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### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

1987-Present Judge Court of Common Pleas Philadelphia County

Appointed: April 7, 1987 Elected: November, 1987

Retained: November, 1997, 2008

Commerce Court Class Action Program Civil Trial Team Leader

2000-Present Elected Secretary to First Judicial District Board of Judges

2008-Present Adjunct Faculty Thomas R. Kline School of Law

**At Drexel University** 

Advanced Evidence, Advanced Pennsylvania Practice

**2006** Visiting Professor Drexel University

Department of History and Politics in the College of Arts & Sciences

"Introduction to U.S. Courts and the Legal System"

March, 2013 The American Law Institute

2013 Philadelphia Bar Institute Board of Directors

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence with Comments and Annotations, **Gann Law Books**, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011. 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015.

Privileged? Pennsylvania's Limited Statutory Attorney-Client Privilege, The Pennsylvania Bar Association Quarterly, July 2010.

eDiscovery, PBI Press, 2008.

Expert Testimony In Pennsylvania, **Temple Law Review**, Summer 1995.

Judicial Decision Making and A Meditation on Judicial Morality, **The Judges Book** (2nd

Edition), jointly published by the ABA and the National Judicial College, 1994.

The Bill of Rights: A Bicentennial View, Chairman Board of Editors; Jury Prerogatives: An American Political Inheritance, Author, Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, MD 1991.

A Battle of Experts, The Philadelphia Lawyer, Winter 1997.

The Premises of the Code of Evidence, The Pennsylvania Lawyer, May – June, 2005

The Opportunity for ADR in Medical Malpractice Cases, The Pennsylvania Lawyer, November –December 2004

Jury Verdicts in Philadelphia County, The Pennsylvania Bar Association Quarterly, Jan. 2001

*Trial as Theater*, **Trial Magazine**, October 1997, Co-Authored.

*Program helps reduce backlog in Philadelphia*, **Judicature**, Jan.- Feb. 1997, Volume 80, No. 4: American Judicature Society.

The Most Proactive Court, Court Review, Fall, 1996, American Judges Association.

We the Judges, The Responsive Community Spring, 1995.

## **SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENTS**

July, 2003 Pennsylvania Supreme Court Medical Malpractice	Mediation Task Force.
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**January, 2000** Pennsylvania Supreme Court Civil Jury Instruction

Subcommittee

**November, 2005** Pennsylvania Supreme Court Public Health Law Benchbook Committee.

**Editorial Board** 

October, 2004 Conference Planner and Faculty

Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts "Medical Malpractice Update for all trial Judges"

Expert Evidence in Medical Malpractice Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Philadelphia

May, 2002, Conference Coordinator and Faculty Administrative Offices of the April, 2002 Pennsylvania Court "Frye/Daubert" Science in Court Programs for all

Pennsylvania Judges

**January, 1990** First Judicial District Study Committee which prepared a comprehensive

analysis with recommendations for reform of the Philadelphia Court

System.

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

April 2006 Lawdragon Magazine

Selected as one of the Lawdragon 500 Leading Judges in America.

**April 2000** Foundation for Improvement of Justice, Inc. Annual Award.

A national award for innovative Justice programs which have proven

effective and can serve as models for others.

March, 2013 The American Law Institute

## NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

May, 2015 "Wage and Hour"

American Conference Institute

April, 2015 "Chemical Products Liability and Environmental Litigation

American Conference Institute

**January, 2015** "17<sup>th</sup> Litigating Disability Insurance Claims"

American Conference Institute

October, 2014 "Masters in Trial Program"

American Board of Trial Advocates

October, 2014 "E-Discovery Intelligence: Beyond Basics"

E-Discovery Intelligence

**July, 2014** "6<sup>th</sup> Annual Form on Defending and Managing

Employment Discrimination Litigation"

American Conference Institute

May, 2014 "21st National Forum on Wage

And Hour Claims and Class Actions"
American Conference Institute

May, 2014 "E-Discovery Briefing"

The Huron Legal Institute

**April, 2014** "27<sup>th</sup> National Advanced Forum on

Bad Faith Litigation"

American Conference Institute

**January, 2014** "17<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Consumer

Finance Class Actions & Litigation"
American Conference Institute

**November, 2013** "Bad Faith Litigation-A View from the Bench"

American Conference Institute

<b>June, 2013</b> "Forum on Aggregate Litigation and Class Ac	Action
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"American Law Institute"

