



BIOGRAPHY

Birthplace Hometown	Worcester, Massachusetts Oxford, Massachusetts
Current Residence	Leawood, Kansas
Family	Wife Debbie and pet boxers Kadence and Bogie
College	Studied education at Norwich University, Leicester Junior College and Worcester State College, 1967-71
Umpire Career	MLB Umpire Development Program, 1972 Minor Leagues, 1972-76 Major League Baseball, 1977-91
MLB Highlights	Home plate umpire, NY Yankees pitcher Dave Righetti's no-hitter, July 4, 1983 Third base umpire. Yankees versus Red Sox one-game playoff at Fenway Park to determine the Eastern Division champion. Yankees shortstop Bucky Dent hits 8th inning home run over left field Green Monster for winning run. Palermo made the home run call, October 3, 1978. World Series, 1983 American League Championship Series, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1989 All-Star Game, 1986 Ranked #1 umpire in AL by <i>Sporting News</i> for overall performance, 1991
Post-Umpire Career	Special Assistant to MLB Commissioner, 1994-99 Color TV analyst, NY Yankees cable network, 1996-97 Supervisor of MLB Umpires, 2000-current Motivational and Inspirational speaker, current
Accomplishments	The Steve Palermo Foundation for Spinal Cord Injuries (SPF/SCI). A family foundation began in 1992 to fund research to discover a cure for paralysis. Also provides hope/support to those with spinal cord injuries and their families. The SPF/SCI merged with the Kent Waldrep National Paralysis Foundation in 1995 and continued to 2003. Seeking to continue the work the Foundation created, the Palermos formed a partnership with University of Kansas Endowment Association. The Steve Palermo Nerve Regeneration Laboratory now resides in the Life Sciences Innovation Center at KU Medical Center. The same drive and dedication that returned Palermo to his feet fuels the efforts of this laboratory to aid in discovery of a cure for paralysis. Testified in 1993 in front of the Congressional Healthcare Committee, urging for the inclusion of physical rehabilitation within any basic healthcare insurance plan. Commissioner – White House Tee Ball Game on South Lawn, 2005. The event marked the 15th anniversary of The Americans with Disabilities Act, a milestone in the nation's quest to guarantee the civil rights of all citizens. The participating Little League teams are comprised of mentally and physically disabled children. Honorary Chairman – Mid-America Games, a Kansas City non-profit organization providing competitive modified opportunities for athletes with physical disabilities.

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