

## RESUME

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### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

#### Law

Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana. Graduated *cum laude*.  
J.D. May 1979.

#### Undergraduate

Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona. Graduated *with distinction*. B.S. May  
1974. English Secondary Education with teaching certification.

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

#### Current

Executive Director, Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Inc., 118 Locust Street,  
Harrisburg, PA. As the Chief Executive Officer of this organization,  
responsibilities include oversight of all operations. PLAN, Inc. administers  
contracts and grants for state funding, filing fee surcharge funding, and IOLTA  
funding with civil legal aid programs covering all of Pennsylvania. These  
programs provide direct civil legal aid to individuals who qualify for services.  
Responsibilities also include administrative and legislative relations to promote  
funding opportunities for the statewide system of legal aid and to promote  
favorable relations between legal aid and decision-makers in government, bar  
leaders, the judiciary, and leaders in business and industry. Overriding  
responsibility is to assure that PLAN, Inc. and programs funded by PLAN, Inc. are  
committed to meeting needs of low-income Pennsylvanians. 2001 - present.

#### Past

Partner, law firm of Jacobsen & Milkes, 52 E. High Street, Carlisle, PA. General  
practice involved a range of primarily civil matters, including litigation.  
Appellate practice was before all Pennsylvania appellate courts as well as the  
Federal Middle District Court and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. 1992 -  
2001.

Executive Director (part time) of the Community Justice Project, a statewide program providing civil legal representation to eligible clients whose problems are not of a sort local legal aid programs are ordinarily able to address.

Responsibilities included supervision of staff, relations with board of directors and funding sources, and participation in statewide legal aid activities. 1997 - 2001.

Assistant Public Defender in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania (part time). This involved representation of indigent clients, including two death penalty cases, many jury trials, and appeals to Pennsylvania Superior and Supreme Courts. 1992 - 2001.

Executive Director, Central Pennsylvania Legal Services, 10 S. Prince Street, Lancaster, PA. Responsibilities included general oversight of six-county legal aid program representing low-income people in civil matters. Activities included supervision of legal work of twenty-five lawyers in six offices; personnel oversight of sixty-five staff; liaison between staff and board of directors; accountability for \$2.5 million budget; and fundraising, including the development of numerous new sources of financial support for CPLS, such as United Ways and local governments, which resulted in increased services. During this period I worked closely with legislators involving issues of concern to clients, as well as funding for legal services, including passage of the first IOLTA legislation in Pennsylvania, resulting in millions of dollars of increased support for legal services programs. 1986 - 1992.

Deputy Director, Legal Services, Inc., 8 Irvine Row, Carlisle, PA. Responsibilities similar to Executive Director at CPLS, and in addition, I actively represented clients while in this position. Practice included numerous appearances before the Pennsylvania and United States appellate courts. I helped develop successful pro bono programs at the county level. Successes for clients included the required construction of a new county prison, to replace an old and dangerous prison, and the establishment of a legal basis for challenging denials of social security disability benefits based upon the racial and other bias of an Administrative Law Judge. Attorney with LSI: 1979 - 1986; Office co-manager: 1981 - 1983; and Deputy Director: 1983 - 1986.

## **ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Board member, Cumberland Valley Habitat for Humanity. 1995 - 2001, 2002 - 2007 (President three of these years).

Secretary, Cumberland County Board of Elections. 2007.

Appointed by Governor Ed Rendell to transition team studying and making

recommendations on matters involving the judiciary. 2003.

Member, Advisory panel to the Dickinson School of Law Miller Center, an endowed program promoting public service by law students and graduates. 2001 - present.

Appointed by Leroy Zimmerman to Attorney General's Family Violence Task Force to establish police protocol for appropriate responses to domestic violence incidents. 1988.

Board member, Women in Crisis, a five-county domestic violence program. 1983 - 1986.

Co-founder, James Wilson Safe Harbour, a Cumberland County shelter for homeless and low-income families. Co-founder, 1985 - 1986; Board member and/or counsel, 1993 - 2000.

Recipient of Carlisle Area's Finest Award, 1986.

Member, Cumberland County and Pennsylvania Bar Associations (1979 - present) as well as Dauphin County Bar Association (2001 - present).

President, Pennsylvania Project Directors Corporation, an association of directors of legal aid programs throughout the state. At this time, I was also a member of the Funding Criteria Committee, a nationwide committee, which developed and implemented funding strategies for federal Legal Services Corporation funded programs. 1987 - 1991.

Foster Parent and member of Foster Parent Association of Pennsylvania and of Cumberland County. 1994 - present.

Interests and accomplishments include rehabilitation of historic buildings, woodworking, community involvement and outdoor sports.