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Bar Memberships

Admitted to practice in the State of Connecticut (1969), the District of Columbia (1975), the State of Maryland (1986), and the U.S. Court of International Trade (1984).

Education

George Washington University Law Center, Washington, D.C., J.D. (with honors) 1969

Mount Holyoke College, So. Hadley, M.A., A.B. 1966 (political science major)

Work Experience

August, 1997 to present Legal Skills Professor, University of Florida, Levin College of Law Legal Drafting Program

Special Projects:
Center for American Law Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland—created and taught contract drafting course, January, 2000 acting Director, Legal Drafting Program, Spring 2002

1986 to June, 1997 Assistant Attorney General, State of Maryland Office of the Attorney General, assigned to represent the Comptroller of the Treasury

Senior AAG representing the Comptroller in all legal matters relating to all business taxes, including sales and use tax, admission and amusement tax, fuel tax, alcohol and tobacco tax. Prepared and tried cases in Maryland Tax Court, and handled all aspects of appellate litigation before Circuit Courts, the Court of Special Appeals, and the Court of Appeals.

January-February, 1986 Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland, Adjunct Professor.

Taught intensive “intersession” course on international law and business.

December, 1982 to
October, 1985

Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the Assistant Attorney General for Import Administration
Senior staff attorney providing legal counsel in all matters relating to enforcement of the anti-dumping and countervailing duty laws. Directing Department of Justice in defense of actions resulting in litigation. Coordination of trade matters with Customs, and Office of U.S. Trade Representative.

September, 1980 to
December, 1982

Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of General Counsel.

Staff attorney providing legal counsel to National Marine Fisheries Service.

Special Project:

Office of General Counsel, Special Litigation Task Force
September to December, 1982. Assigned to defend litigation arising out of enforcement of Export Administration Act in connection with construction of Soviet-Western Europe gas pipeline.

October 1975 to
September, 1980

Self-employed, Washington D.C.
General Practice.

August, 1969 to
October, 1975

Associate Attorney, Tate, Capasses and Johnson, Westport, CT.
General Practice.