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KEY QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Currently an Elected Supreme Court Justice in the State of Ohio, USA,** with a judicial jurisdiction of 11.6 million people in U.S.'s seventh largest state. As one of 7 justices of the state's highest court, author decisions, review jurisdictional and other appeals and cast votes as a member of the court to determine matters of public or great general interest for review. Participate in general administrative matters of the court concerning management of its staff and programs, including licensing of attorneys, specialized court dockets and attorney discipline. Also, served previously as an intermediate state appellate judge authoring hundreds of judicial decisions for 6 years and a trial court judge for nearly 5 years, with a docket consistently ranging from 600-1000 civil, criminal, commercial and administrative cases.
- **Extensive International Governance, Elections and Rule of Law Experience** with comprehensive experience working with USAID and Democracy International to support elections and rule of law around the globe, including Serbia's Anti-Corruption Agency and Ministry of Justice, Sri Lanka's Bar and Judges Associations, and judges in Egypt serving in elections capacities, including to conduct key trainings, create institutional election process blueprints, and monitor elections. Maintain keen passion for providing technical expertise on rule of law, elections, judicial reform, and government accountability.
- **Previous U.S. Senate Candidate and Former Secretary of State for Ohio,** a politically important state, where after winning 55% of the vote in 2006, went on to serve a four-year term as Ohio's first woman Secretary of State. Oversaw a staff of 200; served as the state's chief election officer and supervised the state's 88 bipartisan county boards of elections; promulgated rules and issued directives and instructions for the fair conduct of elections in Ohio; and was personally involved in settling litigation issues on election administration regarding the 2008 Obama election. Received John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award, the nation's most prestigious award for elected public servants, for what Caroline Kennedy called, "dauntless commitment to the enfranchisement of every Ohio voter."
- **Expansive Public Outreach & Poverty Reduction Track record,** including as founder and administrator of an adult felony drug court specialized docket program in the trial court, which has been in operation for nearly 17 years. Leadership roles within the judicial communities of county and state in organizations fostering improved judicial economy and alternative sentencing. Worked to develop and guide government affairs teams in California, Ohio and Georgia for a U.S. public-private partnership to provide low income telecommunications access. Recently wrote the forward for the forthcoming book: *Bridges Across Every Divide: Policy and Practices to Reduce Poverty and Build Communities.*

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY SUMMARY:

Supreme Court of Ohio, *State of Ohio, USA* **January 2021 – Present**
Supreme Court Justice (20 – 50 hours per week – varies)

USAID Short-Term Technical Expert for Rule of Law, *Multiple Locations* **February 2012 - Present**
Elections, Democracy Governance, Judicial Reform and Anti-Corruption
Consultant and Educator (60 hours per week)

Tenth District Court of Appeals, *State of Ohio, USA* **November 2014 - Present**

Appellate Judge (20 – 50 hours per week – varies)

Brunner Quinn Law Firm, *Columbus, Ohio* **January 2011 – November 2014**
Founding Partner Since 1988 (50 hours per week)

Candidate for Democratic Nomination for United States Senate, *Ohio* **February 2009 – May 2010**
Statewide Ohio Candidate (70 hours per week)

State of Ohio, *Columbus, Ohio* **January 2007 – January 2011**
Secretary of State (60 hours per week)

Candidate for Ohio Secretary of State, *Columbus, Ohio* **September 2005 – November 2006**
Statewide Ohio Candidate (70 hours per week)

Franklin County Common Pleas Court, *Columbus, Ohio* **December 2000 – August 2005**
State Trial Court Judge (60 hours per week)

Multiple Firms (Detailed Below), ***Columbus,*** *Ohio* **March 1987 – December 2000**
Private Practice of Law (50 hours per week)

Ohio Secretary of State Sherrod Brown, ***Columbus,*** *Ohio* **January 1983 – March 1987**
Corporations and Legislative Counsel *October 1983 - March 1987*
Assistant Corporations Counsel to Ohio Secretary of State, *Columbus, Ohio* *January 1983 – October 1983*
(50 hours per week)

Ohio Senate, *Columbus, Ohio* **October 1978 - January 1981**
Legislative Aide
Committee Secretary (40 hours per week)

Miami University, *Oxford, Ohio* **August 1976 – August 1978**
Research Associate/Gerontology Consultant, National Science Foundation Grant *May 1978 – August 1978*
(20 hours per week)
Student Assistant to Sociology professor (8 hours per week) *September 1977 – May 1978*
Gerontology Student Case Worker (8 hours per week) *January 1976 – May 1978*

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:

Supreme Court of Ohio, *Columbus, Ohio USA* **January 2021 – Present**
State Supreme Court Justice

- Serve as one of seven elected justices (6-year term) in jurisdiction of 11.6 million people.
- As one of 7 justices of the state's highest court, author decisions, review jurisdictional and other appeals and cast votes as a member of the court to determine matters of public or great general interest for review.
- Participate in general administrative matters of the court concerning management of its staff and programs, including licensing of attorneys, specialized court dockets and attorney discipline.
- Confer with other justices on cases presented for oral argument and written decisions following oral arguments.
- Manage team of judicial attorneys and paralegal in review of records and drafting and review of decisions.
- Review, research, edit and draft decisions on appeals, in cooperating with court staff for legal publication.
- Participate in judicial training and information exchange.

Tenth District Court of Appeals, *Columbus, Ohio USA* **November 2014 – December 2020**
State Appellate Court Judge

- Served as one of eight judges in appellate jurisdiction of 1.2 million people reviewing cases filed as of right from lower courts at county and municipal level (civil, felony and misdemeanor cases; probate, family law and administrative law), state court of claims cases, administrative law decisions, and holding original jurisdiction in government-related cases.
- Participated in three-judge panels that hear oral arguments on cases fully briefed and prepared for review.
- Managed team of staff attorneys and paralegal in review of records and drafting and review of decisions.
- Conferred with other appellate judges on cases presented for oral argument and written decisions following oral arguments.
- Participated in state appellate judge training and information exchange.
- Researched and draft decisions on appeals.
- Served on court Personnel Committee, which entails revising operational structure and setting policies for employee management best practices.
- Frequent speaker for international law and undergraduate students at The Ohio State University through university sponsorship program; developed program for international judges to observe Ohio court system, including judges from Democratic Republics of Georgia and the Congo (2017).

Franklin County Common Pleas Court, *Columbus, Ohio USA* **December 2000 – August 2005**
State Trial Court Judge

- Managed regular docket of at least 500 pending civil cases and 125 pending criminal cases.
- Eliminated docket backlog from 991 cases to 713 cases in first year.
- Conducted trials including three-judge panel death penalty trial, criminal trials for aggravated murder, rape, felonious assault, complicity to felonious assault, robbery, burglary, and theft, and civil trials including age discrimination, premises liability, auto accident and medical malpractice.
- Implemented procedures for jurors to ask questions in trials; affirmed by Ohio Supreme Court with statewide procedures modeled after those challenged and affirmed.
- Worked within court and with community mental health and substance abuse service providers, established and presided over the TIES (Treatment is Essential to Success) Program, a felony drug court specialized docket, providing for intensive probation of persons whose substance abuse or substance abuse co-occurring with mental illness had contributed to their commission of nonviolent felonies.
- Supervised 45 probationers in program and supervised activities of TIES Program coordinator, while maintaining regular docket.
- Collaborated with TIES program service providers across disciplines, including assisting with cross-training for better cooperation; advocating for collaboration on best planning, execution and results, including acceptance by affected populations.
- Presided over cases involving administrative appeals of state agency decisions, including appeals of ballot issue challenges.
- Served on following court committees: Court Personnel Committee, Court Technology Committee, New Judges Committee, Grants Review Committee, Assigned Counsel for Indigent Defendants Committee.
- Taught probation officers of the court and select group of lawyers in the State of Ohio curriculum on poverty and worked with people in poverty to help them succeed.
- Adjunct professor for graduate law enforcement program for Tiffin University, a private Ohio University, teaching law and ethics for law enforcement officers, the undergraduate law enforcement program, and teaching constitutional law for law enforcement.

