

**Pennsylvanians Against Handgun Violence**  
*Working for a Safer Pennsylvania*

**TESTIMONY OF DANIEL J. SIEGEL, PRESIDENT  
PENNSYLVANIANS AGAINST HANDGUN VIOLENCE  
BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA  
DECEMBER 2, 1999**

Thank you Chairman Gannon and members of the House Judiciary Committee for allowing me the opportunity to address this committee. As you know, I am Dan Siegel, President of Pennsylvanians Against Hand Gun Violence, the only grassroots gun control-lobbying organization in the Commonwealth. I am also a past member of the Board of Handgun Control, Inc. I continue to serve as a spokesman for Handgun Control in Pennsylvania.

I have been involved in the issue of gun control for approximately two decades and have worked with many members of Congress, this legislature, and this Committee on what is commonly called "gun control legislation." I believe that most people who know me will agree that I am basically a moderate when it comes to gun control, and that I understand the practical issues which confront this Committee and the legislature.

I do find it ironic, however, that the reasons stated for this hearing are to consider "the levels of federal, state and local enforcement of the laws and regulations concerning fire arms within this Commonwealth." According to the invitation that I received, the committee wanted to hold this hearing "before reviewing any proposed legislation on this issue." In light of the events of the last few weeks, it is clear that, for whatever reasons, individuals in Harrisburg legislature have moved forward with a variety of gun control legislation, inconsistent with the stated goal of this Committee and this hearing.

The problem with gun control in Pennsylvania is not that there are too many laws. The problem with gun control in Pennsylvania is not there are not new laws which I and others believe should be enacted. The problem with gun control in Pennsylvania stems from the fact that this legislative body has historically meddled with every piece of so-called gun control law on such a frequent basis that it is virtually impossible to determine the effectiveness of any of the legislation.

For example, I was a member of the Select Committee to Investigate the Use of Certain Automatic and Semi-Automatic Weapons, which was formed in 1994. The majority of this Committee's members were individuals who would generally be considered "pro-gun." I represented Handgun Control, Inc., and was the only representative from a "pro-gun control organization." Despite the Committee make-up, we did propose sweeping revisions of Pennsylvania's gun laws. The Committee's final legislative proposal was endorsed by thirteen of the fifteen members of the Committee. The National Rifle Association's representative neither supported nor opposed the Committee's proposal. When that legislation reached the Senate floor, however, amendments were made which strongly the Bill.

Among the amendments which passed were the following:

1. Elimination of Pennsylvania's 48-hour waiting period for handgun purchases;
2. Elimination of Philadelphia's stricter standard for carrying a concealed weapon; and,

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3. Reduction of the fee for gun purchasers. This amendment effectively eliminated funding for any community education programs.

Among the amendments which the Senate defeated were:

1. An amendment which would have required all persons with permits to carry concealed weapons to have mandatory training; and,
2. An amendment which would have precluded persons convicted of ethnic crimes from possessing or owning a firearm.

These votes, particularly the elimination of Philadelphia's right to control who receives a concealed carry permit, are particularly ironic because many members of the legislature continue to state their support for as much local control on a variety of issues as possible, yet this legislature has consistently exempted firearms legislation from this viewpoint. For example, when Philadelphia enacted an assault weapons ban, this legislature, led by Senators from Philadelphia, immediately passed a law which preempted all local gun legislation.

The final version of the Uniform Firearms Act was passed in June of 1995, and was a significantly watered-down version of the bill which had been endorsed by our bipartisan committee. The amendments which passed, although not numerous in number, were significant in the extent of their impact -- and it is now common knowledge that those amendments have led to Philadelphia being one of the major centers of gun-running on the entire East Coast.

In fact, it is because of those amendments that many members of this body (both Republican and Democrat) are now strongly supporting one-gun-a-month legislation, commonly called anti-gun-running legislation. These laws are needed because of the manner in which the Senate (with the House's consent) tampered with the proposed 1995 legislation.

Attached to my remarks is a listing of the amendments to the Uniform Firearms Acts since its enactment. Amendments were passed in 1995, 1997, and twice in 1998. All of these amendments either further diluted these laws or pushed back the effective date of various provisions of the Act. In essence, despite passing the Uniform Firearms Act in 1995, this legislature has repeatedly done everything it could to delay the implementation of that law.

