

STATEMENT TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
APRIL 15, 1992  
BY  
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MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO COME AND SPEAK WITH YOU CONCERNING  
HB 2302, AMENDMENTS TO TITLES 18, 23 AND 42 OF PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED  
STATUTES RELATING TO GRADING OF SEXUAL OFFENSES. I'M DELIGHTED BOTH  
PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY TO BE HERE. MY RESUME APPEARS AT THE BACK OF  
MY PRINTED COMMENTS.

BRIEFLY, I AM NOW A COUNTY COMMISSIONER. I'VE BEEN PRACTICING LAW FOR  
THE PAST TWENTY YEARS. I STARTED AS A CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY WITH  
THE PHILADELPHIA DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION AND THEN I BECAME A PROSECUTOR,  
FIRST AS AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL IN PHILADELPHIA AND THEN  
AS AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR  
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY. FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, I WAS FIRST ASSISTANT  
UNDER CLAUDE SHIELDS IN POTTSVILLE. I ALSO MAINTAINED A PRIVATE CIVIL  
PRACTICE FOR TEN YEARS, WITH THE MAJORITY OF MY PRACTICE IN FAMILY LAW.  
AS AN ASSISTANT DA, A SIGNIFICANT PART OF MY JOB WAS THE INVESTIGATION AND  
PROSECUTION OF SEX CRIMES AND CHILD ABUSE. WHILE I DID NOT KEEP A STRICT  
TALLY OF THE NUMBER OF CASES I HANDLED, I WOULD GUESS THAT THEY NUMBERED  
APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED. MY CONVICTION RATE WAS ABOUT 95%.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE HIGH RATE OF CONVICTION, I HAVE LONG FELT THAT  
OUR SEX CRIMES LAWS NEEDED CHANGE - FROM THE DEFINITION SIDE, FROM THE  
PROCEDURAL SIDE, AND FROM THE SENTENCING SIDE. APPARENTLY, I WAS NOT ALONE.

REPRESENTATIVE RITTER HAS RESPONDED ADMIRABLY TO THAT NEED, AND  
THIS BILL GOES A LONG WAY TOWARD RECTIFYING WHAT WERE OCCASIONALLY

FRUSTRATING, ABSURD, OR TRAGIC SITUATIONS. I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS BY USING EXAMPLES - WITH NO NAMES, OF COURSE- OF CASES I'VE ACTUALLY HANDLED.

AT PRESENT IN PENNSYLVANIA, RAPE IS RAPE. IF THERE WAS SEXUAL INTERCOURSE, AND THERE WAS NO PERMISSION, AND THERE WAS SOME DEGREE OF COERCION, THAT WAS RAPE, A FELONY OF THE FIRST DEGREE, PUNISHABLE BY UP TO TWENTY YEARS IN JAIL WITH A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE OF THREE YEARS IN PRISON.

~~ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO, A LADY WAS BRUTALLY RAPED, BOTH VAGINALLY AND~~  
ANALLY, BY TWO MEN ON A STRIPPING BANK. THEN, HER THROAT WAS CUT AND SHE WAS LEFT, LIKE SO MUCH GARBAGE, TO DIE. THE TWO MEN WERE CHARGED WITH RAPE (AND AN ASSORTMENT OF OTHER CRIMES) AND CONVICTED. NO ONE HAD ANY PROBLEM WITH CALLING THIS A RAPE.

ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, A SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL DRANK TOO MUCH AT AN ALL-NIGHT PARTY AND FELL ASLEEP. SHE AWOKE TO FIND HER EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD HOST REMOVING HER CLOTHING AND AN ACT OF INTERCOURSE FOLLOWED WITHOUT THE GIRL'S CONSENT BUT WITH NO APPARENT STRUGGLE AND NO INJURIES. TWO DAYS LATER, SHE TOLD HER MOTHER. THIS CASE CAME TO OUR OFFICE, TOO - AND THE NAME OF THE CRIME WAS RAPE, WITH THE SAME MAXIMUM OF TWENTY YEARS AND THE SAME MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE. WITH THIS CASE, I HAD NO DOUBT THAT THE YOUNG LADY HAD BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED WITHOUT HER CONSENT AND NO DOUBT ABOUT THE CULPABILITY OF THE BOY. I DID HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE PUNISHMENT - AND A GREAT PROBLEM WITH EQUATING AN ACT LIKE THIS ONE TO THE ATROCIOUS CONDUCT OF THE FIRST.