**April, 2011** "View from the Bench: The Judicial Perspective

On Daubert Motions and Challenges" American Conference Institute

**June 14 - 19, 1999** Faculty, The National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada,

"Effective Caseflow Management"

August, 1998 Presenter, American Judges' Association Annual Conference

Orlando, Florida, "Better Trials Through Evidence Technology"

**July 19, 1997** Presenter, The Roscoe Pound Foundation, Forum for State Court

Judges - San Diego, California, "Scientific Evidence in the

Courts: Concepts and Controversies"

**June, 2006** Presenter, "The Perfect Expert Witness"

2008 SEAK National Expert Witness Conference

**November, 2007** "Preparing for Climate Change Liability"

American Conference Institute

**December, 2009** "Drug and Medical Device Litigation Conference

American Conference Institute

October, 2009 "Consumer Rights Litigation Conference and

Consumer Class Action Symposium" National Consumer Law Center

**September, 2009** "Civil Court Judicial Forum"

National Business Institute

**December, 2008** "View From the Bench – Judicial Views on

Medical Products Litigation Today" American Conference Institute

**September, 2007** "The Chemical Products Liability Trial:

Winning at Every Stage" American Bar Association

March, 2007 "Mealey's Mass Tort Insurance Coverage Conference"

Mealey Publication & Conference Group

**February, 2007** "Managing Complex Litigation"

American Conference Institute

**November, 2006** "Bad Faith and Punitive Damages"

American Conference Institute

**April, 2006** "Drug and Medical Device Litigation"

Marcus Evans

March, 2006 "E-Discovery Preparedness for Pharma"

American Conference Institute

February, 2006 "Class Actions"

Law Seminars International

**November, 2005** "Bad Faith and Punitive Damages"

American Conference Institute

October, 2005 "Drug and Medical Device Litigation"

Marcus Evans

**April, 2005** "Document Management and E-Discovery"

American Conference Institute

**April, 2005** "Bad Faith and Punitive Damages"

American Conference Institute

**December, 2004** "Drug & Medical Device Litigation"

American Conference Institute

March, 2004 "The Tenth National Advanced Forum on Litigation –

Bad Faith and Punitive Damages" American Conference Institute

April, 2002,

March, 2001 National Advanced Forum on "Bad Faith and Punitive Damages,"

American Conference Institute

**November, 1999** "Judges & Lawyers in Complex Litigation Conference"

West Palm Beach, Florida, Mealey's Publications

November 17, 1997 "Judges, Experts, & Science: What Should the Law Allow,"

The Institute for Science and Interdisciplinary Studies, Hampshire

College

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS TO JUDGES**

February, 2015 "Civil Jury Instructions"

Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges

**December, 2013** "Courtroom Strategies to Maximize (or Minimize)

Damages in the Catastrophic Injury Case" Pennsylvania Association for Justice

**February, 2013** "Litigation Evidence"

Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges

**July, 2012** "Fit, Frye and Forensics"

Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges

February, 2010 Orphans' Court Session

"Evidentiary Issues in Will Contests"

Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges

**January, 2010** Faculty, Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges

New Judges School

**November, 2009** "Complex Litigation Opening to Verdict"

American College of Business Court Judges

**February, 2009** "Evidence on Film"

Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges

**November. 2008** Faculty, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County New

Judges School, "National Judicial College and Resources beyond

the Court of Common Pleas"

October, 2008 "ADR in Business Courts – What Works Best?

Conference of Chief Justices Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference

October, 2008 "An Advanced Evidentiary Primer"

Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts

**June, 2008** "Trying a Case in Bankruptcy Court"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

February, 2008 Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges Annual Meeting

"Evidence: Nuts and Bolts"

October, 2007 Conference Planner and Faculty

Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts "Dealing with Complexities in Civil Litigation"

July, 2006 Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges Annual Meeting

"Public Health Issues"

"New Civil Jury Instructions: Structured Settlement Protection Act"

July, 2006 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Department of Labor & Industry

Workers' Compensation Judge's Conference "Secrets of the Code for Administrative Judges

October, 2004 Conference Planner and Faculty

> Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts "Medical Malpractice Update for all trial Judges"