PUBLIC SECTOR EXPERIENCE: *(elected and appointed)*

Secretary of State of Ohio, *Columbus, Ohio USA* **January 2007 – January 2011**

- Elected Ohio's first woman Secretary of State, November 7, 2006, winning a four-year term with 55.03% of the vote against three other candidates (Republican, independent and Green Party), winning in 52 of Ohio's 88 counties after raising $2 million for statewide campaign.
- Met four goals for office in first 2½ years of four-year term. Goals consisted of:
    i. restoring trust to Ohio's election process,
    ii. ensuring that business filings were quick, efficient and easy to retrieve,
    iii. protecting people's private information, and
    iv. creating and publishing a web-based social health index accessible to researchers, media, local chambers of commerce and the public, with more than 300 indicators on quality of life in Ohio.
- Mentored lawyers and legislative affairs staff in office, meeting with them weekly to collaboratively set election policy to improve Ohio's performance and reputation in election administration.
- Hosted diverse foreign delegation in three-day visit to Ohio, sponsored by Global Panel North America, with retired and then current dignitaries from Canada, the U.S., the Czech Republic, Russia, Germany, England and Romania.
- Frequent speaker to college classes and organizations on voter participation, and worked specifically to engage high school students early in voting, political participation and serving as poll workers to encourage early and lifelong civic engagement.
- Frequent presenter for National Association of Secretaries of State on election administration and operation of Secretary of State's office, 2007 – 2010

Key Achievements in Government Procedures and Advocacy:

- Resolved 20 of 21 lawsuits against office that were in existence at inception of administration.
- Recovered approximately $80,000 in taxpayer funds paid for illegal bonuses in prior administration.
- Upgraded Oracle computer system and software to standards that permitted development of in house IT staff to strengthen IT development efforts and save public funds while improving electronic infrastructure for document storage and retrieval.
- Improved corporate and business filing turnaround time to less than one week as a consistent practice.
- Consolidated client service center from remote office to main office in downtown Columbus and opened Cleveland office that for first time provides business services filings for the public and business and legal communities in the northeastern Ohio area.
- Achieved complete redaction of years of online business documents to remove from public view citizens' and business' private information such as tax identification numbers and social security numbers.
- Facilitated discussions between U.S. Department of Justice and Cuyahoga County Board of Elections in achieving consent decree in just over a month to provide bilingual ballots and other voting accommodation for Puerto Rican descent voters for first time in Ohio under section 4(e) of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.
- Through advocacy, achieved Presidential veto of federal legislation, H.R. 3808, the "Interstate Recognition of Notarizations Act of 2010" to prevent Ohio from having to recognize as valid, electronic notarizations permitted in other states, especially as they would be required to be recognized in foreclosure proceedings.

Key Achievements in Developing New Initiatives:

- Implemented improved online campaign finance website for Secretary of State's office.
- Created nation's first web-based, downloadable state social health index of more than 300 statistical indicators of quality of life in Ohio called, "Better Lives, Better Ohio" and assembled statewide committee representing geographical, racial, employment, income and social interest diversity to create SCORE, "Setting Criteria for Ohio to Realize Success," a scorecard for qualitatively identifying the key social conditions that affect quality of life for people in Ohio.
- Created "Profile Ohio," an award-winning publication used for educational purposes by school children throughout Ohio

- Compiled foreclosure database of specific instances of document inadequacies for use by state attorneys general and database of relevant articles, posts and papers on subjects ranging from validity of securitization of mortgage-backed securities and foreclosure procedures to notarization issues, as state's licensor of notary publics.