NOW, UNDER THE LAW AS IT PRESENTLY STANDS, PROSECUTION OF THE SECOND EXAMPLE WOULD BE FOR RAPE OR MAYBE AGGRAVATED INDECENT ASSAULT OR INDECENT ASSAULT; BUT NOT ONE OF THOSE CRIMES EXACTLY DESCRIBES WHAT REALLY HAPPENED.

NONE ARE SATISFACTORY.

AS A PRACTICAL PROSECUTOR, AND AS A WOMAN WITH CHILDREN OF MY OWN, WHAT I WANTED TO DO WITH THIS SECOND CASE WAS TO VALIDATE THE YOUNG LADY'S COMPLAINT WITHOUT PUTTING HER THROUGH A MOST DIFFICULT TRIAL; AND AT THE SAME TIME, GET THE YOUNG MAN'S ATTENTION SO THAT SOME OTHER YOUNG WOMAN MIGHT BE SPARED A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE, AND THE FELLOW MIGHT LEARN THAT THIS KIND OF BEHAVIOR IS NOT ACCEPTED IN THE CIVILIZED WORLD.

AFTER MUCH HAGGLING WITH THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY AND A GREAT DEAL OF OF CONSULTATION WITH THE YOUNG LADY AND HER PARENTS, I REDUCED THE CHARGES TO INDECENT ASSAULT. THE YOUNG LADY WAS NOT HAPPY BECAUSE THAT'S NOT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED. I DID NOT ADEQUATELY EDUCATE THE YOUNG MAN, I AM AFRAID. BUT TO TRY THIS CASE ON A "RAPE" THEORY WITH ALL THAT PHRASE CONNOTES AND WITH THE BURDEN OF PROOF ON THE FRAGILE SHOULDERS OF A TEENAGE GIRL WHO HAD MADE A MISTAKE WOULD NOT HAVE SERVED JUSTICE EITHER. SO WE DID THE BEST WE COULD AND NO ONE WAS SATISFIED NOR WAS JUSTICE SERVED. THE PROBLEM IS THE LAW WHICH IS, AT PRESENT, INFLEXIBLE. IT DOES NOT ADEQUATELY REFLECT OR PROTECT THE STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR OF TODAY'S SOCIETY.

THE POINT IS THIS: IF YOU GIVE POLICE AND PROSECUTORS A GREATER VARIETY OF LANGUAGE DESCRIBING A CRIME YOU WILL SEE MORE REAL JUSTICE DONE. I SUGGEST THAT HAD WE BEEN ABLE TO CHARGE THAT YOUNG MAN WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT UNDER SECTION 3122, WE MAY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY TRIED THE CASE, OR, EQUALLY LIKELY, WE MAY HAVE OBTAINED A GUILTY PLEA TO THAT CHARGE BECAUSE HIS ATTORNEY (A REALISTIC MAN) WOULD HAVE SEEN THAT IT WAS LIKELY THAT WE WOULD GET A CONVICTION. AS IT IS , THE REALISTIC PROSECUTOR - ME - REALIZED THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY NOT CONVINCING A JURY THAT THIS ACT WAS A RAPE AS THEY HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF RAPE.

BY AMENDING THE DEFINITIONS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND BY GRADING THEM ON

DEGREE OF FORCE USED OR AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU WILL BE MAKING THE PROSECUTION EASIER. YOU WILL BE ENABLING THE DEFENSE AND THE PROSECUTION TO EVALUATE THE LIKELIHOOD OF CONVICTION MORE REALISTICALLY, AND YOU WILL BE FACILITATING THE ENTRY OF GUILTY PLEAS, THUS SAVING COURT TIME BY DECREASING THE NUMBERS OF RAPE CASES WHICH ARE TRIED BECAUSE NEITHER SIDE WISHES TO CONCEDE.

