



Duane is a first generation college graduate who values the profound difference public educators have made in his life. Those educators directly impacted his professional life and influenced him to focus completely on public service. As an undergraduate, Duane served as one of 30 students selected nationally as a Center Fellow with the Center for the Study of Presidency, publishers of Presidential Studies Quarterly. Duane was also a recipient of the George C. Marshall Award, sponsored by the Marshall Foundation in honor of one of America's truly selfless public servants. After serving overseas as an Army officer, Duane returned home to Missouri to attend law school. In law school, he served as Editor in Chief of the ABA's national quarterly for state and local government law, which includes scholarly works regarding public education. Following law school, Duane served as a judicial law clerk at the Missouri Court of Appeals and as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Missouri.

Duane currently serves as an adjunct professor in the Doctoral Program for Educational Leadership at St. Louis University.

In private practice, Duane represented his first school district in 1997 and has dedicated his practice exclusively to the representation of public school districts since 2002. He has represented public school districts in state and federal court, as well as before state and federal administrative bodies.

Duane's extensive experience in this field is unparalleled and he continues to work every day to further not only his mission of public service, but the betterment of public education as a whole.

Duane and his wife, Wendy, have six children, all of whom are students of public schools or colleges.

