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- Education:** Bachelor of Arts with Honors and Distinction, University of Delaware 1979
Juris Doctorate, Dickinson School of Law, 1982
- Honors:** Associate Editor, Dickinson Law Review;
Winner, Merna Marshall Moot Court Competition Third Circuit Court;
Distinguished Service Award, Philadelphia Bar Association, Young Lawyers
Alumni Service Award, Dickinson School of Law;
Sociology Honor Society and Mortar Board National Honor Society;
Nominee Outstanding Graduate, University of Delaware.
Outstanding Graduate, winner Faculty Bowl, Delsea Regional 1976
Distinguished Alumni, Delsea Regional High School 1995
- Legal Experience:** Adams & Adams, Jan 1993 to present
General practice concentrating in Real Estate, Zoning and Planning, business and
commercial representation.
- Judge Franklin Twp/Buena Borough Joint Municipal** Jan 2012 to present.
Judge, West Deptford Township/ National Park Joint Municipal Court February 2013
to present
Judge, East Greenwich/Woodbury Joint Municipal Court Feb 2015 to present.
Judge, Pennsville, January 1, 2016.
Judge, conflict Monroe Township, Penns Grove, Glassboro, Bridgeton and Vineland
- Solicitor, Harrison Twp. Planning Board.** Jan. 2002-2013
Solicitor, Woolwich Twp. Zoning Board. Oct 1998-2007
Solicitor Alloway Planning Board Jan 2005 to December 2006
Solicitor Carneys Point Combined Development Board November 2005 to 2008 and
Jan 2010 to December 2015
Solicitor Elk Twp Combined Development Board January 2006-2014
Solicitor, Swedesboro Zoning Board 1996-1998;
Past Substitute Solicitor South Harrison Planning Board, East Greenwich Planning
Board and Zoning Board, Pennsville Planning Board, Pilesgrove Twp Land Use Board;
Harrison Zoning Board, Elsinboro Planning Board as needed
- Public Defender Harrisburg PA** (special license to practice 1981-82)
Public Defender Greenwich Twp. 2005
- Rawle and Henderson,** 1984-December 1992
Litigation attorney Defense of medical malpractice, products liability and Hospital Law;
automobile negligence,
- Obermayer, Rebman, Maxwell, & Hippel,** 1982- 1984
Litigation attorney Defense of professional medical malpractice litigation;
- Arbitrator, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas,** 1984-1990 panel member and chair;
Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association: 1994-2003
MESP Panelist Gloucester County Superior Court as needed.
- Bar Admissions:** Special License to Practice Prior to Graduation Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of the Public Defender Harrisburg 1981-1982

Supreme Court of the State of New Jersey December 16, 1982
United States District Court, District Of New Jersey 1982
Supreme Court of the Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania November 9, 1982
United States District Court, Eastern District Of Pennsylvania December 22, 1982

Teaching: **Instructor NJ Inst. of Continuing Legal Education** Real Estate Section Practicum for newly licensed attorneys 2005 thru 2009
Instructor NJ Planning Officials Planning and Zoning 2005 to present
Instructor League of Municipalities Planning and Zoning Board members 2006 to present
Instructor Pennsylvania Bar Institute topics: Ethics 1980's, **Real Estate law** 2012 to 2014

Bar Association Service: **Philadelphia Bar Assoc. Young Lawyers** elected representative and officer
Phila. Bar Assoc. Committee on Professional Ethics; past member and officer.
Gloucester County Coach Mock Trial Team Delsea Regional High School (2 years)
Gloucester County Judge Mock Trial Program (two years)
Gloucester County Professional Ethics & Responsibility District IV past service 3 years;
Reduced Fee Attorney Gloucester County Superior Court Incompetency proceedings and DYFS matters

Community Service: **Member and Chair Swedesboro Zoning Board,** 10 years;
Alumni Assoc. Phila. Chapter of the Dickinson School of Law; president, 6 years
Swedesboro Day volunteer
Music Ministry Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit.

Pro Bono/Reduced Fee Legal Services: **Trinity Episcopal Church, Swedesboro; St Johns Church; Holy Name of Jesus Church, Mullica Hill; Historic Education Lodge Preservation (H.E.L.P.) Swedesboro; Emanuel Lutheran Church, Alloway; Mt. Zion AME Church Woolwich; Seventh Day Adventists Williamstown; Senior Citizen Wills**