Expert Evidence in Medical Malpractice Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Philadelphia

Faculty, State Conference of Trial Judges January, 2004

January, 2006 New Judges Conference

"Matters Arising During the Introduction of Evidence"

"Conduct of the Civil Jury Trial"

May, 2002, Conference Coordinator and Faculty Administrative Offices of the **April**, 2002

Pennsylvania Court "Frye/Daubert" Science in Court Programs for all

Pennsylvania Judges

January, 2002 Faculty, State Conference of Trial Judges

> New Judges Conference "Conducting Jury Trials" "The Civil Process"

November, 2001 Faculty, Philadelphia New Judges School

"Judicial Resources Beyond the State"

"Judicial Decision Making"

2001 Presenter, Pennsylvania State Trial Annual Conference

of Trial Judges "Scientific Evidence in Pennsylvania"

1999 - 2001 Chair, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Education

Committee

1992 - 1994 Member, Pennsylvania State Conference of State Trial Judges

**Education Committee** 

1991 - 1992 Faculty, Pennsylvania New Judges School, "Controlling the

Courtroom: An Interactive Presentation on the Disruptive

Defendant in a Criminal Case"

Faculty, Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County New 1989 - 1992

Judges School, "The Judicial Perspective"

"The Role of the Judge"

# SELECTED PRESENTATIONS TO THE BAR

June, 2015 "Cross Examination"

PA Defense Institute

"Cv Pres" **April**, 2015

Community Legal Services

**April, 2015** Civil Practice: As the Judge Sees It'

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**April, 2015** "Evidence through the Movies"

Berks County Bench Bar Conference

March, 2015 "Civil Litigation Update"

Philadelphia Bar Institute

March, 2015 "Cross Examining the Expert Witness"

Philadelphia Bar Institute

**January, 2015** Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association

"Evidence and Effective Trial Advocacy"

October, 2014 Drexel Law Review Symposium

Thomas R. Kline Law School at Drexel University

May, 2014 "Dissecting Cross Examination"

Philadelphia Family Law Section

Bench/Bar Program

**April, 2014** "Evidence Through the Movies"

Carbon County Bench Bar

**April, 2014** Effective Depositions of Financial

And Economic Experts" Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**April, 2014** "16<sup>th</sup> Annual Personal Injury Potpourri"

The Dispute Resolution Institute

**February, 2014** "Legal Risks Presented by the Rogue Employee"

American Bar Association Section of Litigation

**November, 2013** "Effective Courtroom Counsel"

Bench-Bar Conference Luzerne County Bar Assoc.

October, 2013 "Dissecting Expert Cross Examinations"

Bench-Bar Conference

May, 2013 "The Greatest Cross Examination Ever"

"Settlement/Mediation"

Dauphin County Bar Association

**April, 2013** "Evidence Through the Movies"

Berks County Bench Bar

January, 2013 "Settlement/Mediation"

"The Greatest Cross Examination Ever"

Washington County Bench Bar

October, 2012 "E-Discovery in PA Courts"

Bench-Bar Conference

**June, 2012** "The Trial of a Bad Faith Case"

Pennsylvania Association for Justice

**April, 2012** "Trial of a Will Contest Case"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

October, 2011 "The Vulnerable Expert Witness:

Keeping it Real in Cross-examination!"

McDevitt & Kline, LLC

**September, 2011** "Back to the Future- Corporate Counsel's

Role in Managing Risk in 2012 and Beyond" 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Corporate Counsel Symposium

June, 2011 "Civil Practice & Procedures in the

Court of Common Pleas" Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**June, 2011** "Keeping it Real: The Pitfall of Expert

Theory Against Factual Testimony"
Bucks County Bar Association

**June, 2011** "Keeping it Real: The Pitfall of Expert

Theory Against Factual Testimony"

Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel

May, 2011 "Bad Faith Claims Litigation"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**April, 2011** "Power Tools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Trial Lawyers"

McDevitt & Kline, LLC.