Key Achievements in Election Governance:

- Facilitated election observation in Ohio by foreign election advocacy organizations from around the world, despite overwhelming sentiment among many secretaries of state not to permit it and Ohio laws that contained obstacles to its effect.
- Created Voting Rights Institute within Secretary of State's office to enhance voting access and provide citizen outreach to underserved populations such as youth, veterans, deployed military personnel and overseas citizens, foreign language voters such as Latino and Somali immigrant citizens, victims of domestic violence, persons leaving incarceration, nursing home residents and nonprofit advocates; engaged voting rights advocates in policy formation and legislative advocacy.
- Collaborated with Ohio Supreme Court in forming and administering bipartisan task force to develop Ohio's first online Judicial Voter Guide.
- EVEREST Voting Machine Study, December 14, 2007, called by one writer, most comprehensive voting system study to date, revealing major security risks and providing roadmap for improved security procedures in system handling, integration and auditing.
- Reformed the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (then most populous county in Ohio with more than 1 million voters) by obtaining resignations of all four board members, appointing new members and overseeing board reformation, including phased-in conversion from electronic, touchscreen voting equipment to optical scan paper ballots.
- Administered, in partnership with 88 county boards of elections, smooth 2008 general presidential election with highest voter participation in Ohio history and with all of Ohio's more than 11,000 polling places closing on time and no Election Day lawsuits.
- Instituted for the first time in Ohio history, uniform poll worker training for 2008 general election and online poll worker training.
- Obtained and utilized grant assistance from Pew Charitable Trusts of approximately three quarters of a million dollars for election administration improvement in Ohio
- Made statewide voter database available by download from website and worked with 88 county boards of elections and Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (through negotiation of memorandum of understanding) in improving accuracy of and access to statewide voter database information as required by Help America Vote Act.

Service while in Office:

- Served as Midwest Vice President of National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) 2008-2009.
- Served as Co-Chair of International Relations Committee for NASS 2008-2009.
- Served as Co-Chair of Elections Committee for NASS 2009-2010.
- Administered and presided over 2008 Ohio Electoral College.

Awards while in Office:

- Awarded in 2008 the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award, the nation's most prestigious award for elected public servants, for what Caroline Kennedy called, "dauntless commitment to the enfranchisement of every Ohio voter" while serving as Ohio's Secretary of State.
- First recipient of Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones Award for Northeast Ohio Chapter of the American Constitution Society, awarded in 2009.

Candidate for Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate, Ohio, USA **February 2009 – May 2010**

- Ran for U.S. Senate in the May 2010 Democratic primary election, winning 35 of 88 counties and 45% of the vote in two-person race with no television advertising against 30-year candidate and raising nearly $1 million for primary election, staying in race because of commitment to goal for women in Ohio to earn elective office.

- Traveled Ohio in converted school bus equipped with Wi-Fi Internet access for strong grassroots campaign with respected online presence.

Ohio Secretary of State Sherrod Brown, *Columbus, Ohio USA* **January 1983 – March 1987**
Legislative Counsel

- Represented the Secretary of State before the Ohio General Assembly and other state agencies on matters of legislation, state Controlling Board, and agency budget. Legislative responsibilities included drafting and presenting the Secretary of State's $11 million dollar budget to the Ohio House and Senate, testifying before House and Senate committees and the State Controlling Board on matters of elections, corporate and uniform commercial code law, and fiscal concerns; drafted new legislation, and agency fiscal requests submitted to state Controlling Board, overseer of special agency fiscal matters; analyzed effects of proposed laws; and communicated concerns between the Secretary of State and the legislature.
- Drafted and worked with Ohio legislature on campaign finance reporting laws for campaign committees and political action committees and laws for election procedures. Served as liaison with county boards of elections on legislation working with the legislative committee of the Ohio Association of Election Officials. Public speaking on effects of enacted legislation.
- Negotiated computer contracts for agency, including mainframe purchases and custom software agreements.
- Participated in collective bargaining negotiations.
- Provided general legal counsel as needed for agency.
- Participated in management decisions of the agency as a deputy director. Counseled Secretary of State on administrative, legal, and fiscal matters. In addition to legislative duties, for an interim period, served as manager and director of staff for approximately twenty (20) field representatives located throughout the state that served as liaisons with county boards of elections.

