

John Guthmann is a Ramsey County District Court Judge. He graduated from Cornell College with a double major in history and political science in 1976 and received his JD from the William Mitchell College of Law in 1980. Judge Guthmann was in private practice for 27 years before his appointment to the Ramsey County bench by Governor Tim Pawlenty in 2008. He wrote and lectured frequently in his practice areas while in private practice. Judge Guthmann initially served three years in the Ramsey County District Court Criminal Division. He presently serves in the Civil Division and, since 2009, has served as a Ramsey County Mental Health Court Judge. RCMHC is an innovative problem solving court that seeks to reduce recidivism and provide treatment and programming opportunities for individuals whose criminal conduct was precipitated in whole or in part by a diagnosed mental health condition. Judge Guthmann is also a member of the Civil Jury Instruction Guide committee and is on the Board of the Minnesota District Judges Association.