

John D. Edwards

John D. Edwards is Professor of Law, Associate Dean for Information Resources and Technology, and Director of the Law Library at Drake University Law School. The Drake position brought his family to Clive in 1984. John and his wife Beth Ann have three adult children. He was first elected to the Clive City Council in 1995 and was re-elected in 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011, and 2015. From 1998-2005 and since 2009 he has filled the role of mayor pro-tem. Prior to being elected to the City Council he served on the Clive Library Committee and the Clive Active Park Task Force.

He twice was elected Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Des Moines Metropolitan Transit Authority, serving in 1997-98 and 2003-04, with tenure on the MTA Board for more than a decade. Since 2007 he has served on the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and currently is on the MPO Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funding Subcommittee. He has been a representative to the Metro Advisory Council (MAC) since 2005. Some of his other community activities include:

Westminster Presbyterian Church:

Board of Trustees, 1988-90.

Congregation President, 1991.

Curriculum Review Committee, 1988.

Elder, 1989-90.

Mission Study Team, 2009.

Nominating Committee, 2009-.

Personnel Committee Chair, 2002-07.

Stewardship Committee Chair, 2000.

Sunday School Teacher, 1986-88, 1989-91, 1992-94, 1995-2010.

Treasurer, 1990.

Worship Audio-Video Technician, 2009-2012.

Coed Softball Team Coach/Manager, 1987-94.

Boy Scouts Troop 208, Committee Chair, 1994-98.

Crestview Parent-Teacher Council, Co-Chair, 1988-89.

Des Moines Presbytery Pulpit Supply, 2012-

Electronic Research Committee, Iowa State Bar Association, 1984-91.

Iowa Supreme Court Commission on Planning for the 21st Century, 1995-96.

State Law Library Advisory Committee, 1991-92.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Audio Visual Technician, 2015-

West Des Moines School Bond Referendum Committee, 1990.

Education

University of Missouri-Columbia, M.A.L.S.

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, J.D.

Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, B.A.

Local Awards

Outstanding Volunteer, West Des Moines Community School District,
Crestview Elementary School, 1989-90.

Presidential Award, Student Bar Association, 1987, 2008-09, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17.

Friend of The Journal, Drake Journal of Agricultural Law, 2003-04.

Friend of The Drake Law Review, 2011-12, 2016-17.