

GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY LEADER, ATTORNEY, EDUCATOR

Over 20 years of achieving results in the public, private, education, and non-profit sectors.

Results-oriented leader with substantial experience in reforming organizations and raising and managing multimillion-dollar budgets in an accountable and transparent manner. Ivy League-educated attorney providing sound advice on legal, public policy, and political matters to exceed expectations for clients and constituents. Educator and public speaker proud of developing and mentoring future generations of professionals. Community leader committed to service at every level, from homeless shelters to the Capitol Complex.

HIGHLIGHTS

- State Senator
- Experienced Attorney
- Organization Leader
- College & Law School Professor
- Education & Economic Development Advocate
- Government Reform
- Community Contributions
- Multimillion-Dollar Budgetary Oversight

CAREER EXPERIENCE

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, HARRISBURG, PA

STATE SENATOR - 15TH DISTRICT (Dauphin, Perry, & York Counties) (2012 to 2016)

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT & COUNSEL - 42ND DISTRICT (Allegheny County) (2003 to 2005)

- Produced significant results as elected official and top legislative aide on diverse issues of strengthening public schools, creating family-sustaining jobs, instituting reforms in government, and putting state's capital city and second largest city on paths to fiscal recovery.
- Led as minority chair of Senate Local Government Committee and as active member of Agriculture, Appropriations, Economic Development, Education, Finance, and Public Health and Welfare committees.
- Founded and co-chaired Government Reform Caucus, and devoted expertise to successful bipartisan effort to rewrite state's antiquated school funding formula.
- Raised, managed, and allocated multimillion-dollar budgets, and led dozens of staff members and volunteers operating out of multiple offices.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL, HARRISBURG, PA

CHIEF COUNSEL/DIRECTOR OF POLICY & PLANNING (2005 to 2012)

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO CHIEF OF STAFF (2002 to 2003)

DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL (1998 to 2001)

- Managed government agency with \$45M annual budget and 650 auditors, investigators, lawyers, and policy analysts as top aide to two independently elected state fiscal watchdogs.
- Drafted and edited reports, legislation, speeches, and press releases focused on ensuring appropriate use of public funds and proper performance of government-funded programs.
- Instituted reforms at transportation, educational institution financing, and tax appeal boards.
- Litigated and won court cases regarding agency's fundamental powers and responsibilities, and recovered millions of dollars from dormant municipal pension plans.

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- Named as “Lawyer on the Fast Track” by *Legal Intelligencer/Pennsylvania Law Weekly*.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

COZEN O'CONNOR, PC, HARRISBURG, PA

OF COUNSEL, BUSINESS DEPARTMENT (2013 to 2016)

CENTRAL PENN COLLEGE, SUMMERDALE, PA

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR of legal studies and American history courses (2010 to 2016)

WIDENER LAW COMMONWEALTH, HARRISBURG, PA

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR of legal research, writing, and advocacy courses (2002 to 2003)

CASEY FOR GOVERNOR/WAGNER FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, HARRISBURG, PA

POLICY DIRECTOR (2001 to 2002)

MCNEES WALLACE & NURICK LLC, HARRISBURG, PA

ASSOCIATE, LITIGATION DEPARTMENT (1995 to 1998)

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR, Cum Laude - Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY

Concentration: Public Law

- Phi Delta Phi (academics, professionalism, and ethical conduct)
- American Jurisprudence Award (research and writing)
- Senior Note Editor, *Cornell International Law Journal*
- Author, “Taking Assassination Attempts Seriously,” 28 *C.I.L.J.* 569 (1995)

BACHELOR OF ARTS, Magna Cum Laude - Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA

Major: Government

- Phi Beta Kappa (academics and integrity)
- Charles A. Dana Scholar (academics and leadership)
- Arthur King Kunkel Prize in Government (research and writing)
- Author, “Proportionality Review of Non-Capital Sentences” (Honors Thesis)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Rotary Club of Harrisburg - Member, 2016 to Present

Dauphin County Technical School - Local Advisory Board Member, 2015 to Present

Samuel L. Abrams Foundation - Board of Directors, 2015 to Present

Dauphin County Bar Association - Pro Bono Attorney, 2014 to Present; Board of Directors, 2010 to 2011

American Cancer Society, Capital Region Unit - Board of Directors, 1996 to 2005

Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg - Board and Committee Member, 1995 to 2011