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Professional Background

1983—2008

- Surrogate, New York County
- 132 reported opinions, many addressing novel issues (e.g., rights of children born through in vitro fertilization; rights of non-marital fathers in adoption cases; designed process of determining death of persons missing in aftermath of 2001 attack on World Trade Center; reformation of trusts involving Subchapter S corporations and GRITs; seminal case reforming will to maximize tax benefits for estate

1980—Present

- Adjunct Professor, Fordham University School of Law (Estate Administration)

1999—Present

- Chair, Surrogate's Court Advisory Committee of the Office of Court Administration

1976—1982

- Monthly Columnist, "Wills, Estates and Surrogate's Practice," New York Law Journal

1969—1982

- Law Assistant and Referee, Surrogate's Court (King's County)

Community and Public Service

1974—Present

Lecturer in the following forums:

- Judges's Association of the State of Georgia (keynote speaker on courts as critical second responders to emergencies such as September 11th attack on World Trade Center)
- Japanese Adult Guardianship Association (in Tokyo) (New York guardianships)
- Trust Companies Association of Japan (in Tokyo) (private trusts and litigation)
- United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies
- Yeshiva University
- Hadassah
- National Association of State Legislators
- Various Bar Associations
- Chair, Estate Planning Conference of the Archdiocese of New York
- Annual Estate Planning Conference of Brooklyn
- The Gay-Straight Alliance of the New York State Courts
- Designed and chaired 20-year program, New York County Lawyers' Association 10-week course on Surrogate's Practice
- Estate planning programs of other civic and charitable organizations
- New York State Bankers' Association (Policy Issues and Common Trusts)

2003—2004

- Member, Commission to Promote Public Confidence in Judicial Elections

1987—Present

- Director, Fordham Law School Alumni Association

1983—Present

- Executive Committee, Surrogate's Association of the State of New York

1987—1992

- Trustee, St. Francis College

1986—1996

- Member, Women’s Forum, Inc.

1986—1991

- Member, New York Task Force on Permanency Planning for Children

1978—1984

- Board of Directors, National Association for the furtherance of Jewish Education

1977—1979

- President, City College Alumni Association

Publications & Honors

- A New Trust Code for New York
- Privacy Versus Openness: Sealing Guardianship Proceedings
- Wills in the Digital Age
- Access by Fiduciaries to Digital Assets

Education

- Fordham University School of Law – J.D. 1969
- The City College of New York – B.A. 1961
 - Phi Beta Kappa

Practice Areas

- Trusts and Estates
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Litigation

- Fiduciary Litigation