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**JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:**

Court of Appeals of Maryland, Judge, 1994-2008; Senior Judge, 2008-Present  
Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Associate Judge, 1982-1994  
District Court of Maryland, Associate Judge, 1980-1982

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

Certified Mediator and Arbitrator, 2008-Present  
American Arbitration Association, Arbitrator and Mediator, 2015-Present  
Sachs, Greenebaum and Taylor, Partner, 1979-1980  
State's Attorney's Office for Montgomery County, Assistant State's Attorney, 1973-1979

**EDUCATION:**

**Certified Mediator:**

American Bar Association, 2007  
Appellate Mediation, Maryland Court of Special Appeals, December 2009-Present

**Law School:**

Washington College of Law of The American University, Juris Doctor, December 1972

**Post-Graduate Studies:**

The Hague Academy of International Law, The Hague, Holland, July 1959

**Undergraduate Studies:**

Syracuse University, Bachelor of Arts, June 1959

**BAR MEMBERSHIPS:**

Court of Appeals of Maryland, 1973  
Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, 1974  
United States District Court for the District of Maryland, 1977  
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1977

**TEACHING ACTIVITIES:**

**National:**

Washington College of Law of The American University, Adjunct Professor, Trial  
Practice, 1980-Present  
Maryland Judicial Institute, faculty member, 1984-2008

**International:**

The Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, Lecturer, April 2005  
Taiwan High Court, Taiwan, Lecturer, May 2001  
Consultant at Conference for Newly Independent States, Leiden, The Netherlands,  
November 1995

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Senior Judges Committee, Maryland Judicial Conference, 2015-Present  
Maryland Access to Justice Commission, Chair, 2008-2014  
Maryland Judicial Conference, Judicial Compensation Committee, Chair, 1997-2008  
Attorney General's and Lt. Governor's Family Violence Council, 1995  
Maryland Special Committee to Revise Article 27, Crimes and Punishment, Annotated  
Code of Maryland  
Maryland Judicial Conference, Executive Committee, elected to represent Sixth Judicial  
Circuit, Legislative Committee, 1985-1989  
Commission to Study Bail Bond and Surety Industry in Maryland, appointed by Chief  
Judge Murphy to represent Maryland Judicial Conference, 1981  
District Court Committee on Criminal Law and Motor Vehicle Matters, Chairperson,  
appointed by Chief Judge Sweeney, 1981-1982  
Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland, Inquiry Committee, 1978-1981

**Maryland State Bar Association:**

Maryland Bar Foundation, Fellow, 1989-Present  
Board of Governors, elected 1981, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1990  
Standing Committee to Draft Pattern Jury Instructions in Civil and Criminal Cases,  
Chair; Sub-Committee to Draft Pattern Instructions in Criminal Cases, Chair, 1980-  
2012; Member, 1980-Present  
Criminal Law and Practice Section Council, Chair, 1983-1984; Member, 1973-Present;  
Section Council Member, 2008, 2011-2013  
Montgomery-Prince George's Continuing Legal Education Institute, Inc., Board of  
Trustees, 1997  
Special Committee on Law Related Education, 1983-2012  
Judicial Administration Section Council, Member, 1994  
Special Committee on the Centennial of the Maryland State Bar Association, Member,  
1994  
Judicial Administration Section Council, 1994-1998  
Special Committee on Judicial Selection and Tenure, 1979  
Special Committee on Environmental Law, 1978-1979  
Special Committee on Trial by Jury, 1988-1993  
Special Committee on Law Practice Quality, 1989-1992

**American Bar Association:**

American Bar Association Fellow  
Criminal Justice Standards Committee Task Force on Diversion and Special Courts,  
Chair, 2006-2010  
Criminal Justice Standards Committee, Chair, 2002-2004, Chair, 1995-1996, Member,  
1994-1996

Criminal Justice Standards Pretrial Release and Speedy Trial Task Force, 1999-2001  
ABA Bar Foundation Fellow, 1994-Present  
Criminal Justice Section Council, elected 3-year term, 1997  
Criminal Justice Standards Committee Task Force on Trial by Jury and Discovery, 1991-1993  
Committee on Rights of Victims in the Criminal Justice System, 1992  
Ad Hoc Committee on the Indigent Defense Crisis, 1992-1993  
Judicial Division International Courts Committee, 2006

**Montgomery County Bar Association:**

Bar Leaders, Montgomery County Bar Foundation  
Executive Committee, elected 1979-1980  
Criminal Law Section, Chairperson, 1978-1979  
Ethics Committee, 1977-1978  
Nominating Committee, 1977-1978  
Circuit Court Committee  
Correctional Reform Committee  
Committee on Administration of Justice

**American Law Institute**, elected 1997, Member

**American Inns of Court:**

Fahy Inn, Executive Committee & Charter Member, 1983-1985  
J. Dudley Digges Inn, 1985-2000  
Alan J. Goldstein Inn, President, 1995-1996