This Committee wants to know about the effectiveness and enforcement of firearms laws in this Commonwealth. The first thing this Committee needs to do is look at the legislature in Harrisburg as a whole and understand that the reason that these laws do not seem to be effective or enforced is because this legislature consistently refuses to allow the enforcement of the laws it passes. When I last addressed this committee on the issue of one-gun-a-month legislation, I emphasized this fact, and the events of the past few weeks only serve to highlight this.

The mandatory gun lock legislation which came out of the House a few weeks ago is "feel good" legislation. We already know that 90 percent of all handguns are sold with gun locks, many of them being of an inferior quality. Did this legislature address the quality of those locks? No. Did this legislature mandate that guns be stored with the locks on? No. Did this legislature mandate that guns be stored with locks on where children or others may have access to them? No.

Gun manufacturers are currently the only industry not regulated by the Consumer Products Safety Commission in Washington. It is also common knowledge that gun manufacturers' products do not reflect the latest in technology. For example, we know that gun locks could be installed as a standard feature on handguns but, because there is no requirement to do so, the manufacturers choose not to. The legislation which this Committee apparently has endorsed mandating the use of gun locks will not benefit the citizens of this Commonwealth in any meaningful way.

Neither will the legislation approved by the Senate to preempt the right of cities to file lawsuits against gun manufacturers. The litigation against gun manufacturers, while certainly a unique strategy, is something that cities should avail themselves. Why? Because of the cost to the cities of gun deaths and gun injuries, which are becoming an epidemic.

What this committee needs to do is to examine the initial proposed legislation from the 1994 Select Committee, as well as various alternatives put forth since then. These proposals include anti-gun-running statutes, mandatory sentencing issues, potential regulation of cheap/inferior quality weapons, and other legislation designed both to insure a higher quality/safety level of handguns and to prevent guns from getting into the hands of minors and others whom we all agree should not possess those weapons.

How can the Courts and police of this Commonwealth enforce legislation passed in Harrisburg when it seems as if at least once a year this legislature tinkers with the laws? How can the Courts and police of this Commonwealth enforce legislation passed in Harrisburg when it seems as if at least once a year this legislature tinkers with the laws in a way which, since 1995, has done nothing but weaken those laws?

The reality is that the message which has been sent consistently both from this legislature and the Governor's mansion is that it is acceptable to make it easy to obtain weapons and to use them in Pennsylvania. It is time for this committee not to recommend "feel good" legislation because of whatever political agendas may suit the members of the committee or others in the legislature. It is time for this Committee, and the entire legislature, to look at our existing laws and to enact amendments which are effective and are designed to address the problems currently effecting the citizens of Pennsylvania.

This means that this legislature and this committee should do everything it can, as addressed at the prior hearing on one-gun-a-month bills, to eliminate multiple straw purchases of weapons. It is also time that this legislature and this committee to make

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certain that guns do not get into the hands of children or, if they do, that those guns have a lock on them so that children do not get hurt.

I live in suburban Delaware County, an area which is traditionally considered a safe area. We have had shootings, we have had robberies involving assault weapons, and we have had a variety of incidents involving handguns and long guns over the years. The most tragic incident, to me, is not the robbery of a nearby Acme with an assault rifle, it is the serious injury suffered by a seven-year old who went into the drawer of a dresser in his apartment and found his father's loaded handgun. That boy looked at the gun and pulled the trigger. He spent weeks at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia recovering from his injuries. Many children are not that lucky.

While it would be nice to believe that parents, teachers and society as a whole will do everything necessary to teach children not to use guns and to stay away from them, we know that this is not a reality. We also know that making the laws weaker means that criminals can get guns easier. Both of these realities are what this committee and what this legislature need to consider and to address.

Until and unless this legislature has the fortitude to address these issues, and to realize that poll after poll after poll demonstrates that the citizens of Pennsylvania embrace legislation designed to address these problems, these problems will continue to occur, and the debate about guns will not go away. More importantly, neither will the deaths and the injuries from those guns.

