

Jim Irvine

Jim grew up in Detroit. After High School, he spent some time in the Army, mostly in German Occupation duty in the Adjutant General's Office, Headquarters Command, United States Forces European Theatre (USFET), in Frankfurt am Main.

Jim attended Wayne University, graduating in 1952 with a JD With High Distinction degree.

His first job was a one year appointment by Supreme Court Justice Henry Butzel, as his research clerk..

Thereafter Jim then worked in a variety of positions: in a small law firm in Detroit, as Law Clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Frank Picard, as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Dearborn, and for a Detroit based title insurance company where he was as a Title Examiner, Branch Manager, and Out-State Sales Manager. That company was bought by a national company which transferred Jim to its subsidiary in Toledo, where he was Vice President and Chief Title Officer. Next, Jim joined Ford Motor Company's Office of the General Counsel, in Dearborn, where he handled diverse real estate, dealer, utility, oil and gas, and purchasing matters. He retired after 20 years with Ford.

Since 1988, Jim and his wife, Mona, have lived 40 acres in Kent County, in an old farm house that Mona's father built.

Jim and Mona have been English Springer Spaniel owners and breeders for more than 40 years, and members of the MAPBD since the mid-1970s. Jim has been a member of the Board since 1999, and editor of its newsletter since 2003.