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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- 15+ years successful practice of law
- Administrative experience
- Administrative law experience for 10 years
- Compliance and regulatory experience for 10 years
- Health care experience for 10 years
- Policy and government affairs experience for 3.5 years
- Motivated and enthusiastic teaching faculty for 8 years
- Skilled mediator for 5 years
- Procurement and contracting experience
- Demonstrated leadership experience
- Expertise in organizational communication and public speaking

WORK HISTORY

Vice President, Federal and State Contracts, The Judge Group, Wayne, PA, January 2023-Present

U.S. Department of Defense, September 2020-January 2023

Contract Specialist, U.S. Department of the Navy, NAVSUP Weapon Systems Support, Mechanicsburg, PA, November 2021-January 2023

Contract Specialist, Defense Logistics Agency Land and Maritime, Mechanicsburg, PA, September 2020-November 2021

Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners

Consultant, as needed, October 2021-Present

Director of Policy and Government Affairs, Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, Pittsburgh, PA, (remote position), April 2018-September 2021

Assistant District Attorney, Franklin County District Attorney's Office, Chambersburg, PA, February 2020 – July 2020, furloughed part of time due to COVID-19 pandemic

Association Director, National School Transportation Association, Lansdale, PA, April 2018-December 2018

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of General Counsel, September 2011-October 2017

Board Counsel, Attorney 4, Governor's Office of General Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of State, Counsel Division, Harrisburg, PA, June 2017 – October 2017

Hearing Examiner, Attorney 4, Governor's Office of General Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of State, Office of Hearing Examiners, Harrisburg, PA, April 2014-June 2017

Assistant Counsel, Attorney 4, Governor's Office of General Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Harrisburg, PA, September 2011-April 2014

Attorney, Independent Contractor, Rosen, Varsek & Rosen, Oil City, PA, March 2011 – July 2011

Assistant Professor (part-time), Liberal Studies Department, University of Pittsburgh-Titusville, Titusville, PA, September 2010-May 2011

Teaching Faculty, Department of Communication, Clarion University, Clarion, PA, January 2008 – May 2011

Teaching Faculty, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Criminal Justice Program, Clarion University, Clarion, PA, August 2008-May 2010

Attorney, Legal Consultant, Special Project (personal injury), Steele Law Office, Pittsburgh, PA, November 2007 – March 2008

*Left DA position to finish educational doctorate and graduated in 2007

Assistant District Attorney, Venango County, Franklin, PA, 2004-2005

Attorney, Independent Contractor, Rosen, Rosen, Bloom & Varsek, Oil City, PA, 2003

Teaching Faculty, Speech Communication Department, Clarion University, Clarion, PA, 2001-2004

Adjunct Faculty, Business Division, Butler County Community College, Butler, PA, 2001

Home-Based Case Law Editor, Lexis Publishing, Miamisburg, OH, 2000-2001

Compliance Specialist, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, PA, 1999-2000

Attorney, Lynn, King & Schreffler, Emlenton, PA, 1996-1999

Attorney, Self-Employed, Law Offices of Maria Battista Kerle, Knox, PA, 1994-1997

Real Estate Agent, ERA Mazzocchi Realty, Clarion, PA, 1994-1997

Attorney, Culbertson, Weiss, Schetroma & Schug, P.C., Meadville, PA, 1993-1994

LEGAL / BUSINESS / GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS EXPERIENCE