It is time for this committee to consider and to recommend mandatory gun lock legislation -- after a gun is sold -- so that the owners of those weapons store those guns safely. This committee should also recommend the enactment of anti-gun-running laws in one of the various forms that has been proposed, and this committee should do whatever it has to keep guns out of the wrong hands. Only then will the citizens of this Commonwealth feel that we are moving forward. The legislature needs to take the lead, and not be led by the pro-gun special interests.

I thank this committee for allowing me to address it and hope that these hearings will lead to positive changes in our laws. If Pennsylvanians Against Handgun Violence and I can be of service to this committee, the legislature, or to anyone else concerning these issues, we welcome the opportunity.

Thank you again for inviting me to speak today.

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# **THE UNIFORM FIREARMS ACT OF 1995**

## **History of Amendments**

Amended [enacted] 1995, June 13, P.L. 1024, No. 17 (Spec. Sess. No. 1), s 2, effective in 120 days;

1995, Nov. 22, P.L. 621, No. 66, s 4, immediately effective;

1997, April 22, P.L. 73, No. 5, s 1, effective in 60 days;

1998, June 18, P.L. 503, No. 70, s 2, immediately effective;

1998, Dec. 3, P.L. 933, No. 121, s 4, immediately effective.



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## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Gay and Chacker, P.C., Philadelphia, Pa., 1986 to Present (Partner since 1993)  
New Jersey Managing Attorney  
General Practice with strong emphasis on workers' compensation, personal injury and civil litigation, appellate practice, wills and estates; handling 250 to 300 cases at a time from initial client interview to trial/resolution; responsible for operation and implementation of the firm's computer network; familiar with most major computer systems  
Ronald A. Blumfield, P.C., Philadelphia, Pa., 1984 to 1986

## BAR ADMISSIONS

All Pennsylvania and New Jersey State Courts  
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania  
United States District Court for New Jersey

## EDUCATION

J.D. Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, Pa., 1984  
A.B. Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., 1981  
Departmental Honors, Government

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association  
Pennsylvania Bar Association  
Philadelphia Bar Association  
Association of Trial Lawyers of America  
Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association  
Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association

## HONORS

"AV" Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Awarded to a select group of attorneys who have been recognized by their peers for they demonstrate the highest standard of legal ability and unquestioned professional ethics  
"Who's Who in American Law," 1998-99  
"Increase the Peace Hero," Selected by WUSL-FM, Philadelphia, as one of twenty individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the effort to end violence in the Delaware Valley, October 1994  
Pennsylvania Senate/House of Representatives Select Committee to Investigate the Use of Certain Automatic and Semi-Automatic Weapons, 1994  
Local Merit Award, Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, Inc. (SEPAD), for Outstanding Service to Philately, 1988

## Books/Chapters

"Personal Animosity and Employer Immunity Defenses" and "Who's the Boss: Temporary Employees and Related Issues," Chapter in *Workers' Comp - How to Handle Difficult Issues*, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, 1999  
"Paralegal's Role in Personal Injury Practice," Chapter in *Pennsylvania Personal Injury Practice for Paralegals*, HMS Continuing Legal Education, 1998  
"Addressing Limited Tort Issues - Ways to Address the Threshold," Chapter in *Hot Tips in Auto Law*, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, 1995  
"Effective Strategies for Brief Writing," Chapter in *Workers' Compensation - Winning Strategies in Workers' Compensation Cases*, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, 1995  
"Subrogation - The Practical Factors," Chapter in *Workers' Compensation - Tips From Local Practitioners*, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, 1994  
"Is There an Automatic Supersedeas - Or - Is the Automatic Supersedeas Constitutional?" *PATLA Convention Materials July 1994*, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, 1994  
"Notices of Temporary Compensation Payable," Chapter in *The New Workers' Compensation Act: Comp in the Nineties and Beyond*, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, 1993  
"Handling the Limited Tort Claim," Chapter in *Tort and Insurance Law Update*, Professional Educational Systems, Inc., 1993  
"The Second Amendment, Judicial Unanimity, Gun Owner Dissent," Chapter in *The Bill of Rights: A Bicentennial View*, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 1991

