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Military Captain, Judge Advocate General's Corps,
U.S. Army (1966-1969). Honorable Discharge, 1969
Army Commendation Medal

Education University of Notre Dame, B.B.A. - 1962

Dickinson School of Law of Pennsylvania State
University, J.D., 1965
Woolsack Honor Society
Law Review - Articles Editor

**Legal Experience/
Practice** Practicing attorney for forty-five years. Civil litigation, products
liability, catastrophic injuries, medical malpractice, commercial
litigation and criminal defense.

Solicitor Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority
Garrettford-Drexel Hill Fire Company

Government Board of Elections of Delaware County, Chairman
Home Rule Charter Study Commission, Haverford Township
(1987-1988)
Vice President, Board of Commissioners, Marple Township,
Delaware County, Pennsylvania (1972-74);

Bar Membership United States Supreme Court
Pennsylvania Supreme Court
United States Court of Military Appeals
Delaware County Common Pleas Court
United States Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

**Associations/
Affiliations** Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers (Former State Chairman
of Pennsylvania)
Association of Trial Lawyers of America
Pennsylvania Association for Justice
Pennsylvania Bar Association
Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association
Delaware County Bar Association
Former Vice Chairman, Continuing Legal Education Board
of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Former member, Civil Procedural Rules Committee of the
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
American College of Barristers
Chairman, Delaware County Community Foundation 2011

Member, Board of Directors, CASA Youth Advocates, Inc.

Awards

President's Award 2010 – Pennsylvania Association for Justice
500 Leading Plaintiff Lawyers in America 2007, *Lawdragon*
Pennsylvania Super Lawyers 2005-2011 - *Philadelphia Magazine*
E. Wallace Chadwick Memorial Award – Delaware County Bar
Association
Milton D. Rosenberg Award – Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers
Association
Guy G. deFuria Inn of Court Award for Professional and Trial
Advocacy
Man of the Year Award, Lawyers Club of Delaware County

Bar Activities

Pennsylvania Association for Justice (formerly Pennsylvania Trial
Lawyers Association: President (1992-1993)

Delaware County Bar Association: President (1984)

Association of Trial Lawyers of America:
Former Member, Board of Governors

Pennsylvania Bar Association: Member, House of Delegates
(1984-2003, 2009 – to present)

Publications

United States v. Phila. National Bank: The Applicability
of Section 7 of Clayton Act to Bank Mergers, 68 DICK. L. REV. 187.

The Effect of a Wife's Consent to a Search and Seizure of the
Husband's Property, 69 DICK. L. REV. 69.

Perjurious Client Dilemma, THE BARRISTER MAGAZINE, 1986.

How to Investigate a Dram Shop Case, THE BARRISTER
MAGAZINE, 1988.

**Lectures, Seminars
and Training
Programs:**

Instructor - Widener University Paralegal School;
Litigation (1976-1982).

Delaware County Bar Association Trial School:
1979 & 1981 Program Moderator, Director & Lecturer
1982 Director and Lecturer
1983 Lecturer
1985 Lecturer

Trial Advocacy Foundation of Pennsylvania - July, 1982 Annual Criminal
Law Seminar; Moderator; Lecturer.

Trial Advocacy Foundation of Pennsylvania - January, 1983 - *Advanced
Techniques in Criminal Litigation*; Moderator.

Trial Advocacy Foundation of Pennsylvania - July, 1983 - Annual Criminal Law Seminar, Moderator.

Trial Advocacy Foundation of Pennsylvania - November, 1987 - *How to Investigate a Dram Shop Case*.

Trial Advocacy Seminar and Workshop - Dickinson Law School - August, 1988 and 1989 - Jury Selection.

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association - *On Trial Commonwealth and Municipal Defendants* - February 1992, Course Planner and Lecturer

Ethics Seminar, Delaware County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference - June 1992 - Lecturer.

Ethics Seminar, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association - Annual Convention 1992 - Moderator.

Pennsylvania Bar Institute - *Tough Problems in Medical Malpractice* – July 1992 - Lecturer.

Ethics Seminar, Delaware County Bar Association - November 1992 - Lecturer

Ethics Seminar, Berks County Bar Association - February 1993 - Lecturer

Pennsylvania Bar Institute - *Advanced Issues in Medical Malpractice* - March 1993 - Lecturer.