Assistant Corporations Counsel to Ohio Secretary of State, *Columbus, Ohio USA* **January 1983 – October 1983**

PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE:

Brunner Quinn, *Columbus, Ohio USA* **November 2010 – November 2014**
Attorney, Principal

The Brunner Firm Co., L.P.A., *Columbus, Ohio USA* **September 2005 – January 2007**
Attorney, Principal

Brunner, Kirby & Jeffries Co., L.P.A., *Columbus, Ohio USA* **January 2000 – December 2000**
Attorney, Principal

Brunner & Brunner Co., L.P.A., *Columbus, Ohio USA* **September 1996 – January 2000**
Attorney, Principal

Brunner & Brunner, *Columbus, Ohio USA* **September 1992 – September 1996**
Attorney, Partner

Jennifer L. Brunner, Attorney at Law, *Columbus, Ohio USA* **November 1989 – September 1992**
Attorney

Walter, Haverfield, Buescher & Chockley, *Columbus, Ohio USA* **March 1987 – December 1988**
Associate Attorney

Graham, Dutro & Nemeth, *Columbus, Ohio USA* **September 1981 – January 1983**
Law Clerk

Private Practice Experience Summary

Started law firm in 1989, which is still in operation today. Served as one of three principals of firm, having returned after serving as judge and Ohio Secretary of State. Duties included:

- Represented and counseled clients of Cleveland-based law firm on health care law, environmental and agricultural law, election law, and general corporate issues.
- Assisted in drafting of corporate political action committee campaign finance reporting laws. Represented clients before the state legislature and state and city government on legislative and administrative matters.
- Worked with Ohio Department of Agriculture on rules for lawn care application notification of consumers and with Ohio EPA on water quality regulations.
- Advised and counseled trade organizations and corporations on organizing and administering state and federal political action committees.
- Organized, conducted and lectured at a series of seminars for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants on Ohio's 1987 corporate political action committee law.

Government Relations Experience (at home and abroad):

- In first year after term ended as Ohio Secretary of State returned to the private practice of law in firm initiated in 1989; in first year drafted statewide referendum petition for statewide coalition of voting rights activists, labor organizations, state and local political party organizations and faith-based and other nonprofit organizations who gathered more than 400,000 petition signatures to place referendum on ballot for voter approval of legislation affecting voting rights.
- Managed multi-state teams of advisors in advocating for telecommunications access for Americans in poverty through the federal Lifeline Program at federal and state levels in Washington, D.C., Ohio, California, Georgia and Wisconsin. In this latter capacity provided legal and communications counsel on message development based on legal requirements, political, media and administrative strategy, coalition building, consultant selection, crisis management and direct advocacy.
- Worked with Federal Communication Commission staff, Congressional staff and Ohio and California public utility commission staff regarding program preservation and implementation. Major client was a Lifeline wireless provider based in Columbus that was the third largest in the nation.
- Foreign rule of law engagements were undertaken during the post-statewide elected office years of private practice, and previous period of private practice involved arranging programs for and hosting foreign interns at the law firm from Germany and Belgium;
- Provided regular commentary to local news outlets; was regular contributor to Politico (Washington, D.C. news publication); regularly spoke publicly on election reform and leadership; engaged in building nonprofit voting rights organization in Ohio for ongoing activities to advocate for and safeguard voting rights.

Litigation Experience:

- Legal representation and counsel to clients on matters of administrative law, ethics and election law, liquor and local option law, zoning law, state and local public contract issues, corporate and contract matters.
- Trial and appellate experience in common pleas courts in Franklin, Cuyahoga, Licking, Fairfield, Carroll, Mahoning and Hamilton Counties; Tenth, Eighth, Fifth, First, Second and Sixth District Courts of Appeals; Ohio Supreme Court; United States District Court (Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio); Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; admitted to United States Supreme Court.
- Appeared regularly before Ohio Elections Commission in trial-like hearings on quasi-criminal matters; practice experience before Ohio Liquor Control Commission and numerous boards of elections throughout the state on protest hearings. Served as special prosecutor in election fraud matter. Hearing officer for Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

General Private Practice Experience:

- Started law firm that began out of corner of bedroom when children were 7, 4 and 2 and grew to staff of 32 after ten years.