## Other Publications

"What You See is What You Get," *The Philadelphia Lawyer*, (Quarterly Magazine of the Philadelphia Bar Association), Spring 1999  
"Effective Brief-Writing Strategies," *The Barrister*, (Quarterly Journal of the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association), Cover/Feature Article, Fall 1996  
Editor, *Workers' Compensation News*, Newsletter of the Philadelphia Bar Association Workers' Compensation Committee, May 1995 to Present  
"Appellate Summaries," Columnist, *The Verdict*, Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association Monthly Newsletter, 1988 to Present  
"Landmark Gun Control Bill," *News of Delaware County (Pa.)*, October 4, 1995  
"Annual Update of the Law: Automobile Law," Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, Philadelphia, September 13, 1995  
"NRA Backs Law it Bucks Elsewhere," *Greensburg (Pa.) Tribune Review*, July 9, 1995  
"Bill Goes Far to Muzzle Firearms," *Philadelphia Daily News*, June 20, 1995  
"The Second Amendment is Not Absolute," Letter to the Editor, *Litigation News*, American Bar Association Section of Litigation, February/March 1995  
"Annual Update of the Law: Automobile Law," Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, Philadelphia, December 15, 1994  
"Copyrights and the Writer," *The Philatelic Communicator*, Fourth Quarter 1994  
"Losing Benefits Without Due Process - Is the Automatic Supersedeas in Workers' Compensation Constitutional?" *Pennsylvania Law Weekly*, September 19, 1994  
"Assault: Gun Law Would Save Lives," *Philadelphia Daily News*, July 12, 1993  
"Random Thoughts," Columnist, *Global Stamp News*, 1990 to 1992  
"Bearing Arms is 'Collective Right,'" *Burlington County (N.J.) Times*, July 9, 1987  
"Buying a Gun Easy as Buying Ice Cream Cone," *Philadelphia Daily News*, July 31, 1985

## SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS

*Thorne v. Miller*, 317 N.J. Super. 554, 722 A.2d 626 (1998)  
This is the first reported case in New Jersey to address the obligation of a driver who waves another vehicle into traffic. The trial court held that a driver who waves to another driver to proceed is under a duty of reasonable care that, at the least, requires the driver who waved to observe whether traffic conditions were such as to allow the other driver to proceed without accident; whether, in this case, the waving driver breached that duty and whether the breach was a proximate cause of the accident is for the jury.  
*Smith v. Pulcinella*, 440 Pa. Super. 525, 656 A.2d 494 (1995)  
Superior Court decision extending to general negligence cases the malpractice doctrine that, where the conduct of two or more tortfeasors causes an injury, and the damages cannot be reasonably apportioned among the negligent parties, any one of the tortfeasors may be held responsible for the entire verdict if that party's negligence was a substantial contributing factor in causing the plaintiff's injuries  
*Curran v. Grease Bay Hotel & Casino*, 434 Pa. Super. 368, 643 A.2d 687 (1994)  
Superior Court *en banc* decision analyzing when a verdict may be reduced under the Comparative Negligence Act, and also holding that the failure to request the correction of an inconsistent jury verdict constitutes a waiver of any objection to the verdict  
*Colosimo v. City of Philadelphia*, Counsel for *Amicus Curiae* Pennsylvanians Against Handgun Violence before the Court of Common Pleas and the Commonwealth Court in case challenging the City of Philadelphia's ban on semi-automatic assault weapons (case decided in an unreported decision)  
*Denny's v. Workers' Compensation Appeal Board (Stanton)*, 142 Pa. Cmwlth. 531, 597 A.2d 1241 (1991); Commonwealth Court decision specifying those actions by employees which are in furtherance of an employer's business, and requiring the employer to provide worker's compensation benefits to employees injured under the circumstances  
*Walsh v. City of Philadelphia*, 526 Pa. 222, 585 A.2d 445 (1991)  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania decision defining the nature of permissible claims against municipalities under the Recreational Use of Land and Water Act, and setting forth the standard for the types of injuries for which local governmental bodies are responsible for damages under the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act

## PUBLICATIONS

## Legislation

"The Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act of 1995," Co-Author (as member of the Pennsylvania Senate/House of Representatives Select Committee to Investigate the Use of Certain Automatic and Semi-Automatic Weapons) of the complete revision of Pennsylvania's gun control laws, including significant restrictions upon the illegal sale and transfer of weapons, enacted by the Pennsylvania legislature on June 5, 1995, and signed into law by Governor Tom Ridge

