

BIOGRAPHY OF GEORGE M. KASHI

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Date of Birth: 8/11/45

Place of Birth: Hazleton, Pennsylvania

Marital Status: Married, three children, ages 24, 19 and 17

Military Service: United States Navy, 1963-1966, Honorable Discharge

Education Background:

High School Hazleton Senior High
Hazleton, Pennsylvania
Academic Curriculum
Graduated June 1963

College Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania
Major: History
Graduated: June 1970
Degree: B.A.

Graduate Dickinson School of Law
Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013
Graduated: June 1973
Degree: J.D.

Activities:

Board member of the Appellate Moot Court.
Member of Prison Research Division, Legal Aide
Society

American Catholic University
Diocese of Harrisburg
Deaconate Formation
January 1975 - December 1978
Major: Theology & Sacred Scripture

Ordained: June 4, 1978

Other United States Navy
 Electronic Technician "A" School
 Great Lakes Naval Training Center
 Great Lakes, Illinois
 Dates: June 1963 -September, 1964

Various Pennsylvania Bar Continuing Education courses and N.A.R.U.C.
Training Seminars between 1976-1996

Professional Background:

**JUDGE, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
May 1980-Present**

Upon resigning as Chief Counsel to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission I accepted an appointment as an Administrative Law Judge. As Judge, I hear and decide all manner of cases proper to PUC jurisdiction.

The majority of cases are decided by an Initial Decision which becomes final as a matter of law unless certain actions are taken either by the parties or the Commission. Certain types of cases, however, primarily rate matters and railroad cases, involve a recommended order. In such instances the Judge has no authority to "rule" directly on the case but rather submits a recommended order on how the issues should be resolved.

As Judge, I decide all prehearing and other motions; conduct prehearing conferences to narrow issues, establish discovery and hearing schedules and related matters; preside at all hearings to develop a complete public record to support a decision; administer oaths and affirmations, and issue subpoenas; decide all procedural matters and manage the assigned cases to ensure prompt final resolution. Cases are assigned to each Judge by the Chief Administrative Law Judge.

Parties appearing before me range from the individual utility consumer, unrepresented, to the multi-state corporate entities represented by more than one law firm. Cases can involve a few hundred dollars in a consumer dispute to hundreds of millions of dollars in rate case litigation. Issues and their complexity and technical nature vary greatly. I have heard and decided cases involving the newly restructured telecommunications, electric and gas industries and the nuclear utility industry which require understanding not only the legal issues but also the intricate technical issues.

CHIEF COUNSEL
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
April 1978 - May 1980

The position of Chief Counsel is a major, statutory, non-tenured policy making and advisory position responsible to the Commission for the direction of the Bureau of Law and to serve as Chief Counsel and principal legal advisor to the Commission. As Chief Counsel I was responsible for overseeing the legal problems of the Commission and coordinating litigation in special cases with exceptionally broad and important implications for the Commission such as the March 1979 TMI nuclear power plant incident and the breakup of the Yellow Cab Company in Philadelphia. Complexity of the legal work in the position is of the highest degree.

I supervised the Law Bureau, which had a complement of 40 attorneys, plus support staff through intermediate supervisors called division chiefs. Supervision included assigning and reviewing work, evaluating employee performance, interpreting labor agreements, resolving complaints or grievances and insuring the development of staff.

My responsibilities were carried out with wide latitude for independent judgment, but in conference with the Commission and its Director of Operations. Additionally, I was responsible for the preparation of the budget for the entire Bureau.

As Chief Counsel I possessed a required knowledge of public utility administrative law and of state and federal laws, particularly in regard to general administrative and regulatory functions of the Public Utility Commission. As Chief Counsel I served the Commissions chaired by Louis J. Carter, Esq., W. Wilson Goode, and Susan Shannaman, Esq..

DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
September 1976 - April 1978

In September of 1976 I joined the Public Utility Commission as a division chief of the then newly created Enforcement Division in the Law Bureau. As head of the new division I was expected to become expert in all facets of utility regulation since enforcement crossed all divisions, such as rate or rail services. I was responsible for court action Commonwealth wide and supervised a staff of six attorneys while reporting directly to Chief Counsel.

In April of 1978 I was appointed Deputy Chief Counsel to the then Chief Counsel Kathleen Herzog Larkin. In this position I served as an advisor to the Chief Counsel on litigation matters, coordinating all litigation training within the Law Bureau and supervising all attorneys in the office of Counsel and in the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh branch offices and

served as the Law Bureau's coordinator with the Commission consultant in Washington and coordinated all federal agency work handled in house.

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1973 - 1976

BUREAU OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

Central Regional Office

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102

Supervisor - Joel Weisberg, Director of Bureau of Consumer Protection

I began an internship with the Justice Department in May of 1972 while a senior at Dickinson and upon completion of law school I was appointed as a Staff Litigation Attorney under the Department of Justice's Honors Program. From 1973 through August of 1974, I served in this capacity at which time I accepted the assignment of heading up the Bureau of Consumer Protection, Lehigh Valley Regional Office, Allentown, Pennsylvania, which served five counties. In November of 1974 I was asked to return to Harrisburg to head the Central Regional Office, serving 21 counties. I accepted and was promoted to Deputy Attorney General. As such I supervised an office with a staff of twelve (12) people, which serves the twenty (20) central counties of Pennsylvania. This included the mediation of approximately 6,500 consumer cases each year; the issuance and hearing of approximately 100 subpoenas; conducting and coordinating investigations into alleged violations of unfair trade practices law; coordinating enforcement efforts with other State, county and federal enforcement officials; bringing approximately 25-30 injunctive actions in Commonwealth Court for violations of the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law; coordinating consumer educational activities with various agencies within the twenty counties.

LAW CLERK

HON. JOHN A. MACPHAIL

May 1971 - May 1972

Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania

Then P.J. Court of Common Pleas

County of Adams, Courthouse

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania