Faculty (part-time), Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne (IPFW), teaching Media Law (1985-1987);
- Handled bench and jury trials, as well as appellate work (including arguing appeals in front of Indiana Supreme Court and Federal 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals);
- Admitted to practice law in Indiana (1973) and in Florida (1982).

## EDUCATION

**Yale Law School**, New Haven, CT

*Juris Doctor*, 1973; J.C.Gallagher Prize for Trial Advocacy, December 1971

**Indiana University**, Bloomington, IN

*Bachelor of Arts*, 1970 (With Highest Distinction and With Honors in Political Science); Phi Beta Kappa; Wendell Willkie Prize for highest graduating GPA in Political Science Department; Student Body President (1969-1970)

## **CIVIC LEADERSHIP AND ACTIVISM**

- 1998 Republican nominee for U. S. Senate in Indiana (winning Primary in upset)
- President of Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (1996-1997)
- National League of Cities Board Member (1995-1997) and Chair of Public Safety Committee (1995)
- Member of U.S. Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services’ “Violence Against Women Advisory Council” (1995-2000)
- Member of U.S. Departments of Labor and Education “School-to-Work Advisory Council” (1996-2000)
- Nominated to National Crime Commission by President William J. Clinton (1995)
- Member of Board of national Police Foundation (2012- present)
- Member of Firearms Committee of International Association of Chiefs of Police (2010-present)
- Member of Board of Visitors for Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) (1996-2008)
- Elected Mayor of Fort Wayne, IN three times, upsetting a Democratic incumbent in 1987 (52%) and with increasing re-elections percentages in 1991(59%) and 1995 (64.5%) – only the 2<sup>nd</sup> person in Fort Wayne history to be elected mayor to three consecutive four-year terms
- President of National Republican Mayors and Local Official organization, and ex-officio member of Republican National Committee (1993)
- President of Indiana Republican Mayors Association (1997-1998)
- Delegate (1992), Alternate (1988, 1992, 2000), or Guest Attendee (1964, 2000) at six GOP National Conventions, and Guest Attendee (2008) at one Democratic National Convention
- Chair of Allen-Wells (IN) Chapter of American Red Cross (1985-1987)
- President of Fort Wayne Future, Inc. (1979-1980)
- Board member for numerous non-profits in NE Indiana including Fort Wayne Community Foundation, Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Lutheran Social Services, and Mental Health Association
- Candidate for open seat in U. S. Congress (IN-4) in 1980, and in 2002 against GOP incumbent (IN-3)

- Republican Precinct Committeeperson in Fort Wayne, IN during much of the 1970s and 1980s
- Board member of Barristers' Union at Yale Law School (along with classmates Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham) (1972-1973)
- Winner on NBC's "Jeopardy" (June 1973)