Subject of multiple feature articles and interviews on television and radio, and in various newspapers, including *Channels 3, 6, 10, 17 and 29* (Philadelphia), *Stations KYW and WUSL*, and *The Associated Press*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Philadelphia Daily News*, *Main Line Welcome*, *News of Delaware County*, *Delaware County Daily Times*, *Allentown Morning Call*  
Multiple Letters to the Editor published on topics including tort reform, gun control, worker's compensation and general legal issues  
Multiple columns and articles on stamp collecting topics in most major philatelic publications

## PRESENTATIONS

## Television &amp; Radio Appearances

"Special Report: Guns in the Home," *News 10 at 6*, WCAU-TV (NBC-10), January 5, 1999  
"The National Instant Check System," *It's Your Call*, CNN, The Comcast Network, December 2, 1998  
"After the School Shootings," *Talk Back Bucks*, WBUX-AM, September 4, 1998  
"The NRA National Convention," *Good Day Philadelphia*, WTXF Fox-29, June 9, 1998  
"Gun Control and the NRA," *Radio Pennsylvania Round Table*, Radio Program syndicated throughout Pennsylvania, air dates June 5 & 6, 1998  
"Workers' Compensation," *Today's Law*, Television Program Broadcast on Multiple Cable Networks Throughout the Philadelphia and Suburban Region, October 1996  
"Pennsylvanians Against Handgun Violence," *The Philly Information File*, WIOQ-FM, Philadelphia, February 18, 1996  
"The Pennsylvania Uniform Firearms Act of 1995," *Radio Times*, WHYF-FM, Philadelphia, May 30, 1995  
"The Militia and Gun Control," *Sunday Focus*, WCAU-TV, Philadelphia, April 30, 1995  
"Gun Control," *Deborah Anderson Show*, WHAT-AM, Philadelphia, April 20, 1995  
*Town Meeting: Kids and Violence, Searching for Solutions*, WCAU-TV, Phila., May 1, 1994  
*Legislative Update: The Debate over Assault Weapons*, State Representative Carol Rubley, Legislative Broadcast, January 1994  
"Gun Control," *Arm Devlin Show*, WTAE-AM, Pittsburgh, May 4, 1993  
"Gun Control," *The Bill Berger Show*, WFLL-FM, Fort Lauderdale, September 7, 1992  
"The Brady Bill," Radio Presentation, Los Angeles, California, Fall 1991  
"Assault Weapons," *Community Forum*, WYBE-TV, Philadelphia, June 26, 1991  
"The Brady Bill," *The Susan Bray Show*, WWDB-FM, Philadelphia, April 11, 1991  
"Gun Control," *Challenges*, WFMZ-TV, Allentown, March 20, 1989  
"The Brady Amendment to the Omnibus Drug Bill," *The Russ Spears Show*, KLSX-FM, Los Angeles, September 5, 1988  
"Gun Control," *Ed Tyll Show*, WTAE-AM, Pittsburgh, February 2, 1987  
"Gun Control," *Ed Tyll Show*, WTAE-AM, Pittsburgh, August 13, 1986  
"Gun Control," *Daybreak with Chuck Stone*, WCAU-TV, Philadelphia, October 14, 1985  
"The Right to Bear Arms," WWDB-FM, Philadelphia, Fall 1985  
"Gun Control," *The Steve Martorano Show*, WIP-AM, Philadelphia, September 8, 1985  
"Gun Control-The Right to Bear Arms," *Challenges*, WFMZ-TV, February 19, 1985  
Multiple presentations on stamp collecting-related topics