- Board Counsel experience: Provided legal advice and counsel to assigned Boards within the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (osteopathic medicine; podiatry; auctioneer examiners; landscape architects; vehicle manufacturers, dealers and salespersons); conducted administrative hearings and wrote formal final decisions for assigned Boards; disposed of procedural matters; addressed inquiries to the assigned Boards; prepared legislative analysis on senate and/or house bills; revised Board forms; worked with assigned Board administrators and staff; defended Board matters on appeal.
- Hearing Examiner experience: Conducted administrative hearings and wrote over 300 formal decisions recommending the disposition of administrative action regarding the discipline of professional licensees to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the 29 professional licensing boards within the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (business and healthcare boards). Presided over hearings for other Commonwealth agencies on an as needed basis. Regulated the course of administrative hearings, including scheduling, recessing, reconvening and adjourning proceedings; conducted pre-hearing conferences; convened and presided at formal hearings for the licensing boards and commissions and Executive agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction; assured that an adequate record was developed; administered oaths and affirmations; issued subpoenas requiring the appearance of witnesses and/or the production of documents; disposed of procedural matters, except those involving final determination of proceedings; ruled upon offers of proof and received evidence; made findings of fact and conclusions of law in accordance with the evidence and the law at issue; and, issued decisions demonstrating logic, common sense and research consistent with the law.
- Health Care Law experience: Provided legal advice and counsel to various programs in the Department of Health (DOH) as assigned by Chief Counsel. Provided legal counsel to the Bureau of Community Program Licensure and Certification, including for the Division of Home Health (home care/home care registries; home health; hospices; and birth centers), the Hearing Aid Program and the Drug, Device and Cosmetic Program. Collaborated with the Office of Attorney General, Health Care Section, on matters related to the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. Reviewed licensure applications, including when there was a merger or acquisition of another health care facility. Part of a team of attorneys in the Department of Health who conducted administrative hearings as well as civil and appellate litigation. Provided responses to RTKL requests in my area of specialty under the direction of the DOH RTKL legal coordinator. Ongoing communications with CMS, the FDA, and the Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations.
- Healthcare Policy and Government Affairs experience: Review pending state and federal legislation and regulations that would potentially impact nurse practitioners and provide commentary and action plans for consideration by PCNP leadership; draft responses to pending legislation and regulations that provides provider neutral language and suggest changes/amendments that would sustain the nurse practitioner profession and protect PCNP's interests; interact directly with the Lobbying and Media Relations firms contracted with PCNP when working on initiatives such as legislative and regulatory initiatives and policy; draft regulatory language and work with the PA State Board of Nursing to develop appropriate regulatory language, as required; establish and maintain relationships with organizations and key stakeholders to increase awareness and elevate the need for nurse practitioners; develop and present concepts to the board and execute strategic and tactical public relations programs that enhance the visibility of nurse practitioners, PCNP members, and PCNP on a local, state, and national level; develop and monitor key messages in external public relations and marketing programs; maintain consistency of messages to various audiences; develop and implement, in collaboration with PCNP Executive Director and Executive Committee, external marketing and public relations programs that enhance the credibility of nurse practitioners and PCNP; attend meetings, conventions, and trade shows of related associations, commercial groups and government agencies to monitor activities related to market development, public perception and awareness of nurse practitioners and PCNP, and similar initiatives as approved by the PCNP Executive Director and Executive Committee; develop and maintain workflow and project communication with appropriate committees and other key staff as determined by Executive Director and Board initiatives; provide external public relations and marketing support for

reimbursement and government affairs initiatives; make recommendations to the Executive Director related to expenses relevant to public relations, marketing, and governmental affairs of PCNP; represent PCNP at the PA State Board of Nursing meetings and monitor and attend as necessary meetings of the PA State Board of Medicine and the PA State Board of Osteopathic Medicine; prepare an annual calendar of events prior to each calendar year and update as necessary; develop and draft updates to members for PCNP weekly e-communications, bi-annual newsletter and any other publication as requested; draft and provide periodic presentations to members and other key stakeholders as requested; formulate written position papers and policy statements for PCNP with input from the Executive Director and PCNP Board of Directors.