Ethics Seminar, Delaware County Bar Association - Bench Bar Conference - June 1993 - Lecturer.

Ethics Seminar, Delaware County Bar Association - December 1993 - Lecturer

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association - *Techniques to Achieve Maximum Compensation for a Closed Head Injury* - February 1994 - Lecturer

Delaware County Bar Association - *Batson Challenges-Raising or Handling Objections to Arguably Discriminatory Peremptory Challenges* - April 1994 - Lecturer

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association - *Techniques to Achieve Maximum Compensation For A Closed Head Injury* - July 1994 - Lecturer

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association - *Neurolaw for Trial Lawyers - Vocational Evaluation and Rehabilitation of Brain Injury Victims* - October 1994 - Lecturer

Delaware County Bar Association Criminal Defense Lawyers - *Batson*

Challenges-Raising or Handling Objections to Arguably Discriminatory Peremptory Challenges - October 1994 - Lecturer

Pennsylvania Bar Institute - *Tough Problems in Medical Malpractice* - November 1994 - Lecturer

Pennsylvania Bar Institute - *Seminar on Advanced Discovery* - December 1995 - Lecturer

Pennsylvania Bar Institute - *Preparing and Trying Medical Malpractice Cases* - February 1996 - Lecturer

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association - *Litvin on: Representing Plaintiff in an Increasing Hostile Environment* - July 1996 – Lecturer

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association – *What's It Worth?* – December 1996 - Lecturer

Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association - *Med Mal/CAT Fund Legislation Seminar* - January 1997 - Lecturer

Pennsylvania Bar Institute - *Med Mal Litigation: A New Era Seminar* - February 1997 - Lecturer

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association - *Medical Malpractice* - July 1997 - Lecturer

Pennsylvania Bar Institute - *Tough Problems in Medical Malpractice* - November and December 1997 - Lecturer

West Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Annual Convention 1998 - *Trial Practice: Direct Examination*

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association – *What's It Worth? Evaluating and Settling Personal Injury Cases* – April 1999 – Lecturer

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association – *Voir Dire: Jury Selection Demystified Program* - June 1999 – Lecturer

Delaware County Bar Association – *Masters in Trial Advocacy: The Art of Maintaining Professionalism and Civility While Engaging in Vigorous Trial Advocacy* – November 1999 – Lecturer

Pennsylvania Bar Institute – *Preparing and Trying the Medical Malpractice Case* – December 1999 – Lecturer

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association – *Hot Tips in Personal Injury Practice* – December 1999 – Lecturer

Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association – *Techniques to Achieve Maximum Compensation in a Closed Head Injury Case* – December 1999 – Lecturer

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association – *Legal Issues Surrounding Expert Testimony* – June 2000 – Course Planner

Pennsylvania Bar Institute – *Tough Problems in Medical Malpractice* – November 2000 – Lecturer

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association – *Expert Witness Seminar* – November 2000 – Course Planner

Delaware State Trial Lawyers Association – *Cross Examination* – June 2001 – Lecturer

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association – *Winning Techniques for Personal Injury Lawyers* – November 2001 – Course Planner and Moderator

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association - *New Med Mal Legislation* - April 2002 – Lecturer

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association – *What's It Worth* – December 2004 – Lecturer

Delaware County Bar Association, Bench Bar Conference – *Overcoming Juror Bias* – June 2005 - Lecturer

Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association – *Medical Malpractice* – November 2006 – Lecturer

Pennsylvania Bar Institute – *Civility in the Legal Profession* – August 2007 – Lecturer

Delaware County Bar Association – *Civility in the Modern Era* – November 2007

Pennsylvania Association for Justice – *What's It Worth* – March 2008 – Lecturer

Delaware County Bar Association – *Civility In Litigation* – June 2009 – Lecturer

Reported Cases

Commonwealth v. Collini, 398 A.2d 1044

Commonwealth v. Haideman, 296 A. 765

Berardocco v. Colden, 366 A. 574

Berardocco v. Casey, 404 A. 2d 780

United States v. Ricci, 313 F. Supp. 31

In re Grand Jury Proceeding, 654 F.2d 268

Ambrogio, et al v. Reber, et al, 2007 Pa. Super 278