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Article, *Fourth Amendment and Independent State Grounds*, 77 MISS. L.J. 401 (2007)  
Note, *The New "No-Knock" Provisions and its Effect on the Authority of the Police to Break and Enter*. 20 Am. U. L. Rev. 467 (1970-71)

**HONORS:**

Simon E. Sobeloff Law Society Sobeloff Award, 2016  
Public Justice Center - Access to Justice, 2014  
Maryland Bar Foundation, H. Vernon Eney Award, June 2009  
Maryland State's Attorney's Association Leadership Award, 2008  
American Bar Association, Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, August, 2007  
Lady Justice Award, National Association of Women Judges, District 4, 2007  
*The Daily Record's* Leadership in Law Award, 2001  
National Association of Social Workers' Public Citizen of the Year Award, 2001  
Certificate of Appreciation presented by Montgomery County Bar Association for contribution to the Mentor-Mentee Program, 2000  
Outstanding Jurist Award presented by Montgomery County Bar Association, 2000  
Recognized by *The Daily Record* as one of "Maryland's Top 100 Women," 1998, 1999, 2001 and 2003  
*The Daily Record's* Circle of Excellence, 2001

Midwood High School Alumni Association, Lifetime Achievement Award, 1999  
Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Distinguished Women Award, 1999  
Montgomery County Bar Association Century of Service Award, 1999  
The American University, Washington College of Law Distinguished Alumna Award, 1999  
Included in *Women of Achievement in Maryland History*, a historical reference book on extraordinary achievements of women in Maryland American Red Cross, Maryland Chapter, Elizabeth Dole Woman of Achievement Award, 1998  
*Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who in the East*  
Syracuse University Alumni Club of Greater Baltimore, Outstanding Alumnus, Spokesperson & Jurist, 1996  
Margaret Brent Trailblazers Award presented by The American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession and The Women's Bar Association of Maryland, 1995  
New York Bar Foundation, Award of Appreciation, 1995  
Outstanding Syracuse University Alumna Award in Commemoration of 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Syracuse University, 1995  
Rita C. Davidson Award, Recipient of Annual Award, Women's Bar Association of Maryland, 1995  
Ninth Annual Dorothy Beatty Memorial Award for Significant Contribution to Women's Rights, Women's Law Center, 1994  
Robert C. Heeney Award, Recipient of Annual Award, Maryland State Bar Criminal Law Section, 1993  
Women Legislators of Maryland, The General Assembly, Citation, in recognition of outstanding contributions to the advancement and welfare of women in Maryland, 1989  
Congregant of Excellence, awarded by Adas Israel Men's Club, 1988  
"Celebration of Women" Award, Pioneer Women Na'amat Outstanding Service on Behalf of Victims of Family Violence, 1985  
Montgomery County Government Certificate of Appreciation and Recognition for contribution to a more responsive approach to the problems of domestic violence, 1983  
Montgomery County Government Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Task Force on Battered Spouses, 1982  
Montgomery County Government Certificate of Appreciation and recognition for two years of outstanding work to promote the safety and dignity of women as a member of the Montgomery County Sexual Offenses Committee, 1977  
Lawyer's Cooperative Publishing Company and Bancroft Whitney awards for highest grade in Torts, Criminal Procedure and Modern Land Transactions, 1971-1973  
American University Law Review, Associate Editor, 1972  
Lura E. Turley Prize, American University, 1972  
Merit Scholarship to Attend Hague Academy of International Law, 1959  
Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honorary, 1958  
Deans List, Syracuse University, 1957-1959

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

American Bar Association, 1974-2013  
Maryland State Bar Association, 1973-Present  
Montgomery County Bar Association, 1973-Present  
Women's Bar Association of Maryland, 1974-Present  
Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia, 1978-Present  
National Association of Women Judges, 1980-Present, Maryland Chapter, elected  
Treasurer, 1991; elected President, Maryland Chapter, 1994  
The International Academy of Trial Judges, 1989-Present  
National District Attorney's Association, 1973-1980  
Network 2000, 1996-2011  
The Women's Forum of Washington, DC, 2004-2012  
Cosmos Club, Member, 2008-Present

## **CIVIC ACTIVITIES:**

Washington College of Law, Dean's Advisory Council, Member, 1998-2009  
Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs Advisory Board,  
Member, 1996-2004  
Bethesda-Chevy Chase YMCA Committee of Management, 1995-2004  
Montgomery County Task Force on Battered Spouses, 1981  
Montgomery County Advisory Committee on Environmental Protection, 1980  
Montgomery County Crisis Center, Citizens Advisory Board, 1979, 1980  
Montgomery County Advisory Committee to County Executive on Child Abuse, 1976-  
1977; Battered Spouses, 1977-1978  
Montgomery County Sexual Offenses Committee, 1976, 1977  
West Bradley Citizens Association, Treasurer, Vice-President, 1964-1968