YOU WILL BE SAVING PROBATION DEPARTMENTS TIME BECAUSE A CONVICTION OF THE MORE SPECIFIC CRIME MEANS THAT THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES CAN MORE ACCURATELY - AND FAIRLY - INDICATE THE APPROPRIATE SENTENCE AND LESS TIME WILL HAVE TO BE SPENT IN EXHAUSTIVE PREPARATION OF PRE-SENTENCE REPORTS.

FINALLY, IT IS ARGUABLE THAT THIS BILL MAY HAVE A SIDE EFFECT OF REDUCING THE PRISON POPULATION SOMEWHAT SINCE THE NUMBERS OF SEXUAL ASSAULTS ARE STATISTICALLY MUCH GREATER THAN THE NUMBER OF AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULTS. IN OTHER WORDS, MANDATORY SENTENCES FOR A FELONY 2 ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN FOR A FELONY 1 (4 MONTHS, AS OPPOSED TO 36 MONTHS); AND, ASSUMING THAT THERE ARE CASES WHERE, AT PRESENT, DATE-RAPES ARE BEING CONVICTED AS FELONY 1, THE LENGTH OF THOSE SENTENCES IN THE FUTURE SHOULD GO DOWN. I WILL DEFER THIS ASPECT OF THE BILL TO DR. KRAMER, HOWEVER, BECAUSE IT IS ALSO ARGUABLE THAT THIS BILL MAY HAVE NO EFFECT OR MAY EVEN INCREASE PRISON POPULATIONS.

NEXT, I WANT TO ADDRESS YOUR AMENDMENTS AS THEY RELATE TO CHILDREN.

ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT PARTS OF PROSECUTING ASSAULTS ON CHILDREN, AT PRESENT, IS THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CHILD UNDERSTAND THE NATURE AND MEANING OF AN OATH UNDER Roche VS. MCCOY. IN FACT, IF A CHILD IS TOO LIMITED - EITHER BY EXTREME YOUTH OR BY A POOR FUND OF INFORMATION OR BY LACK OF INTELLIGENCE - THE DEFENDANT HAS COMMITTED THE PERFECT CRIME. THE CHILD - THE ONLY WITNESS - IS PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM TELLING THE COURT ABOUT IT. PERPETRATORS, WHILE THEY ARE COMMITTING

THEIR DISTASTEFUL ACTS, DON'T KNOW, MUCH LESS CARE, ABOUT THIS PECULIAR TECHNICALITY. BUT THEIR LAWYERS DO. ONCE THE COMPLAINT IS LODGED, NO VICTIM IS MORE THOROUGHLY EXAMINED, BROW BEATEN, AND, IN THE END, CONFUSED AND EXHAUSTED, THAN THE SMALL CHILD OR THE SLOW CHILD OR A CHILD WITH LIMITED VOCABULARY. IT IS A HORRENDOUS SITUATION THAT SCREAMS OUT FOR REMEDY. AND THE ABSURDITY OF IT IS THAT THESE KIDS - THE VAST MAJORITY - ARE TELLING THE TRUTH. THEY JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE THE ABSTRACT VIRTUE KNOWN AS TRUTH.

~~I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE: A THREE-YEAR-OLD LITTLE GIRL WHOSE ANUS~~  
AND VAGINA BORE VERY LARGE SCARS CONSISTENT WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT.  
THE ONLY RELEVANT QUESTIONS I NEEDED TO ASK HER WERE: WHO DID THIS TO YOU AND HOW?

MY THREE-YEAR-OLD APPEARED IN A NON-JURY CASE. BEFORE SHE COULD TESTIFY REGARDING THE IDENTITY OF HER ASSAILANT, OF COURSE, SHE HAD TO BE QUALIFIED AS A WITNESS. THE QUALIFYING PROCEEDING TOOK ALMOST AN ENTIRE DAY AND OCCUPIES ABOUT ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PAGES OF TRANSCRIPT. AT ONE POINT, WHILE COUNSEL WERE ARGUING, THE CHILD FELL ASLEEP IN THE WITNESS CHAIR. TO MAKE A CHILD GO THROUGH AN ORDEAL LIKE THAT IS ABSURD, PATHETIC, AND TRAGIC. IT CERTAINLY DOES NOT SERVE THE ENDS OF JUSTICE. I'M GLAD TO SAY, THOUGH, THAT A VERY WISE JUDGE - JUDGE WILBUR RUBRIGHT - FOUND HER COMPETENT TO TESTIFY AND CONVICTED HER FATHER OF RAPE AND INVOLUNTARY DEVIATE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE. THE CONVICTION WAS SUSTAINED BY THE SUPREME COURT.