- Served as general counsel for computer firm and for trade association. Served as campaign finance counsel for numerous state and local labor unions, corporations, national and state associations, candidates, and political action committees on state and federal election law.
- Represented developers and neighborhood groups on zoning, referendum and initiative issues.
- Past experience includes serving as general counsel for statewide candidates for governor and attorney general and legislative caucus committees, representation of presidential candidate on ballot access issues, and representation of judges and judicial candidates on Canon 7 of the Code of Judicial Conduct (before becoming a judge).
- Drafted state legislation and administrative rules in areas of election law, local option elections, campaign finance, and ethics laws. Served as administrative partner of law firm.

INTERNATIONAL RULE OF LAW EXPERIENCE:

USAID Short-Term Technical Expert for Rule of Law, *Multiple Locations* **February 2012 - Present**
Elections, Democracy Governance, Judicial Reform and Anti-Corruption
Consultant and Educator

- **Short-term Technical Advisor, Colombo, Sri Lanka.** Teaching principled negotiation "training of the trainers" techniques to senior attorneys and separate curriculum for junior attorneys of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka (while serving as sitting appellate judge in US), *8/2015 – 60 hours per week*.
- **Short-term International Election Observer, Cairo, Egypt.** Observed elections for Democracy International for one of the scheduled 2015 parliamentary elections, *11/2015 – 60 hours per week*.
- **International Election Observer (Two assignments) in Egypt (Cairo and Alexandria)** for Democracy International for 2014 constitutional referendum and presidential election (Sisi election); experience included participating in team briefing of U.S. Ambassador's representative on election procedures assessment, *1/2014 and 5/2014 – 60 hours per week*.
- **Political Finance Expert, Belgrade, Serbia** for Judicial Reform Government Accountability National Center for State Courts project as political finance expert, *6/2013 – 60 hours per week*.
- **Political Finance Expert, Political Outreach Expert and Public Outreach and Customer Service Expert (4 assignments), Belgrade, Serbia** for Judicial Reform, Government Accountability National Center for State Courts project, and Serbian Misdemeanor Judges Association, *2/2012, 3/2012, 6/2012 – 60 hours per week*.

EDUCATION:

Honorary Doctor of Laws **May 2008**
Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio

Juris Doctor **August 1979 – December 1983**
Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio, Order of the Curia

Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude, Sociology-Gerontology **August 1975 – August 1978**
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS: *(complete list available upon request)*

Publications:

- Foreword, Bridges Across Every Divide – Policy and Practices to Reduce Poverty and Build Communities, *Forthcoming (*March 2018), Highlands, TX: aha! Process, Inc.

- Study for Progress Ohio Education, "Why the American Public Wants 9 Supreme Court Justices" on President Obama's nomination of Judge Merrick Garland.
- Columbus Bar Association Magazine – "Observing Egypt's 2014 Constitutional Referendum Election: A Study of the Roles of Lawyers and Judges in Protecting Democracy" – Spring, 2014
- Book: *Cupcakes and Courage*, available at Amazon.com and on Kindle, concerning experiences in public life and from the perspective of promoting individual democratic participation and securing equality for women and minorities. – 2012
- Law review article publication, Michigan State University, Detroit College of Law, "Separation of Powers as Basis for Restraint on a Free Speaking Judiciary and the Implementation of Canon 7 of the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct as a Model for Other States." - Winter, 1999-2000
- Author of various Op Ed articles as Secretary of State of Ohio in news publications throughout Ohio from 2007 - 2010.