## Testimony, Courses, Lectures &amp; Other Public Speaking

- Workers' Comp - How to Handle Difficult Issues (Course Co-Planner)*, Also Lecturer - "Avoiding the Pitfalls of Work-Related Auto Accidents," Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Philadelphia, November 19, 1999
- "The Nuts and Bolts of Workers' Compensation," Philadelphia Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division (Professional Development Program), Philadelphia, November 15, 1999
- "Ethical Issues in Workers' Compensation," *Workers' Compensation Law Section Fall Meeting*, Pennsylvania Bar Association/Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Hershey, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1999
- "Gun Control Update," *Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Common Sense Firearms Safety Caucus*, Regional Meeting, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1999
- "Ethical Issues in Workers' Compensation," *Workers' Compensation Law Section Spring Meeting*, Pennsylvania Bar Association/Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Philadelphia, May 6, 1999
- "Paralegal's Role in Personal Injury Practice," *Pennsylvania Personal Injury Practice for Paralegals*, HMS Continuing Legal Education, Philadelphia, October 16, 1998
- "Limited Tort Claims: Legal Update," *Successfully Litigating the Automobile Accident Case*, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Philadelphia, September 25, 1998
- "Special Evidentiary Issues in Arbitration Matters," Philadelphia Bar Association, Compulsory Arbitration Committee, Philadelphia, June 23, 1998
- "Celebration of Life," Host and Speaker, Sponsored by Pennsylvanians Against Handgun Violence, the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, Magee Rehabilitation Hospital and the Anti-Violence Network of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, June 6, 1998
- Navigating Your Case Under the New Workers' Compensation Law (Course Co-Planner)*, Also Lecturer - "Recent Auto Insurance Developments in Work-Related Accidents," Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, October 7, 1997
- "Childproof Handguns," Testimony, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Democratic Policy Committee, Philadelphia, June 25, 1997
- "The Contingent Work Force," Pennsylvania Bar Association, Workers' Compensation Section, Hershey, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1997
- "Gun Control - A Discussion of Current Issues," Haverford Township Rotary Club, Broomall, Pennsylvania, April 24, 1997
- The Silent March*, Peace Action/Americans Against Gun Violence, Philadelphia, September 28, 1996
- "Work Availability, Earning Power and Calculating the Average Weekly Wage," Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Philadelphia, September 13, 1996
- "Gun Violence," Pennsylvania State Health Policy Fellowship Program, American Medical Student Association, Harrisburg, June 28, 1996
- "Handling Limited Tort Issues at Trial: Plaintiff's Perspective," *Successfully Litigating the Automobile Accident Case*, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, March 25, 1996
- Workers' Compensation - Winning Strategies in Workers' Compensation Cases (Course Co-Planner)*, Also Lecturer - "Effective Strategies for Brief Writing," Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, October 6, 1995
- "After Oklahoma: Guns, Peace and Our Communities," American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, July 13, 1995

- "The Status of State and Federal Gun Control Legislation," Haverford Township Democratic Committee, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1995
- "The Current State of Gun Control Legislation in Pennsylvania," 1995 Peace Resources Fair, American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, March 26, 1995
- "Annual Update of the Law: Automobile Law," Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, Philadelphia, December 15, 1994
- "Gun Control: The Best of Times, The Worst of Times," Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, November 13, 1994
- Tort Liability of Employers: Immunities & Other Considerations*, Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, October 5, 1994
- "Workers' Compensation: Bring Your Own Files," (*Course Planner*); Also Lecturer, "Is There an Automatic Supersedeas?," Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Hershey, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1994
- "Kids and Violence," Testimony, Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1994
- "In Support of the Campaign for Public Safety," Press Conference, Moderator/Speaker, March 31, 1994, Philadelphia; participants included Pennsylvania Governor Robert Casey, Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell, Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Neal
- "Update on Gun Control Issues," League of Women Voters, Radnor, Pa., March 9, 1994
- "Handling the Limited Tort Case," *Tort and Insurance Law Update*, Professional Education Systems, Inc., Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, November 3 and 5, 1993
- The New Workers' Compensation Act: Comp in the Nineties and Beyond (Course Co-Planner)*, Also Presented "Notices of Temporary Compensation Payable," Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, September 14, 1993
- Testimony, Bill 508 (Banning the Sale and Possession of Assault Weapons)*, Philadelphia City Council, May 19, 1993
- "Guns and the Law," *Violence in America: Sociological and Psychological Perspectives*, American Institute of Medical Education, Washington, D.C., October 15-18, 1992
- "Worker's Compensation," *Annual Update of the Law*, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Philadelphia, September 22, 1992
- "Censorship in Public Schools," Single Parents Society, Philadelphia, December 9, 1988
- "Masters of Philately," Panelist, National Association of Postmasters National Convention, Virginia Beach, October 18, 1988
- "Estate Planning and the Collector," Presented to numerous groups
- "The Second Amendment & Gun Control," University of Pennsylvania, March 4, 1986