YOUR AMENDMENT TO TITLE 42, SECTION 5991 EXEMPTS CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TEN FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF TAKING THE OATH. I AM VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT. I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS SECTION SHOULD ADDRESS ANOTHER PART OF OUR POPULATION HERE: THE MENTALLY RETARDED ADULT. SOME TWO OR THREE

YEARS AGO, A SEVERELY HANDICAPPED WOMAN - HER MENTAL AGE WAS ABOUT SIX - REPORTED THAT HER BUS DRIVER HAD SEXUALLY ASSAULTED HER. AGAIN, BEFORE SHE COULD TESTIFY ABOUT THE FACTS, SHE HAD TO UNDERGO AN EXHAUSTIVE EXAMINATION AS TO COMPETENCY. THIS WAS DONE IN FRONT OF THE JURY. AT ONE POINT, IN FRUSTRATION, SHE TURNED TO THE JUDGE AND SAID, "BUT I AM TELLING THE TRUTH!" THE JUDGE FOUND HER COMPETENT. THE JURY CONVICTED. THE SUPREME COURT AFFIRMED. BUT THE STATE OF THE LAW CERTAINLY DIDN'T HELP.

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I SUGGEST TO YOU, WHEN YOU AMEND THE COMPETENCE SECTION, THAT PERHAPS YOU COULD AMEND YOUR BILL TO INCLUDE MENTALLY RETARDED ADULTS WITH IMPAIRMENT SO SIGNIFICANT THAT THEIR MENTAL AGE, AS CERTIFIED BY THEIR PHYSICIAN OR A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST, FALLS BELOW TEN YEARS. THE REST OF THE SECTION, RELATING TO REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF COMPETENCE, CAN BE APPLIED TO THE RETARDED ADULT AS IT HERE APPLIES TO CHILDREN IN GENERAL.

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I AM PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE CONCESSIONS HERE TO HELP CHILD-VICTIMS TO BE QUALIFIED. I ASK YOU TO CONSIDER INCLUDING CHILD-LIKE ADULTS IN THIS CATEGORY OF SPECIAL VICTIMS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE.

FINALLY, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT TITLE 42, SECTIONS 5989 AND 5990, WILL DO MUCH TO MAKE PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING CHILD-VICTIMS MORE HUMANE AND FAIR.

I DON'T WANT TO KNOCK THE LEGAL PROFESSION - LAWYERS HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO ASSIST THEIR CLIENTS - BUT SOMETIMES, UNDER THE PRESENT LAW, THEY ARE PERMITTED TO GO TO LUDICROUS LENGTHS. WHEN A CHILD HAS BEEN VICTIM AND HAS GATHERED UP HIS COURAGE AND TOLD SOMEONE, HE EXPECTS THE BAD PERSON TO BE PUNISHED IMMEDIATELY, JUST LIKE THE CHILD WOULD BE IF HE DID SOMETHING WRONG. HE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE BAD PERSON HAS APPARENTLY NOTHING HAPPEN TO HIM. SOMETIMES NOTHING HAPPENS FOR AS LONG AS A YEAR. SOMETIMES LONGER. A YEAR IS A VERY LONG TIME IN A CHILD'S LIFE. WHAT IS

HAPPENING, OF COURSE, IS THAT THE DEFENDANT IS FILING ONE MOTION AFTER ANOTHER - NEVER MIND THE OMNIBUS PRE-TRIAL MOTION PROVISIONS OF TITLE 42 - AND EVERY MOTION REQUIRES A MONTH OR MORE TO DISPOSE OF. WHY DO DEFENSE ATTORNEYS DO THIS? BECAUSE CHILDREN - VERY YOUNG CHILDREN ESPECIALLY - FORGET. SO WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT THE PROSECUTION AND THE CHILD'S COUNSELORS MUST REPEATEDLY GO OVER THE HORRENDOUS THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED WITH THE CHILD, SO THAT HE DOESN'T FORGET, WHEN EVERY DECENT INSTINCT IN ALL OF US ~~WISHES TO LET HIM FORGET IT ALL - AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - AND GET ON WITH HIS~~ LITTLE LIFE. THE AMENDMENT TO 5989 WILL DO MUCH TO REMEDY THIS CRUEL SITUATION.