- Transportation Association Director experience: Guided and facilitated association committees and board through brief/timely/effective agendas and minutes to achieve the goals of the Association's Strategic Plan; guided and facilitated association meetings and events as an effective leader of discussion while welcoming and integrating the views of association members and meeting participants; worked effectively and collaboratively with employees and others who are concurrently providing services to the association; acted as editor/publisher of association newsletter and other member communications to provide brief/succinct information of value to members in a format and style that matches the membership audience; worked effectively with other employees/members/vendors/others to keep effective association records and to assure that the association's library of resource materials is current and of value to association members, including the development of webinars, seminars, toolkits, etc. in collaboration with others; managed programs to enhance Association's relationships with its members and drives member retention and recruiting; Industry spokesperson and liaison, including legislation and regulation duties; monitored, interpreted, communicated and drove regulatory and legislative association matters at state and federal level in conjunction with Association's lobbyists and the directors of state associations; advised and assisted members and member committees on federal regulatory and/or state legislative matters; maintained and advanced a positive public relations strategy with the membership, community and government and funding sources and media, including press releases, newsletter, website, and social media approach; managed, organized and coordinated efforts to raise PAC funds; established and maintained effective working relationships with regulators, legislators and other organizations; developed outreach to general public to enhance the school bus profession; developed a plan to increase privatization in targeted states; represented and/or coordinated representation for Association at Congressional hearings, department or Commission hearings, and any other agency or committee meetings to present the Association's position; managed, with Board, all media inquiries and press releases; kept Officers and Board of Directors fully informed on all issues and matters in a timely fashion; represented Association at various state and federal conferences, meetings, etc.; publicized and promoted the activities, programs, and goals of the association; managed programs to enhance Association's relationships with state associations; maintained regular contacts with all State Associations to market the benefits of Association membership; conducted surveys of State Associations to identify needs of and satisfaction with Association; developed programs and materials to assist State Associations and their membership; and, acts as a resource to State Associations; wrote and presented oral argument on exemption request to the Unified Carrier Registration Plan Board of Director (UCR Board) for school buses only used in intrastate commerce to not be counted for purposes of UCR fees, which obtained a unanimous vote by the UCR Board, saving the for-hire school bus contractor industry millions of dollars each year.
- Procurement experience: Responsible for pre- and post-award functions for spares and repairs of weapon systems for the U.S. Navy (previously submarines and carrier ships; now cruisers and destroyers). Conduct market research, prepare solicitations, determine sources to be solicited, issue referrals, work with internal and external stakeholders, negotiate cost of spares and repairs with solicited sources, ensure all proper documentation in contract file, and issue awards, among other duties. Daily use of FAR and DFARS.
- General practice of law: criminal law, family law, real estate (including oil/gas), social security disability, workers' compensation, business law, employment law, wills, estates, defense litigation, and personal injury.
- Prosecutorial (Assistant DA) experience: assisted police in the investigation of criminal offenses; provided legal opinions to police relative to investigations; conducted legal research and wrote opinions; advised police on the drafting of criminal complaints, search warrants and statements of probable cause; evaluated evidence relative to propriety of criminal charges and search warrants; assembled and evaluated evidence, interviews, and prepared witnesses for various court appearances; represented the Commonwealth in the prosecution of cases at preliminary hearings, pretrial motions; trials before court and/or jury, post-verdict motions and

appeals; represented Commonwealth in Post-Conviction Relief Act hearings, writs of habeas corpus; in Juvenile Court proceedings; in summary appeals; and pre-trial conferences; conducted legal research, presented oral arguments and prepared written briefs before various courts; responded to miscellaneous requests for legal opinions from law enforcement officers and the general public; interacted with all other state and local law enforcement agencies and local individuals and organizations.

- Criminal jury trial experience (received verdicts in 75% of cases; PowerPoint used in trials)
- Successful Oral arguments before the Superior Court, Pennsylvania
- Legal consultant in complex personal injury case: prepared complex litigation documentation; organized and prepared documentation and PowerPoints; provided guidance on witness preparation, day in a life video, and life planning issues; and, conducted mediation presentation of evidence for Plaintiff against Wal-Mart, which fostered continued negotiations with Wal-Mart legal counsel.
- Wrote legal case summaries and core concepts for the Lexis-Nexis legal database; used by attorneys, paralegals, interns, law students, and universities.
- Experience determining whether documents requested due to a motion filed or right-to-know-law request are either privileged or not relevant to a request
- Assisted in gathering extensive data and outlined alternatives for individuals seeking permanent residency in the U.S.
- Fundraising experience in political setting

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

- Higher education: Successfully taught Organizational Communication, Fundamentals of Speech, Interpersonal Communication, Public Speaking, Methods of Persuasion, Great Women Speakers, Introduction to Business, Criminal Procedure, Juvenile Justice, and Introduction to Administration of Justice
- Administered and monitored University's 504, ADA, Title IX and Title VII policies and programs as well as drafted or revised policies as necessary in various educational departments, including the sexual harassment policy
- Investigated complaints of discrimination at the higher education level, including sexual harassment complaints
- Provided assistance with campus-wide training programs in the area of sexual harassment
- Acted as liaison to University Presidential Commissions and provided assistance with the coordination of related programming
- Key organizer of educational conferences focusing on leadership, education, and legal issues
- Successfully completed 5-week instructional-led online "Teaching Online Certification Course" (learned D2L tools and best use in online pedagogy; began development of an online course using QM standards and instructional design principles; and gained an appreciation of the student's perspective in taking an online course), Clarion University, Oct.-Nov. 2010
- Brought multiple resource people into college classroom setting to provide students with "real-life" experiences
- Instructed sections of Clarion University's Act 101/EOP Program
- Instrumental in getting key speakers (attorneys/judge) for summer Mock Trial program for high school students; member of faculty for program as well as the judge for the student mock trial, hosted at Clarion University, Summer 2006
- Successful grant writing experiences
- Created an elementary Student/Parent Handbook, which is used in the school district
- Public school teaching experience in first and sixth grade
- Elementary Principal Internship, Keystone Elementary School
- Assisted in reviewing student assignments and designed exams for first-year law students
- Taught law related issues to elementary and high school students
- Fundraising experience for higher education programming