**April, 2011** "How to Prepare and Try a Significant Case in

Commerce Case Management" Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**April, 2011** "View from the Bench"

Delaware Valley Corporate Counsel

Association

**April, 2011** "You know it When You See It-

Bad Faith Update"

Dispute Resolution Institute

**December, 2010** "Philadelphia Mass Tort Symposium"

Dispute Resolution Institute

**December, 2010** "Entertaining" Evidence Cross-Examination

For the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**November, 2010** "Expert Cross Examination"

Temple University Beasley School of Law

**November, 2010** "Trial of a Will Contest Case"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

October, 2010 "The Philadelphia JPT Conference"

Philadelphia Bar Association Bench Bar Conference

October, 2010 "Bad Faith Seminar"

Pennsylvania Association for Justice

**June 2010** "The Stress and Success of Cross Examination"

Pennsylvania Association for Justice

**April, 2010** "Trial of a Will Contest"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**April, 2010** "The Shark Within: Cross Examination of the

Experts by the Experts"

Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University

**April, 2010** "The Stress and Success of Cross Examination"

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Civil Litigation Section Annual Retreat

**December, 2009** "The Abolitionist Judge's Dilemma"

Gratz College

October, 2009 "A View from the Bench-Cross Examination"

**Dispute Resolution Center** 

**June, 2009** "The Stress and Success of Cross Examination"

**Bucks County Bar Association** 

**April, 2009** "The Stress and Success of Cross Examination"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**February, 2009** "The Greatest Cross-Examination Ever"

**Bucks County Bar Association** 

**November, 2008** "Expert Reports: A View From the Bench"

Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants"

**September, 2008** "The Greatest Cross-Examination Ever"

State Bench-Bar Conference Philadelphia Bar Association

September, 2008 "Mass, Class or Pass—Making Strategic

Decisions in the Big Chemical Co.

American Bar Association

**June, 2008** "Philadelphia Commerce Court Management Program:

Judge Pro Tem Training Session"

Philadelphia Bar Association's Business Litigation Committee

**June, 2008** "Evidence through the Movies"

Klehr Harrison

**June, 2008** "Judging the Expert"

Pennsylvania Association for Justice

**April, 2008** "The Greatest Cross Examination Ever! Insights

From Judge Bernstein and Larry Bendesky"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**April, 2008** "Personal Injury Potpourri"

The Dispute Resolution Institute"

**December, 2007** "Auto-Law Judicial Viewpoint"

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association

**December, 2007** "United States Supreme Court Update for Public

Interest Practitioners"
Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**December, 2007** "Handling Business Litigation in the Philadelphia

Commerce Case Management Program"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**November, 2007** "Effective Cross Examination Techniques"

Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants

October, 2007 "Evidence Through the Movies"

Beaver County Bench Bar Conference

**June, 2007** "Controlling Their Expert & Winning Your Case"

Live Telephone/Video Webcast

American Law Institute/American Bar Association

**June, 2007** "Evidence Through the Movies"

York County Bench Bar Conference

**June, 2007** "Judge Bernstein Presents Evidence Through Movies

Evidence Can Be Fun" Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**April, 2007** "Civil Practice and Procedure in the Philadelphia Court

of Common Pleas" Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**April, 2007** "Spoilation of Evidence"

DRI Personal Injury Potpourri Seminar

March, April 2007 "Evidence Through Movies"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute Mechanicsburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Scranton, Allentown

**December, 2006** "E-Discovery"

The Delaware Valley Corporate Counsel Association

October, 2006 "Overview of Evidence Law"

Northampton County Bench Bar Conference

September, 2006 "Breakfast at Bernstein's – Evidence with Bernstein

State Bench-Bar Conference Philadelphia Bar Association

**July, 2006** "Evidence Code Authentication and Fryebert"

Philadelphia City Solicitors

**April, 2006** "Expert Testimony: A Judge's Perspective

On the Top 10 Do's and Don'ts" Pennsylvania Bar Institute

Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Scranton

March, 2006 "Secrets of the Code"

Northampton County Bar Association of Pennsylvania

**February, 2006** "New Pa. Suggested Standard Civil Jury Instructions"

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association

**November, 2005** "Practical Views on Experts from the Judges Perspective"

Philadelphia Bar Association

**September, 2005** "Evidence with the Honorable Mark I. Bernstein"

State Bench Bar Conference Philadelphia Bar Association

July, 2005 "Trial by Judge"

The Lawyers' Club of Philadelphia

May, 2005 "Class Action Litigation"

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association

**April, 2005** "Secrets of the Code - The Pennsylvania Rules of Evidence"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Philadelphia, Harrisburg,

