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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

May 2011-  
February 2018

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE DISTRICT  
OF COLUMBIA**

Deputy Attorney General: (Public Interest Division, May 2015-February 2018) led Division of four sections responsible for affirmative civil litigation, government contracts, defense of class actions and cases seeking injunctive relief including serving as lead counsel in *Salazar v. D.C.*, and enforcement of agency and board decisions; responsible for implementation of Style Guide; oversight of the Charles F.C. Ruff Fellows program; assisted Attorney General and Chief Deputy as requested.

Assistant Deputy Attorney General: (Civil Litigation Division from May 2011-May 2015) assisted Deputy Attorney General in oversight of Division; lead counsel in significant consent decree litigation (*Salazar v. D.C.*); oversight of the Charles F.C. Ruff Fellows program and *pro bono* counsel program; responsible for several Civil Litigation Division initiatives (paralegals, Style Manual and Civil Litigation Practice Manual); assisted Attorney General in other special projects as requested.

January 2009-  
May 2011

**TROUTMAN SANDERS LLP**  
Washington, D.C.

Following merger with Ross Dixon & Bell, Partner and Assistant General Counsel in 650-lawyer international law firm, specializing in litigation and counseling corporate, nonprofit association and individual clients in commercial, employment, insurance, governance and ethics issues.

September 1987-  
January 2009

**ROSS, DIXON & BELL, LLP**  
Washington, D.C.

Partner and General Counsel in 125-lawyer national law firm, specializing in litigation with emphasis on employment counseling and litigation, commercial litigation, civil rights, legal ethics and insurance coverage.

October 1986-  
September 1987

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
Washington, D.C.

Senior Trial Counsel, Civil Division: Responsible for the litigation of a variety of complex civil cases, including matters relating to international law, national security and diplomacy.

September 1985-  
October 1986

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ADVOCACY INSTITUTE**  
Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Assistant Director: Directed advocacy training program for federal civil litigators. Conducted intensive two week training courses to teach trial skills in federal practice.

July 1980-  
September 1985

**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Chief, Civil Division (1982-1985): Managed civil litigation for three office District (Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton); litigated wide variety of civil cases including medical malpractice, wrongful death, contract, constitutional and regulatory challenges to federal programs, *Bivens* actions, employment discrimination; tried a number of criminal cases as well.

Assistant United States Attorney (1980-1982): Handled a wide variety of civil litigation in appellate and district courts.

January 1975-  
July 1980

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
Washington, D.C.

Assistant Branch Director: Civil Division (September 1978-July 1980): Supervised approximately 30 trial attorneys; litigated a variety of civil cases with an emphasis on matters relating to constitutional and regulatory issues in national security and military affairs, including *United States v. Snapp*, 444 U.S. 507 (1980), and *United States v. The Progressive, Inc.*, 467 F. Supp. 990 (W.D. Wis. 1979).

Trial Attorney: Civil Division (December 1976-September 1978): Litigated variety of civil cases including employment discrimination, *Bivens* actions, national security matters, constitutional and regulatory challenges to government programs.

Trial Attorney: Criminal Division (January 1975-December 1976): Litigated civil cases filed against federal officials for damages arising out of criminal investigations and trials.

May 1972-  
January 1975

**LAW CLERK TO THE HONORABLE JUNE L. GREEN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA**  
Washington, D.C.

February 1971-  
May 1972

**LAW CLERK, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL**  
Washington, D.C.

**PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND ACTIVITIES**

Member, Board of Governors, District of Columbia Bar, 2018-2021

Chair, Planning Committee, D.C. Bar 2020 Conference, 100 Years of the 19th Amendment:  
*“Now We Can Begin”*

Hearing Committee Member, District of Columbia Board on Professional Responsibility, 1994-  
2000

Member, District of Columbia Court of Appeals Committee on Admissions (Bar Examiner),  
1995-2002

Chair, United States District Court for the District of Columbia Committee on Pro Se Litigation,  
1995-1998; Member, 1993-1995

Co-Chair, Retrospective Review Advisory Planning Subcommittee, District of Columbia Courts’  
Conference on Ensuring Fairness and Access to the Courts in a Changing World, October 2002

Member, United States District Court for the District of Columbia Lawyer Counseling Panel,  
2002-2018

Member, United States District Court for the District of Columbia Local Rules Committee, 2013-  
2018

Member, Superior Court of the District of Columbia Advisory Rules Committee, 2012-2018

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Member, Judicial Conference for the District of Columbia Circuit, 1975-1980, 1984, 1986-2004,  
2010 - present

Member, Judicial Conference for the District of Columbia Superior Court and Court of Appeals,  
1988-present

Master, American Inns of Court, 1984-1996; Secretary-Treasurer, 1986-1987; Counselor, 1988-  
1989; Membership Chair, 1992-1994; Counselor, 1994-1996 (Potter Stewart Inn; Charles Fahy  
Inn)

Member, Lawyers' Club of Washington, 1999-present; President-2015

Attorney General's Special Commendation Award

Women's Bar Association Star of the Bar 2004

*Washingtonian* designation as one of Washington's Top Lawyers 2005, 2007, 2009

Washington DC *Super Lawyers* 2008, 2009, 2010

Named as one of Top 50 Women Lawyers in Washington, D.C. by *Super Lawyers*, 2009

### **TEACHING**

Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University Law Center, 1994-2015

Received Charles Fahy Distinguished Adjunct Professor Award, Georgetown University Law Center, 2007

Instructor, Attorney General's Advocacy Institute, 1981-1986

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

District of Columbia, Maryland (inactive), Ohio (inactive)

### **EDUCATION**

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY NATIONAL LAW CENTER, J.D. 1972

- Graduated with Honors

- Trustee Scholar

- Journal of International Law and Economics – Associate

DENISON UNIVERSITY, Granville, Ohio, B.A. 1969

- Graduated with High Honors

- Phi Beta Kappa

### **CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

Women's Advisory Board, Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, 2003-present

Board of Directors, Abramson Scholarship Foundation, 2005-present; Vice President 2020-2021

Board of Directors, Vice President, Woodley Park Towers Condominium Association, 2008-2012