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania  
Arbitrator, 1989 to Present
- Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County  
Arbitrator, 1987 to Present

- American Bar Association Section of Tort and Insurance Practice  
Appellate Advocacy Committee, 1988 to 1997
- Trial Techniques Committee, 1989 to 1997
- Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Law Committee, 1995 to 1997
- Civil Procedure and Evidence Committee, 1994
- Rules and Procedures Committee, 1990 to 1992
- American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division  
Executive Committee, 1988 to 1993
- Committee on Ethics, 1987 to 1992
- Committee on Litigation, 1987 to 1993 (Executive Committee, 1988 to 1992)
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America  
Workers' Compensation Committee, 1992 to Present
- Pennsylvania Bar Association  
Committee on Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility, 1987 to Present
- Professionalism Committee, 1998 to Present
- Committee on Interprofessional Activities, 1993 to 1994
- Bicentennial of the Bill of Rights Committee, 1990 to 1991
- Philadelphia Bar Association  
Homeless Advocacy Project, Consultant, 1991 to Present
- Lawyer Referral and Information Service, Participant, 1992 to Present
- Publications Committee, 1988 to Present
- State Civil Procedural Rules Committee, 1990 to Present
- Workers' Compensation Committee, 1991 to Present
- Co-Chair, 2000
- Co-Chair, Newsletter Subcommittee, 1995 to 1999
- Co-Chair, Ad-Hoc Committee on Notice, 1992 to 1994
- Committee on Professional Guidance, 1990 to Present
- Philadelphia Bar Education Center, Director, 1999 to Present
- Ethics Committee, 1988 to 1993
- Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association  
LAWPAC, Member, 1987 to Present
- Worker's Compensation Committee, 1991 to Present
- Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association  
Board of Directors, 1999 to Present
- American Arbitration Association  
Arbitrator, 1993 to Present

## COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Haverford Township (Pa.), Democratic Committeeperson, 1998 to 1999, 1999 to Present
- Haverford Township (Pa.), Candidate for District Justice, 1999
- Haverford Township (Pa.), Candidate for Commissioner, 1997
- Handgun Control, Inc., Washington, D.C.  
Board of Governors, 1995 to Present
- Board of Trustees, 1995 to 1997
- Philadelphia Area Spokesperson, 1982 to Present

- Pennsylvanians Against Handgun Violence  
Statewide (Founding) President, 1995 to Present
- Founding Member, 1993
- Spokesperson, 1993 to Present
- Pennsylvanians Against Handgun Violence, Philadelphia Chapter  
President, 1996 to Present
- Vice-President, 1994 to 1996
- Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
Volunteer Alumni Admissions Program, 1986 to Present
- Student-Alumni Partner Program, 1996 to Present
- People for the American Way, Washington, D.C.  
Volunteer, 1988 to Present
- The Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition (formerly the Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, Inc.)  
President, 1989 to 1995
- Legal Counsel, 1985 to 1989
- Director, 1986 to 1989, 1995 to 1997
- American Philatelic Society  
Board of Vice Presidents, 1993 to 1995
- General Chairman, Stampshow '91
- Youth Activities Committee, 1977 to 1979, 1984 to 1992
- Speakers Bureau Participant, 1979 to 1996
- Committee of Stamp Show Organizers  
Founding President, 1994 to 1995
- Founder, 1992
- Editor, *Stamp Show Organizers News*, 1993 to 1994
- Junior Philatelists of America  
Advisory Council, Chairman, 1987 to 1990
- Member, 1987 to 1995
- Legal Counsel, 1988 to 1995
- Publicity Chairman, 1992 to 1993
- Collectors Club of Philadelphia  
Editor, *The Philadelphia Philatelist*, 1992 to 1996
- Treasurer, 1993 to 1996
- Corresponding Secretary, 1992
- Founding President, 1990 to 1991
- Temple Beth Hillel/Beth El  
Young Members Group, Founding Member, 1990