Mechanicsburg

March, 2005 "Alternative Dispute Resolution in Class Action Litigation"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**December, 2004** "The Explosion and Evolution of Class Action Law"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

October, 2004 "Secrets of the Code"

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel

October, 2004 "Evidence for the Trial Lawyer-Judicial, Plaintiff

and Defense Viewpoint"

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association

September, 2004 "Does the Case Go to the Jury? Advice on Defending or

Prosecuting a Summary Judgment Motion in a Bad Faith Case"

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mealey Publication

September, 2004 "Bad Faith Mock Trial"

Pennsylvania Defense Institute

July, 2004 "Med Mal Mediation...and Arbitration"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

**June, 2004** "Bernstein on Evidence: Overview of the Meaning of the

New Code of Evidence"

Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel

**April, 2004** "Insurance Bad Faith"

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association

March, 2004 "Preparation & Settlement in a Day Forward Environment"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

February, 2004 "Jury Instructions"

Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel

**December, 2003** "Jury Instructions: How to Ace the Charge Conference"

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association

**November, 2003** "Jury Trial Innovations To Be or Not to Be?"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

October, 2003 "Understanding Frye and the Use of Expert

Testimony at Trial"

State Bench-Bar Conference Philadelphia Bar Association

**September, 2003** "Bad Faith Cases: What Are they Worth?"

Philadelphia, Mechanicsburg & Pittsburgh

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

May, 2003 "Legal Evidentiary Issues-The State of Frye/Daubert

-MCARE Act and Qualifying Experts" Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association

**April, 2003** "Expert Testimony Update"

DRI Annual Personal Injury Potpourri

September, 2002 Drug Litigation Conference

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mealey Publications

**July, 2002** "What's Protected Under the Attorney Client Privilege"

City of Philadelphia Law Department

March, 2002 "Damages: Proven Strategies & Trial Tactics"

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association

**December, 2001** "Products Liability Law & Strategy,"

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association

**November, 2001** "New Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 207.1,"

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

October, 2001 "Scientific Evidence in the Courts: Concepts and

Controversies," The Donald E. Wieand Sr. American Inn of Court

October, 2001 "Myths & Realities About Jurors; An Inside Look at What

Jurors Think," Pennsylvania Bar Institute

September, 2001	Sulzer Hip Implant Litigation Conference 2001" Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mealey's Publication
December, 2000	"Discovery Tips for Med Mal Cases: Laying the Foundation for Victory," Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association
July, 2000	"Medical Malpractice Kaleidoscope," Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association
June, 2000	"Medical Malpractice Expert Testimony: The Keys to Victory"
April, 2000	"Daubert/Frye: How to Keep Your Expert in the Case"
April, 2000	"Ethics for the Trial Lawyer"
May, 1999	"Daubert Frye: Will the Court Allow Your Expert to Testify," Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association
April, 1999	"Anatomy of a Commercial Trial," Pennsylvania Bar Institute
November, 1998	"Reflections on the Cross-examination of Expert Witnesses," Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel
May, 1998	"The World According to Daubert The Next Five Years"
April, 1998	"1998 Expert Witness Seminar"
February, 1998	"Insurers' Insolvencies In Medical Malpractice Cases"
February, 1998	"Civil Practice in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas," Pennsylvania Bar Institute
November, 1997	"Solving Problems Before They Arise Using ADR to Achieve Your Client's Objective," Alternative Dispute Committee, Philadelphia Bar Association
April, 1997	"Fourth Annual Personal Injury Institute"
	"Affordable High-Tech for Everyday Cases"
February, 1997	"Medical Malpractice Litigation: A New Era," Pennsylvania Bar Institute
January, 1997	"Valuation of a Personal Injury Case and Settlement in a Day Forward Case Management System"
December, 1996	"Automobile Insurance Law and Ethics"  "Selected Issues in Insurance: Bad Faith Litigation"  "Prospering in a Day Forward Management System"  "Cross-examination of the Expert Witness"

December, 1996,

May, 1995 Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel, Annual Meeting Speaker

Fall, 1996 "Mediation in Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas"

Alternative Dispute Committee, Philadelphia Bar Association

January, 1996 "Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Practice: The Day Forward

Program"