Addresses and Interviews:

- Serbia: Political Finance Consultant and speaker on location for Management Systems International as subcontractor for National Center for State Courts on Judicial Reform and Accountability five-year grant project with presentations to news media representatives of Serbia in Vrsac and Zlatibor regarding recently enacted Anti-Corruption Agency Act as applied to political finance oversight for 2012 national and local elections, *March, 2012*.
- Lake County Bar Association – Keynote speaker for Law Day, *May, 2013*.
- Ohio presidential election night reporting for Dan Rather, HD Net, *2012*.
- California University, California, Pennsylvania, American Democracy Project – keynote, "Profile in Courage, Guarding the Vote," *April, 2012*.
- Malone University, Canton, Ohio – co-keynote for annual Worldview Forum, "Can a Christian be a Democrat?" *March, 2012*.

Commencement Speeches:

- Eastern Gateway Community College, *Steubenville, Ohio, May 2018*.
- Forensic Law certificate ceremony speaker, University of Colombo, *Sri Lanka, August 2015*.
- Capital University Law School, *Columbus, Ohio, May 2008*.
- Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, *Athens, Ohio, May 2008*.
- ITT Technical School, *Youngstown, Ohio, May 2009*.

National and International Media Interviews (2007-2013):

- Associated Press
- NPR Public Radio International
- Dan Rather Reports
- Fox News
- The New York Times
- Ms. Magazine
- Army Times
- The National Journal
- American Bar Association Journal
- ABCNews.com
- CNN, including live interviews by John King, Mary Snow and John Roberts
- MSNBC, including The Rachel Maddow Show, 10/2008 and Ed Schultz, 8/2012
- CNN American Morning with John Roberts
- Congressional Quarterly
- Politico
- Chautauqua Daily News
- Scientific American
- PBS Town Hall
- McClatchy Newspapers
- Associated Press – Cleveland Bureau
- C-Span
- Washington Post – editorial board interview
- NPR – Great Lakes Region
- Fox National News
- Bloomberg news
- POTUS 08 satellite radio
- NPR – "Talk of the Nation"

- NPR – the Diane Rehm Show – Washington, DC
- XM-Radio
- Los Angeles Times
- Rolling Stone
- CBS Evening News
- Pacifica Radio
- Afro American Newspapers
- CBS Harry Smith Show
- CBS Radio News
- TeleHaiti
- WCBH-1200 AM Radio – Detroit
- Russia Today
- NPR – Ohio Public Radio
- Conde Nast
- Vanity Fair
- NPR Boston
- Boston Globe
- Sky News
- Democracy Now with Amy Goodman
- Fox News with Greta Van Susteren
- Stars and Stripes
- Gannett News
- Washington Post columnist E. J. Dionne
- Columnist Froma Harrop
- The Huffington Post
- Roll Call
- BBC Online
- Globo (Brazil)
- USA Today
- Wall Street Journal
- Shanghai Evening Post
- New Republic NBC Nightly News
- ABC News Radio
- NHK Television
- CTV News – Canada

Presentations:

- Periodic guest lecturer at The Ohio State University, John Glenn College of Public Affairs and Moritz College of Law, *2014 – present.*
- Judge, Moot Court at Capital University Law School moot court competitions, *2015 – present.*
- Judge, National Black Law Students Association moot court competition – 2020
- Judge, National Moot Court law student competition on products liability – 2021
- Developed curriculum for senior attorneys and for junior attorneys for multi-day educational seminars on negotiation skills as an effective "tool of the trade" and "training of the trainers" for Bar Association of Sri Lanka (USAID-funded project), *Colombo, Sri Lanka, August, 2015.*
- Presenter, Ohio State Bar Association, "What Corporate Counsel Needs to Know About Political Activity," live webcast delivery, *2013, 2014.*
- Presenter, 2005 International Association of Law and Mental Health Conference, "Addressing Co-occurring Disorders in Drug Courts", held at Paris-Sorbonne University, *Paris, France, July 2005.*

SELECTED AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS: *(complete list available upon request)*