SECTION 5990 PERMITTING EXPERT TESTIMONY REGARDING CHILDREN IS ALSO WELCOME. IT DIRECTLY ADDRESSES A SERIES OF CASES BEGINNING WITH COMMONWEALTH V. SEESE WHICH HAVE MADE PENNSYLVANIA AN ANOMALY AMONG THE FIFTY STATES. WE PERMIT TESTIMONY REGARDING RAPE TRAUMA SYNDROME. WE PERMIT TESTIMONY REGARDING POST TRAUMATIC STRESS. WE PERMIT TESTIMONY REGARDING BATTERED WIVES SYNDROME, BUT OUR COURTS DO NOT PERMIT TESTIMONY REGARDING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ABUSED CHILDREN, UNDER THE RATIONALE THAT SUCH TESTIMONY "BOLSTERS THE CREDIBILITY OF THE CHILD." ALL TESTIMONY IN A CRIMINAL CASE IS SUPPOSED TO BOLSTER THE CREDIBILITY OF ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER!

ABUSED CHILDREN HAVE SEVERAL STATISTICALLY IDENTIFIABLE CHARACTERISTICS: THE VAST MAJORITY DO NOT TELL ANYONE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CRIME - OFTEN NOT FOR MANY YEARS. A GOOD NUMBER OF THEM, AFTER THEY HAVE TOLD, RECANT - BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES; THEY FEAR THE LOSS OF THE LOVE OF THEIR ABUSER; THEY DON'T WANT TO SEE THEIR FAMILY DESTROYED; THEY THINK THEY ARE GUILTY OF SOMETHING. MANY REASONS SEXUALLY ABUSED CHILDREN ALLOW THE ABUSE TO GO ON FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME - AGAIN, YEARS - BECAUSE THEY OFTEN LIKE THE ATTENTION AND THE LOVE THEY THINK THEY ARE GETTING.

THEY DON'T KNOW THAT THEY ARE BEING USED BY THE ADULT, AND, AT LEAST UNTIL PUBERTY, MANY OF THEM DON'T KNOW THE NATURE OF THE ACTS WHICH THE ADULT IS PERFORMING. (THIS, BY THE WAY, IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY A CHILD IS SO CREDIBLE WHEN HE OR SHE GRAPHICALLY DESCRIBES AN ACT OF VAGINAL OR ANAL INTERCOURSE).

TO MY KNOWLEDGE, PENNSYLVANIA IS ONE OF ONLY A VERY FEW STATES WHICH STILL DOES NOT PERMIT EXPERT TESTIMONY IN THIS AREA. THIS AMENDMENT IS SORELY NEEDED AND VERY WELCOME.

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I THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO OFFER MY OPINIONS. YOUR BILL IS A GOOD ONE. IT IS VERY MUCH NEEDED, NOT JUST BY PROSECUTORS BUT BY ADULT AND CHILD VICTIMS ALIKE TO MAKE THE PROCESS OF PROSECUTING SEXUAL CRIMES FAIRER TO BOTH SIDES, TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESS, AND TO RENDER OUR TREATMENT OF CHILD VICTIMS MORE HUMANE. I URGE YOUR APPROVAL.

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RESUME

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ELECTIVE OFFICES:

January 6, 1992 to Present: County Commissioner, Schuylkill County.  
Term expires December 31, 1995. First female elected to this  
position in Schuylkill County.

1990 to 1992: Pottsville City Council Member. First female elected to  
this position in Pottsville's history.

SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

January, 1986 to 1992: First Assistant District Attorney, Schuylkill  
County District Attorney's Office.  
Duties included: Prosecution of Major Offenses; Administration of  
DUI Program; Administration of Victim-Witness Coordinator Program;  
Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse and Sexual Assault;  
Appellate Practice before Pennsylvania Supreme and Superior Courts.

June, 1977 to December, 1985: Assistant District Attorney (Part-time),  
Schuylkill County District Attorney's Office.  
Duties included: Prosecution of Major Offenses; general criminal  
trial practice; juvenile court practice; practice before  
Pennsylvania Supreme and Superior Courts.

June, 1976 to December, 1985: Private Practice of Law.  
Practice included: Family Law; Negligence; Wills and Estates;  
Workmen's Compensation; Real Estate.

March, 1974 to June, 1976: Assistant Attorney General, Office of the  
Special Prosecutor, Two Penn Plaza, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
Duties included: Investigation and Prosecution of municipal and  
police corruption in the City of Philadelphia; Motion work; Trial  
of cases indicted by Special Prosecutor; Appellate work before the  
Superior Court; Grand Jury Practice.

August, 1971 to March, 1974: Assistant Public Defender, Defender's  
Association of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
Duties included: Municipal and Common Pleas criminal trial practice;  
Motions practice; Appellate practice before the Superior and Supreme  
Courts of Pennsylvania; Juvenile Court practice; Major Trial Division.

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December, 1968 to June, 1971: Legislative Assistant to Congressman John A. Blatnik, Minnesota Delegation, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Duties included: Drafting Legislation; preparing Member for Committee Hearings; Corresponding with and interviewing lobbyists and constituents on legislative issues; ghost-writing speeches and articles for publication.

September, 1967 to December, 1968: Analyst in American Government, Library of Congress, Legislative Reference Service, Washington, D. C.  
~~Research included: Articles on the working of Congress; drafting speeches and written material at the request of Members of Congress.~~

September, 1965 to June, 1967: Instructor of English, University of Bridgeport, Connecticut.  
Duties included: Instruction of the following courses: Freshman Composition; Advanced Freshman Composition; Modern American Fiction and Poetry.

September, 1963 to June, 1965: Technical Editor, U.S. Bureau of Mines, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.  
Duties included: Editing and drafting technical papers for publication.

EDUCATION:

Georgetown University Law Center. Juris Doctor, 1971.

Honors and Activities: Staff, Journal of International Law and Policy; Staff, Res Ipsa Loquitur Law Quarterly; Chancellor, Kappa Sigma Phi Legal Sorority; Student Bar Association Representative, 1969-1970, 1970-1971; Judge, National Moot Court Competition Preliminary, 1971; Student Instructor, Moot Court Competition, 1971.

Catholic University of America. Master's of Arts, 1965.

Major: History and Theatre.

Honors and Activities: Board of Trustees Fellowship, 1963-65.

Chestnut Hill College: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Bachelor of Arts, 1963.

Majors: English and Physics.

Honors and Activities: Full Four-Year Academic Scholarship; Honors in English at Graduation; Student Class Treasurer, 1959-60, 1962-63; Member, Mask and Foil Drama Club; Staff, Fournier News, Yearbook, Quarterly Literary Magazine.

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Nativity B.V.M. High School: Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Diploma, 1959.  
Honors and Activities: National Merit Scholarship Competition  
Finalist, 1959; Class Representative, 1955-56; Treasurer of  
Student Council, 1958-59; Staff, Newspaper and Yearbook;  
Cheerleader, 1957-59.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Chairman: Victims of Crime Services Advisory Board, 1986 to Present.  
Founder, Member of the Board: Rape Crisis Center of Schuylkill County.  
Secretary: Pottsville Youth Soccer Association, 1988-90.  
Member: Schuylkill DUI Task Force.  
Member: Business and Professional Women's Club of Pottsville.  
Member: Shade Tree Commission.  
Member: Parent Teacher's Association, Pottsville Area School District.  
Member: Sex Offender's Program Study Group.

MEMBERSHIPS:

U.S. Federal District Court, Third Circuit  
Pennsylvania Supreme Court  
New Jersey Supreme Court  
Pennsylvania Bar Association  
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