MEDIATION TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Program Director, Office of General Counsel (OGC) to the Governor Mediation Program, Harrisburg, PA, July 2015-June 2016

Managed all aspects of the OGC Mediation Program, including: reviewed Requests for Mediation from any Commonwealth agency under the Governor's jurisdiction, any OGC Attorney, any commonwealth employee, or any party engaged in a dispute with a commonwealth agency and for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC); assigned mediators for approved Requests for Mediation; addressed mediator concerns, including threats of harm; helped coordinate mediator training; addressed any inquiries related to the OGC Mediation program; collaborated with Executive Committee; presided over quarterly practice group meetings; offered guidance to subcommittees; designed initial SharePoint site for practice group; preserved continuing education mediation courses by having them videotaped; collaborated with the PHRC to provide mediation training to mediators on various types of discrimination cases that come before the PHRC; collaborated with Board of Claims to add additional area of mediation under the OGC Mediation Program; collaborated with the United States District Court for the Middle District of PA mediation program; provided guest speakers for specific issues of interest to mediation practice group; assisted in the organization and continued success of the program.

Co-Chair, OGC Mediation Practice Group, Harrisburg, PA, March 2014-June 30, 2015

Helped direct the quarterly mediation practice group meetings; assisted subcommittees with assignments and continuing legal education programming; participated in Executive Committee meetings and telephone conferences; prepared agendas for quarterly meetings; and, assisted other mediators, as needed.

Mediator, Office of General Counsel to the Governor, Mediation Program, 2013-2017

Successfully mediated numerous cases for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and Commonwealth agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction.

Selected to serve as a mediator on the Office of General Counsel's Mediation Panel (voluntary dispute resolution process) from January 2013 through October 2017 after participating in a three-day training program at Dickinson School of Law on January 25-26, 2013 and February 1, 2013.

Mediator, PHRC, October 2017-2018

Multiple continuing legal education courses in mediation, 2013-present

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

PA Inspired Leadership Facilitator Summer Institute, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Penn State University, July 8-9, 2009

Trained to facilitate for the PA Department of Education, as needed, continuing education courses in the six leadership corollary standards for Superintendents and Principals.

Anne Anstine Scholar, Class of 2006, Anne Anstine Excellence in Public Service Series, September 2005 - June 2006

Political leadership training: local, state and federal government; the media; public policy issues; financing and fundraising; government relations; public relations; networking; leadership; communication; and, polling and campaign training.

CERTIFICATIONS

Basic Safety Awareness Orientation, PEC Premier Safety Management, Inc., Offshore/TRAP/SafeGulf SafeLand, Bradford County, PA, March 2011

Certificate of Training, National Transportation Safety Board Highway Crash Investigation Course, NTSB Training Center, Ashburn, VA, June 7, 2018

Certification, Contracting Professional, Department of the Navy, February 1, 2022

PUBLICATIONS

Note, *The Role of the Arbitrator*, 19 Ohio N.U.L. Rev. 127, Issue 1 (1992)

Comment, *A Time to Smell the Roses*, 1 The Women's L.J. 1 (1997)

ARTICLES

Prescribing Guidelines for Pennsylvania, *The Safe Prescribing of Opioids in Orthopedics and Sports Medicine*, brought by Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, last revised March 22, 2017, available on-line, in collaboration with multiple authors.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

Caruso, A.M. & Schlamb, C. (2021). PCNP: A new era in shaping health policy. *Journal of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners*, (33), 11, pp. 857-861, DOI#10.1097/JXX000000000000528; (2020), pp. 1-5, Dec 1. DOI:10.1097/JXX.0000000000000528 On-line ahead of print.