**June, 1996** "Prospering in a Day Forward Case Management System,"

Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Annual Meeting

**April, 1996** "Expert Testimony in Pennsylvania"

**December 1995** "Philadelphia Civil Practice: Back to the Future"

## **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

October, 2012 Using Law and Society Knowledge for the Social Good

Mid Atlantic Law & Society Association Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law

**April**, **2012** Drexel Philosophy Club Talk

Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law

October, 2008 Visiting Lecturer

Drexel University

**November**, **2007** "Reading: Kitzmiller v. Dover School District"

St. John's College Alumni Event

March, 2007 "What's Right With American Jury System"

Quadrangle

**April, 2006** "Mass Tort -- And Justice for All?"

Law Journal Television

May, 2004 "Mediation and the Medical Malpractice Crisis"

"Expanding Mediation Opportunities"

Sponsored by Pennsylvania Council of Mediators

October, 2003 The Great Issues Series Seminar – "Marbury v. Madison"

St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland

October, 2002 "Mass Tort Litigation Skills for Paralegals"

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mealey Publication

April 5, 2000 "Jury Verdicts in Philadelphia," Pennsylvania Association of

Mutual Insurance Companies

1994 "Medical Malpractice Crisis," Jefferson Medical College, Thomas

Jefferson University

**April 21, 1993** "Justice and Crime in Philadelphia"

Arco Chemical Co., Civic Action Program

1992 "The Democratic Myth"

"Discovering our Fundamental Freedom," Teacher Training Institute

**November, 1990** "You be the Judge: An interactive demonstration of decision making

processes in sentencing," Temple University School of Criminal Justice

October, 1989 "Criminal Case Backlog and the Court of Common Pleas of

Philadelphia County," Eversley Vaughan Memorial Lecture of the

Mt. Airy Learning Tree

## PAST AND PRESENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Board of Trial Advocates

American Law Institute

Pennsylvania Bar Institute – Board of Directors

American Bar Association Business Law Section Business Court Representative

American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar Site Team Member

American Conference of Business Court Judges

Pennsylvania State Conference of Trial Judges – Zone Representative

American Judges Association, Board of Governors, April, 1999 - April, 2002

**Judicature Society** 

American Bar Association-Judicial Division

Pennsylvania Bar Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Professionalism Committee, Plain English Committee, Judicial Administration Committee

Philadelphia Bar Association

The Delaware Valley Environmental American Inn of Court

The Temple American Inn of Court

### CASE MANAGEMENT AND MEDIATION PROGRAMS

**December, 1994** Designed and implemented "Day Forward Case Management," a system

for achieving ABA "time to disposition" standards for all Major Jury Civil

Cases in Philadelphia County.

1993 Designed and implemented "Complex Case Mediation

Program," a voluntary alternative to litigation through mediation

of complex commercial disputes.

# PRIOR LEGAL EXPERIENCE

February 1980 - Partner, Fineman & Bach, P.C.

**April 1987** (Formerly *Berson, Fineman & Bernstein*)

1608 Walnut Street Nineteenth Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Specialized in Civil Litigation and supervised attorneys and legal

staff.

July 1976 - Associate, Martin Heller, P.C.

**February 1980** Specialized in Trial, Trial Preparation and Civil Litigation..

September 1974 - Assistant Public Defender, Defender Association of

**Philadelphia**, Criminal Litigation

#### **CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

May, 2006 Methodist Services for Children & Families, Board of Directors

May, 2006 Methodist Family Services of Philadelphia, Board of Directors

1998-2001 Unitarian Society of Germantown, Board of Directors, President, 2001

## CIVIC ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAKING THE BENCH

Philadelphia Lawyers Against Apartheid, Executive Committee

Philadelphians for Recycling, Executive Committee

Sudden Infant Death Resource Center, Advisory Council

West Mt. Airy Neighbors Community Association, Board of Directors

## PERSONAL DATA

**Address:** 530 City Hall

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

**Born:** August 18, 1947

New York City, New York

Marital Status: Married to Linda M. Bernstein, Administrative Law Judge

Social Security Administration (Retired)

**Children:** David; Joseph; William

**Education:** Law School of the University of Pennsylvania

Juris Doctor, 1973 St. John's College Annapolis, Maryland Bachelor of Arts, 1969

"The Great Books" Curriculum