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PERSONAL:

Born: May 30, 1943, Stamford, Connecticut
Marital: Married, two daughters
Military: Honorable Discharge, United States Army

EDUCATION:

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts: J.D., 1968
Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire: A.B. cum laude, 1965;
Phi Beta Kappa, Senior Fellow
Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland Summer, 1966
London School of Economics and Political Science: Autumn-Winter, 1964
Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana: Summer, 1964

PRESENT

EMPLOYMENT:

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In my present position, I serve as a private mediator or arbitrator
in a variety of high stakes civil disputes, including commercial litigation,
employment law, personal injury, medical malpractice, and other matters.

PREVIOUS

EXPERIENCE:

Judge, Connecticut Superior Court, 1991-2012
Following two years in criminal courts and one in juvenile court, nearly all
of my experience as a member of the judiciary has been as the Presiding
Judge for Civil Matters, first in Meriden (1994-1996) and then New Haven
(1996-2003; 2008-2012) with briefer interludes as a Civil Jury Trial Judge
in Middletown (2003-2005), Special Civil Proceedings Judge (i.e.
injunctions, pre-judgment remedies, etc.) (2006-2008), and Felony
Criminal Jury Trial Judge (2005-2006), all in New Haven.

The primary task of a Civil Presiding Judge in Connecticut is to manage
the entire civil docket, conducting settlement conferences, assigning those
cases which do not settle to trial before oneself or to other judges, and

hearing and deciding dispositive motions. The position requires in depth familiarity and facility with all aspects of procedural and substantive law.

Managing Partner, Garrison, Silbert & Arterton, P.C.
(Predecessor of Present Law Firm) 1974-1991
Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut: Program Coordinator, Guggenheim
Criminal Justice Program; Clinical Teaching Fellow, 1972-1976;
Visiting Lecturer, 1991-1995
New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Inc., New Haven, CT
Staff Attorney; Managing Attorney, 1969-1972
University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut: Instructor (Full time: 1968-
1969; Part time: 1974-79)
Consultant, Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, New York, New York
(1979-1991)
Consultant, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Winston-Salem, NC, (1983)
Consultant, National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, Virginia (1976-1979)

HONORS

AND AWARDS:

New Haven County Bar Association, Yale Sappern Civility Award
(October, 2013)
American Board of Trial Advocates, Connecticut Chapter
Professionalism and Civility Award (November, 2010)
Community Mediation, Inc. Hon. Robert C. Zampano Award for
Excellence in Mediation (May, 2005)
Connecticut Bar Association, Hon. Henry J. Naruk Judiciary Award (June, 2003)
Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association Judiciary Award (June, 2001)
James W. Cooper Life Fellow, Connecticut Bar Foundation (2001-present)

CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION FACULTY, PRESENTATIONS,

PAPERS, ETC.:

First International Congress on Mediation, Guayaquil, Cuenca and Quito,
Ecuador: "Mediation for Better Case Management," "Breaking
Impasse", "Referring Cases for Mediation" (October, 2012)

Russian-American Rule of Law Consortium: Pskov, St. Petersburg, Vologda
Petrozavodsk and Novgorod, Russia: Twice Yearly Seminars For Russian
Judges, Attorneys and others, including the following subjects:
"Mediation"; "Mediation of Commercial Disputes"; "Judicial Ethics";
"Land Law-Eminent Domain"; "Self Represented Litigants in the Pskov
Arbitrazh Court"; "Mass Media and the Courts"; "Professional
Responsibility and the Organized Bar"; "The New Russian Housing
Code"; "Evidence"; "Civil Damages"; "Appeals"; and "Bar
Associations". (May, 2001-March, 2012).

Connecticut Judges Institute Faculty: “Judicial Behavior” (June, 2009) ; “‘Huh?’ Strategies for Assuring that Jurors Remember Testimony and Understand Their Instructions” (June, 2006); “Insurance Issues at the Pre-Trial Settlement Conference” (June, 2004); “Judicial Ethics: Ex Parte Communications and Disqualification” (June, 2000); "Product Liability" (June, 1997); “Adverse Inferences and the Missing Witness Rule" (June, 1995)

Seoul National University College of Law, Seoul, Korea: “Loyalty, Friendship, Temptation and Legal Ethics” (February, 2001)

Conference on “The Profession of Judge”, Terjola, Republic of Georgia: “Judicial Conduct” (September, 1999) ; Conference on “The Birth of a New Judiciary”, Chakvi, Republic of Georgia: “The Role of a Voluntary Judges’ Association in an Independent Society” (May, 1999)

BAR

MEMBERSHIPS: United States Supreme Court: 1979; Second Circuit Court of Appeals: 1971; Federal District of Connecticut: 1969; State of Connecticut, 1968

ELECTIVE OFFICE: Board of Education, Guilford, CT: 1984-1991; Vice-Chair, 1989-1991

PROFESSIONAL

ORGANIZATIONS: Mediators Beyond Borders, Member (2012-present)
Russian-American Rule of Law Consortium, Treasurer (2002-2012)
Connecticut-Pskov Rule of Law Partnership, Chair (2001-present)
Connecticut Bar Association (1969-Present)
Connecticut Judges Association (1991-2012)
Connecticut Bar Foundation, James Cooper Fellow
New Haven County Bar Association (1996-present; Executive Committee Member, 2002-2011)
New Haven Inn of Court (1999-present; President, 2003-2005)

OTHER INTERESTS: Entomology, Photography, Canoeing, Kayaking, Squash and Scuba Diving

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Russian

MISCELLANEOUS: “Jeopardy!” Champion. October 7, 1998 Broadcast