*I am referenced in this publication.

POSTER/ABSTRACT PRESENTATIONS

(International) (Peer-reviewed & invited)

Martin-Plank, L, Chappell, L., **Battista, M.**, Caruso, A.M. (2021, August). All Politics are Local: Strategies to engage Advanced Practice Nurses in the policy arena. Presented at the meeting of the 11th International Council of Nurses, NP/APN Network Conference 2021, Virtual Platform

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS

Faculty member/speaker, Physicians Legal Issues Conference, at Penn State's Dickinson Law School, Carlisle, PA, September 14, 2019

Presentation (2 faculty members): *Risk Management and Liability Prevention: The Importance of Proper Medical Documentation*

Co-planner with Joe Barrett, ADR Coordinator for U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania, Faculty Member and Facilitator, *Introductory Mediation Training*, Harrisburg Hilton, Harrisburg, PA, April 6-April 8, 2017

- A joint collaboration with the Office of General Counsel and the United States District Court, Middle District of PA; Professor Nancy Welsh, Penn State Dickenson School of Law, Presenter
- Training of 37 attorneys (17 for U.S. District Court-Middle District; 17 OGC attorneys)
- Presenter, Office of General Counsel Mediation Program, Friday, April 7, 2017

Faculty member/panelist, Office of General Counsel, Mediation Practice Group, Harrisburg, PA, December 3, 2015
(2 faculty members): *Mediation at the Board of Claims*

Faculty member/panelist, Office of General Counsel, Mediation Practice Group, Harrisburg, PA, February 12, 2015
Presentation (2 faculty members): *Lessons Learned from PHRC Mediations*

Faculty member/panelist, Office of General Counsel, Appellate Practice Subcommittee of the Litigation Practice Group, Harrisburg, PA, November 5, 2014

Overall Presentation (3 faculty members): *The Nuts and Bolts of Presenting an Oral Argument to an Appellate Court and Why You Should Be An OGC Moot Court Judge*

Sub-Category Presentation: *The Communication Process & How to Effectively Present Your Oral Argument*

Faculty member/panelist, PA Bar Institute, 19th Annual Health Law Institute, Philadelphia, PA, March 12, 2013
Presentation (2 faculty members): *The Home Care Agency Licensure Process*

PRESENTATIONS/SERVICES

Speaker, Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners 17th Annual Conference, Bridging the Healthcare Gap, Pittsburgh, PA, October 4, 2019

Presentation: *A New Era in Health Policy - Policy and Government Affairs Update*

Speaker, Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners 16th Annual Conference, Advocate. Collaborate. Educate., Pocono Manor, PA, November 2, 2018

Presentation: *PCNP: A New Era in Shaping Health Policy! – Remarks*

Speaker, National School Transportation Association 2018 Annual Meeting & Convention, Philadelphia, PA, July 24, 2018

