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### **EDUCATION**

#### **University of Pennsylvania - Wharton School of Finance**

*Bachelor of Science in Economics*

*May 1967*

#### **George Washington University - National Law Center**

*Juris Doctor (with Honors)*

*June 1970*

#### **Harvard University - Kennedy School of Government**

*Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government*

*July 1985*

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF ZONING AND ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

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Currently, I serve as a hearing examiner for the Montgomery County Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings, presiding over hearings in zoning cases, human rights complaints, construction contract disputes and other matters referred to us for hearings. In that capacity, I have conducted 52 full evidentiary hearings and have produced an equal number of detailed reports. Examples of those cases are:

- *Elaine Walker & Montgomery County HRC v. Privacy World*, REH 02950 & 03099, a complaint of “source of income” discrimination in the refusal of a landlord to accept “Housing Choice” (i.e., “Section 8”) vouchers;
- *San Jose Construction/McKinney Drilling Company v. Montgomery County*, OZAH 03-39, a dispute over a Montgomery County Government construction contract; and
- *In the Matter of Miller & Smith Land, Inc*, Zoning Application No. G-824, an application to rezone 23 acres of land to construct 290 townhouses in Clarksburg

#### **OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL, D.C.**

From 1983 to 2000, I supervised the Civil Division and other divisions of the District of Columbia Office of the Corporation Counsel (now known as the Office of the Attorney General), representing the District of Columbia government and its employees in civil lawsuits. I also served on occasion as the Acting Corporation Counsel, during short absences of the Corporation Counsel. Prior to being a Division Head, I was a Section Chief (1980 to 1983) and a Trial Attorney (1974 to 1980). In my tenure with the Corporation Counsel, I supervised litigation and settlement negotiations in literally thousands of lawsuits, and I personally litigated many of those cases. I also prosecuted approximately 100 juvenile and child neglect cases while a member of the Juvenile Division from 1972 to 1974. Among the matters I personally handled in the Civil Division were tort and equity actions, contract disputes, employment discrimination complaints and civil rights cases in both federal and local courts. Examples of those cases are:

- *Arlene Ackerman and the District of Columbia v. Teamsters Local*, CA No. 00-433, an action to enjoin a strike by school maintenance workers and drivers;
- *Marshall v. District of Columbia*, 392 F. Supp. 1012 (D.D.C. 1975), a claim that police employment decisions had impinged on an officer's religious freedoms;
- *Wilson v. Dixon*, Superior Court C.A. No. 91-11097 (Dec. 17, 1991), a challenge by former D.C. Council Chairman John Wilson to the Mayor's power to enter into contracts without prior D.C. Council review;
- *District of Columbia v. Helen Smith*, 642 A.2d 140 (D.C. 1994), a tort case, in which I handled the oral argument before the D.C. Court of Appeals;
- *Fisher and District of Columbia v. Bell Helicopter Co.*, 403 F. Supp. 1165 (D.D.C. 1975), a suit by the District against Bell Helicopter and AVCO Lycoming to recover for the crash of a police helicopter; and
- *Barry Campbell, et al. v. Walter E. Washington, et al.*, CA No. 76-1200, a class action Title VII lawsuit by employees of the District of Columbia Department of General Services.

### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS**

From 1970 to 1972, I had the honor of being the Court Law Clerk for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

### **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

As a supervisor with the Office of the Corporation Counsel, I received awards from all three Mayors I served. These included:

- "Meritorious Public Service Award" from Mayor Anthony Williams,
- "Letter of Commendation" from Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, and
- "Certificate of Merit" from Mayor Marion Barry.

I also received the Corporation Counsel Award as the "Outstanding Head of a Division."

### **BAR ADMISSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- United States Supreme Court Bar and Bars of Maryland, the District of Columbia and New Jersey
- Voting Delegate -- Judicial Conference of the District of Columbia, 1981 to 2000
- Council for Court Excellence Jury Project (Chair of the Juror Understanding Subcommittee)
- Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- Civil Jury Instruction Committee of the Young Lawyers Section of the District of Columbia Bar Association
- Superior Court's Advisory Committee on the Civil Rules (and the "Rule 68 Subcommittee")
- Lecturer at the 1996 Spring Judicial Education Conference
- National Mediation Board Roster of Arbitrators
- Superior Court Mandatory Arbitration Committee
- Neutral Case Evaluator for the United States Courts, District of Columbia Circuit
- Lecturer at the Summer 1991 District of Columbia Bar Training Program on the new Rules of Professional Conduct
- Organized and presented training to Corporation Counsel attorneys

## **REFERENCES**

### **The Honorable John M. Ferren**

Senior Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals  
(202) 879-2759

### **The Honorable Nan Shuker**

Senior Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
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### **The Honorable Joan Zeldon**

Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
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### **Stephen B. Farber**

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### **Françoise M. Carrier, Esquire**

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### **Donald H. Spence, Jr., Esquire**

Former Chairman, Montgomery County Board of Appeals  
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