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EDUCATION:

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| New York University | JD 1980 |
| Bryn Mawr College | BA 1997 |
| Mount Saint Joseph Academy | Diploma 1973 |

AWARDS:

New York University

- Root-Tilden Scholar

Recipient of a three year public interest law scholarship awarded to two applicants
Per judicial circuit.

Bryn Mawr College

- Alumnae Scholar
- Accelerated Scholar: finished degree in three years

EXPERIENCE:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Environmental Hearing Board

1995 – Present

I am an Administrative law Judge, appointed by the Governor, who hears cases on environmental issues statewide. Cases presented before me involve problems with air, soil and water pollution, illegal dumping, illegal mining, penalties for violations of environmental laws and similar matter.

In this position I not only hear cases in court, but, because we sit without a jury, also render decisions and write opinions which create environmental case law in Pennsylvania.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Department of Environmental Resources

1992 – 1995

I was a staff attorney with the Conshohocken Regional Office. I completed major hearings before the Environmental Hearing Board, argued before Commonwealth and Common Pleas Courts, and participated in cases argued before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

I counseled and worked closely with staff of the Storage Tank, Solid Waste Management, and Water Supply and Community Health Programs.

Craig Washington and Associates and Commons and Lord 1990 - 1992

At each of these small firms I was an independent contractor involved in a varied civil practice. I spent the most time preparing employment discrimination cases and conducting the trials in Federal Court. The trial theory as well as most of the pleadings used by the offices in this type of case were developed and written by me. In addition, I attended the pre-trial conferences for settlement or arguments on the issues.

Logan Community Development Corporation 1985 - 1989

As Executive Director of Logan CDC, I was responsible for a diverse staff involved in the Corporation's projects which included a day care center, employment and training project, and the beginnings of a commercial development strategy for Logan's business district. My legal training was an asset as the Corporation, begun in 1985, grew and expanded forming subsidiary corporations.

Work with Logan CDC forced me to expand my duties to become involved with CDC, Inc., the Citywide Coalition of Community Development Corporations. I served two years as Board Chair and headed the two successful banking challenges in 1987.

Bronx Legal Services 1984 - 1985

I headed a community legal services office located in the South Bronx which housed 17 attorneys, 4 paralegals, 10 support staff members, and an average of 10 students from area law schools and colleges. Services included the areas of family law, housing (L&T Court), Social Security benefits, and consumer issues. My specialty, litigation, applied to all areas.

New York State Department of Public Services 1982 - 1984

In this position I wore two hats: Director of Advocacy and Supervisor of the Complaint Appeals Bureau. The advocacy Unit, with its staff of 10, was created by the Consumer Services Division to provide representation for low income consumers with complaints against utility companies. The Appeals Unit represented the consumer before the Public Service Commission. I hired and trained staff to do trial work as well as represented clients myself.

New York Legal Aid Society 1979 - 1982

Here I began as a legal assistant to a staff attorney and learned to do criminal defense litigation. Upon graduation from law school, I was hired as a staff attorney and then served as the Felony Intake Supervisor for cases not referred from the Arraignment Parts of the Criminal Court.

American Arbitration Association 1978 - 1979
Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution

I assisted in the development of a grievance resolution system for New York State penitentiaries. This system was later modified by me to be used in the State Universities which were experiencing ethnic and racial problems.

Navajo Legal Services Summer 1978

I lived on a reservation in northwestern Arizona and assisted in providing primarily civil legal services to Native Americans in isolation areas. I prepared briefs and memoranda for Federal Courts.

Philadelphia Commission for Effective Criminal Justice 1976 - 1977

I was the Administrative Assistant and Researcher for an office which served as the research arm of the Court Master's Office in a case against the City for overcrowding in the City jails. I wrote a monthly newsletter and provided research assistance to staff attorneys.

Juvenile Probation Office (Delaware County) 1974 - 1975

I supervised youth and worked with families and agencies to aid adjudicated youth and keep them from becoming incarcerated. This Special Program of the Delaware County Probation Office was designed to minimize the number of incarcerated youth in Chester.