Presentation (2 presenters): *Seatbelts on School Buses*

- Speaker, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Appellate Practice Section Meeting, Hershey, PA, November 19, 2015
Presentation: *The Role of the Hearing Examiner and Practice Tips in Administrative Proceedings while Making a Complete Record for Appellate Review*
- Speaker, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Administrative Law Section Meeting, Hersey, PA, November 20, 2014
Presentation: *The Role of the Hearing Examiner and Practice Tips for Administrative Proceedings*
- Volunteer Juror, PA BAR Association's Young Lawyers' Division, High School Mock Trial Competition, Harrisburg, PA, January-February 2013
- Volunteer, Office of General Counsel Disaster Recovery Initiative, as a result of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, October 2011
- Coach, Mock Trial/Argument day, Clarion County, hosted for gifted students at Keystone Jr.-Sr. High School in conjunction with Administrative Offices of PA Courts and PA Bar Association, April 12, 2011
- Presenter, Leaders in Action 2011, *Networking for Success*, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, presented by The Center for Leadership and Involvement, February 26, 2011
- Consultant to Administrative Offices of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), judicial educational curriculum planning for higher education, Harrisburg, PA, January 4, 2011
- Hosted and event planner, First Public Performance Series, University of Pittsburgh-Titusville, PA, December 2010
- Teacher Institute on the Judiciary, sponsored by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, IU6, Clarion, PA, October 12, 2010
- Assisted in coaching high school students with their oral arguments to the mock appellate court
- Legal Counsel recruit, PA Republican Party, assist with challenges to other potential governor candidates, August 2010
- Judge, Miss Clarion River Valley (preliminary for Miss PA pageant), Clarion, PA, January 9, 2010
- Developer and Organizer, Lecture Series, Pennsylvania Supreme Court with Justice J. Michael Eakin, (videotaped 18 lectures in August 2010/production postponed)
- Developer and Organizer, Lecture Series, Appellate Courts of Pennsylvania, in conjunction with the Clarion County Republican Committee and the Young Republicans at Clarion University, October 2009
Presenters of Lectures: Kevin Brobson, Esq., Candidate, Commonwealth Court; Temp Smith, Esq., Sallie Mundy, Esq., Judge Judy Olson, and Judge Paula Ott, Candidates for Superior Court; college students: Braden Picardi, Nichole Flick, and Andrew Smith.
- Host and event planner, Second Public Performance Series, Clarion University-Venango Campus, Spring 2009
- Host and event planner, First Public Performance Series, Clarion University-Venango Campus, Fall 2008
- Judge, Colgate Country Showdown (local level), America's Largest Country Music Talent Search, July 22, 2007
- Judge, Talent Show, Clarion County, 93.7 radio station sponsored event, Spring 2007
- Faculty/Advisory Board, Clarion Summer Academy 2006 (high school students), Clarion University, Mock Trial, July 16-21, 2006
- Commencement Speaker, Keystone Jr.-Sr. High School, Senior Graduation, Knox, PA, May 2006
- Judge, The Miss Riverfest Teen Pageant, East Brady, PA, March 2006
- Judge, Miss Cumberland Valley Scholarship Pageant, Carlisle, PA, March 2006
- Judge, The 2005 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Regional Competition, Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law, Ada, Ohio, February 2005
- Legal Counsel for Clarion County on election law, Bush Campaign, November 2004
- Judge, East Brady Riverfest Queen Pageant, East Brady, PA, June 2004
- Guest Speaker, Kindergarten Class, Clarion Area Elementary School, May 2004
Discussion of the landmark case, *Brown v. Board of Education*
- Assisted in Recount of Challenged District Magistrate Race, Clarion, PA, January 2004
- Judge, National Education Debate Association Tournament, Duquesne University, Spring 2003
- Guest Speaker, Professional Development Series, Clarion University, Clarion, PA, 2002-2004
- Volunteer/Teacher, Super Economics Saturday, Clarion University, Clarion, PA, 2001 & 2002
- Judge, Clarion University Public Performance Tournament, Clarion, PA, 2001, 2003, 2004
- Women's Conference, Clarion University, Member of Panel Discussion, Sexual Harassment, 2000
- Appointed by Governor Ridge to serve on Governor's Judicial Advisory Commission for Clarion County due to vacancy of the judge of the court, 1999

Guest Speaker, Law Day, A-C Valley Elementary School, Sixth Grade, May 1997
 Alumni Presenter, Career Workshop for Zeta Phi Eta, Clarion University, Clarion, PA, Fall 1996
 Panelist, *What if the Supreme Court Looked Like This? (All Women)*, Our Foremothers' Legacy Project, Clarion University, Clarion, PA, October 1995
 Guest Speaker, *The Inside Story: Women Running for Public Office Forum*, sponsored by Our Foremothers' Legacy Project with Clarion County League of Women Voters, Clarion, PA, March 1995
 Volunteer Juror, Mock Trial Competition, Clarion County Courthouse, Clarion, PA, March 1995
 Judge, Miss Autumn Leaf Festival Pageant, 1989, 1993, 1994