- John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award, May 2008, for work as Ohio's chief election officer. The Profile in Courage Award seeks to make Americans aware of the conscientious and courageous acts of their public servants, and to encourage elected officials to choose principles over partisanship – to do what is right, rather than what is expedient.
- Central Ohio Association for Justice George E. Tyack Judicial Excellence Award, *May 2016.*
- First recipient of Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones Award for Northeast Ohio Chapter of the American Constitution Society, *2009.*
- Named one of 25 leaders in Role Model Magazine, promoting the healthy development of leadership for women and girls, *2014.*
- Featured in September 2012 release of the Women's Book for central Ohio as a woman of achievement.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS: *(complete list available upon request)*

Professional Organizations:

- Fellow, American Bar Association, Life Member
- Fellow, Ohio State and Columbus Bar Associations
- Member Emeritus, National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS)
- Served as Co-Chair of International Relations Committee for NASS 2008-2009
- Served as Co-Chair of Elections Committee for NASS 2009-2010

Nonprofit and Government Board Memberships:

- Past Board Member, Center for Community Solutions, Cleveland, Ohio (health and human services research, policy and advocacy, 2013 to 2019)
- Past Board Chair and member, Legacy Fund for LGBT community endowment (2012 to 2021)
- OxFam America, past Sisters on the Planet Ambassador, U.S. national network of women influencers (one of 3 from Ohio) who assist OxFam America in helping to achieve sufficient U.S. policy planning and resources to help improve the lives of people living in poverty or risk of harm in the world (2014 to 2021)
- Founding Mother, Matriots PAC (nonpartisan political action committee promoting the election of women in Ohio, 2017 to present)
- Former Board Member, ProgressOhio Education (supporting public policy research and education, 2011 to 2016)
- Former Member, Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist licensing board, appointed by Ohio governor, (2013 to 2014)
- Former Member, Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission, appointed by Ohio governor, (2011 to 2012)
- Former Member, Central Ohio Transit Authority (public transit bus system operating board), appointed by Mayor of Columbus, (2013 to 2014)
- Former Board Member, Neighborhood Launch Condominium Association (2013 to 2016)
- Former Member, Franklin County Board of Elections (1997)
- Former Member, Ohio Student Loan Commission (1991)

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

- Devex Development Career Forum for international development work, by invitation, *Washington, D.C. (2018)*
- "Eliminating Bias" training, Columbus Bar Association, *Columbus, Ohio USA (2018)*
- Periodic training on status of U.S. international affairs funding, USAID policy, Millennium Challenge Corp., OxFam America and U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, *Washington, D.C. (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)*
- Pound Civil Justice Institute Judges Forum national training for state appellate judges, *Montreal, Quebec, Canada (2015), Boston, Massachusetts USA (2017), Denver Colorado USA (2018)*
- New Yorker Festival live panel discussion on North Korea led by Evan Osnos with commentary from James Clapper, Robert E. Kelly, Suki Kim, Sue Mi Terry and Wendy Sherman *(New York, New York USA 2017)* see: https://festival.newyorker.com/event/north-korea-panel/
- National Foundation for Judicial Excellence national training for state appellate judges, *Chicago, Illinois USA (2016, 2017, 2018)*
- Ohio Judicial College, Supreme Court of Ohio, *Columbus, Ohio USA (2014 – 2018)*
- Continuing Legal Education, The Hague, Netherlands (April 2015) with course topics:
    - An overview of the work of international tribunals
    - The work of the trial chamber at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, with tour, hearing
    - Organizing an International Criminal Law Judgment in an International Court
    - Document preparation and retention at an international court
    - Courtroom rules of procedure and evidence and dynamics at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon

- Defense strategies in international tribunals
- The work of the International Criminal Court with ICC court tour, hearing
- On becoming an international judge
- International courts appeals judgments and process, held at the Peace Palace
- Ethics in the international court system

CERTIFICATIONS and LICENSES:

- Licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio, USA (May 1983)
- Licensed to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court (June 1992)
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- Licensed to practice before the U.S. District Courts of the Southern and Northern Districts of Ohio, Eastern Divisions (July 1983)

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