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES, COMMITTEES, SYMPOSIUMS

Member, *Physicians' Legal Issues Conference Planning Committee*, sponsored by the PA Medical Society, The PA Bar Association & Penn State's Dickinson Law, 2018-2019; first conference held in Carlisle, PA, September 13-14, 2019
 Member, *Safe and Effective Prescribing Practices Task Force*, with Pennsylvania Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Harrisburg, PA, 2014-present
 Course Planner, Organizer, and Moderator, Legal Symposium, *21st Century Energy Vitalization: Marcellus Shale – Boom or Bust?* Clarion University, Clarion, PA, March 22, 2011
Master of Ceremonies: Jim Cawley, Lt. Governor; Panelists: Tyrone Christy, Commissioner, PUC; Kathryn Klayber, President & Executive Director, Marcellus Shale Coalition; Scott Perry, Director, Bureau of Oil & Gas Management, DEP; David Spigelmyer, Vice President, Government Relations, Chesapeake Energy; Mike Love, Vice President, Government Relations, UGI; former CEO, Energy Association; David Yoxheimer, Extension Associate, Penn State Marcellus Center for Outreach and Research; Doug McLinko, Bradford County Commissioner; Moderators: *PA Commonwealth Court:* Judge Renée Cohn Jubelirer; Maria C. Battista, J.D., Ed.D.; Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN) attended and aired program statewide.
 Member, *Women in Sports Planning Committee*, Clarion University, Clarion, PA, April 19, 2010
 Course Planner and Organizer, Legal Symposium, *In the Aftermath of Luzerne County: An Examination of the Courts as Protectors of Children*, Clarion University, PA, April 6, 2010
Master of Ceremonies: Judy Shopp, Chief Counsel, PA Department of Education; Panelists: *PA Supreme Court:* Madame Justice Sandra Schultz Newman, ret., Justice Michael Eakin; *PA Superior Court:* Judge Cheryl Allen; *Common Pleas Court:* Judge John Cherry; Moderators: *PA Commonwealth Court:* Judge Renée Cohn Jubelirer; Victor Stabile, Esq., Dilworth Paxson LLP; Via Webcast: Senator Lisa Baker; Majority Leader Todd Eachus; Carol Lavery, Victim Advocate, Commonwealth of PA; Senior Judge Arthur E. Grim, Berks County, Special Master, review of cases in Luzerne County; Guest Vocalist: Kimberly Easton, WPXI, Channel 11 News; multiple viewings statewide on PCN, including Thursday, April 8, 2010, and Saturday, April 10, 2010
 Moderator, *Professional Women in the 21st Century: Managing Multiple Roles*, Clarion University, PA, April 21, 2009
 Course Planner, Organizer and Fundraiser, Legal Symposium, *What if the Supreme Court Looked Like This—All Women*, Clarion University—Venango Campus, PA, March 26, 2009
Nine Female Panelists: *PA Supreme Court:* Madame Justice Sandra Schultz Newman, ret.; *PA Superior Court:* Judge Joan Orié-Melvin, Judge Maureen Lally-Green, Judge Christine Donohue, Judge Jacqueline Shogan, Judge Cheryl Allen; *PA Commonwealth Court:* Judge Renée Cohn Jubelirer; *PA Common Pleas Court:* Judge Stephanie Domitrovich, Judge Maureen Skerda; Master of Ceremonies: Senator Mary Jo White; Moderators: Victor Stabile, Esq., Partner, Dilworth Paxson LLP; Thomas VanKirk, CEO, Buchanan, Ingersoll and Rooney, PC; J. Michael Love, CEO & Pres., Energy Association of PA; Senator John Pippy; Via webcast: Justice J. Michael Eakin; two viewings statewide on Pennsylvania Cable Network (April 2nd and April 6th, 2009)
 Host, *The Tenth Samuel Francis School Law Symposium*, presented by the Tri-State School Study Council, Administrative and Policy Studies Department, School of Education & University of Pittsburgh School of Law, June 20, 2007
 Moderator and assisted in coordinating, The 2007 Jean Winsand International Institute for Women in School Leadership, *Leadership, Communication and Grooming: Professional Enhancement*, presented by the Tri-State Area School Study Council, Administrative and Policy Studies, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh, Edgewood Country Club, Pittsburgh, April 19, 2007

Selected Participant, U.S. Senate Leadership Summit for Young Professionals, Washington, D.C., September 19-20, 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Pennsylvania Bar Association, 1994-2004, 2006-Present

- Administrative Law Section, 2014-present
- Former Council Member

Allegheny County Bar Association, 2007-2008

Clarion County Bar Association, 1994-2004

- President, 2000

Franklin County Bar Association, 2020

Venango County Bar Association, 1998-1999, 2005-2006, 2008

Assoc. of Trial Lawyers of America, 1993-1994

American Bar Association, 1993-1996

Eastern Communication Association, 2010

Appointed, Presidential Commission on Affirmative Action, Clarion University, 2009-2011

Appointed, Presidential Commission, Status of Women, Clarion University, 2008-2011

Pennsylvania State Education Assoc., 1995-1996

National Education Association, 1995-1996

Keystone State Reading Association, 1995-1996

Pennsylvania Assoc. of Realtors, 1995-1997

National Association of Realtors, 1995-1997

Allegheny Valley Board of Realtors, 1995-1997

Clarion Women's Civic Club, 1996-1999

Clarion Rotary Club, 1997, 2000-2001

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL PRACTICE GROUPS

Program Director, Mediation Program, July 2015-June 2016

Litigation Practice Group, 2011-2017

Appellate Practice Subcommittee, 2011-2017

- Assist as a judge for the Office of General Counsel Moot Court to prepare attorneys to argue before the Commonwealth Court.

Administrative Law Subcommittee, 2011-2017

- Chair, 2013
- Vice Chair, 2012
- Course designer, SharePoint/WIKI site, 2013

Mediation Practice Group, 2011-2017

- Co-Chair, March 2014-June 30, 2015
- Secretary, 2014
- Course designer, SharePoint/WIKI site, 2014-2015

Legislation and Regulations Practice Group, 2011-2017

Criminal Justice Practice Group, 2011-2017

LAW HONORS, AWARDS, and ACTIVITIES

Academic Scholarship Recipient Ohio Northern Law School (\$24,000)

Associate Editor, Law Review

Moot Court Board of Advocates

Member, Street Law Program (public service in high school teaching), 1990-1991

Book Award, Interviewing/Counseling/Negotiations, Fall 1992

American Jurisprudence Award, Research & Writing, Spring 1991

American Jurisprudence Award, ATLA Mock Trial Competition, Spring 1993

Quarter Finalist, Daniel S. Guy Appellate Advocacy Competition, Spring 1991

Quarter Finalist, ATLA Student Trial Advocacy Competition, Spring 1992

Participant, Midwest Regional Student Trial Advocacy Competition, Spring 1993

Member, Jazz Band, Piano, 1990-1993

UNIVERSITY HONORS, AWARDS, and ACTIVITIES

Commencement Speaker, Clarion University, Spring 1990

Pennsylvania State Persuasive Speaking Champion, 1989

Dr. Lawrence A. Smith Outstanding Senior Award, 1989 (best student teacher of year award)

Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament, St. Louis, Missouri

- Excellent Prose Interpretation, 1989 (top 30 in the nation)
 - Excellent Poetry Interpretation, 1989 (top 30 in the nation)
- CUP Forensics Team (Debate/Individual Events), 1987-1990
- President, 1988-1989
 - Numerous speaker awards: debate, persuasion, informative, extemporaneous, prose, and poetry
- Who's Who Among Students in American Universities, 1989
Outstanding College Students of America, 1989
Honors Program, EXXON/PAHEE Scholarship, 1985
Pi Kappa Delta (National Honorary Forensics), 1988-1989
- President, 1988-1989
- CUP Forensics Team (Debate/Individual Events), 1987-1990
- President, 1988-1989
- Kappa Delta Pi (Education Honor Society), 1986
Rho Epsilon Real Estate Fraternity, Spring 1990
Lab Jazz Band, 1985-1988
Symphonic Band, 1985
Actress, *Quilters*, CUP Drama Department, 1987
Music/vocal director, Production of *The Apple Tree*, CUP Drama Department, 1987
Accompanist, *The Boyfriend*, CUP Drama Department, 1990

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Honored Member, Cambridge Who's Who, Registry of Executives and Professionals, 2007-2008

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, School of Education, Administrative and Policy Studies, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Doctor of Education, School Leadership, April 2007
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GPA: 3.958

Duquesne University, Department of Communication & Rhetorical Studies, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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Courses taken: The Rhetoric and Philosophy of Integrated Marketing Communication; The Rhetoric and Philosophy of Public Relations; and Rhetorical Criticism

Kent State University, School of Communication Studies, Kent, Ohio
Guest Student, Doctoral Program, Summer 2002
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Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania
Master of Education, Education Administration, July 1998
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Ohio Northern University, Claude W. Pettit College of Law, Ada, Ohio
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Piano Soloist, Pittsburgh Youth Symphony, Saint-Saëns Op. 22 Second Concerto in G Minor, 1984
Governor's School for the Arts, Piano, Summer 1984
Piano Entertainer, Carley's Ristorante & Piano Bar, Harrisburg, PA, April 2015-March 2017