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## **EXPERIENCE**

**Interim Director**, *Department of Public Utilities, City of Columbus* (April 2003 - present) Lead public agency responsible for supply of drinking water and treatment of wastewater for 1.1 million people, management of storm water and flood control for over 700,000 people, and provision of streetlights for the fifteenth largest municipality in the United States.

**Deputy Director For Operations**, *Department of Public Utilities, City of Columbus* (February 2001- March 2003) Direct and guide operational decisions and planning to provide drinking water, wastewater treatment, storm water management, and electricity; particular emphasis in areas impacting development, regulatory compliance, environmental conservation, and technology.

**Policy Advisor**, *Office of Mayor Michael B. Coleman, City of Columbus* (February, 2000 – February 2001) Conducted research and analysis of public policy issues, rendered advice on wide-ranging topics including health, environment, public utilities, housing, and development.

**Assistant City Attorney**, *City of Columbus* (August, 1997 – February, 2000) Served as in-house counsel for general municipal law issues with a particular concentration on environmental, public utilities, health and safety matters.

**Assistant Counsel**, *Office of Chief Counsel, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* (September, 1996 – August, 1997) Served as in-house and litigation counsel to Northwest Regional Office of Department of Environmental Protection for all matters including the regulation of public utilities.

**Attorney at Law**, *Cheryl Roberto, Esq., Erie, Pennsylvania* (February, 1993 - June, 1996) Engaged in general civil litigation practice with particular concentration in environmental and public utilities matters; Representative clients included City of Erie, Pennsylvania, Erie County Department of Health, and Erie Sewer Authority.

**Lecturer**, *Behrend College, Penn State University* (Fall, 1993, 1994) Taught Constitutional Law and American Judicial Behavior to upper division political science majors.

**Acting City Solicitor**, *City of Erie, Pennsylvania* (May - June, 1994) Served in the Mayor's cabinet and managed municipal legal department for third largest municipality in Pennsylvania.

**Assistant Attorney General**, *Office of the Ohio Attorney General* (May, 1987 - November, 1992) Initiated and managed civil and administrative litigation and criminal prosecutions to enforce Ohio's environmental protection laws including those regulating public utilities; Enforced Ohio's consumer protection laws.

## LECTURES/PUBLICATIONS

"Hellbranch Run Enhanced Development Standards: The process to develop the City of Columbus draft Hellbranch Run Watershed Protection Ordinance," Water Management Association of Ohio (2001 Fall Conference).

"Limits of Judicial Authority in Pretrial Settlement Under Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure," 2 Ohio St. J. Dis. Res. 311 (1987).

"Alternative Dispute Resolution: A Resource for Practitioners," Ohio Lawyer (Practitioner's Desktop Reference) May/June 1987.

## EDUCATION

**Juris Doctor**, *The Ohio State University*, Columbus, Ohio, May, 1987. Awarded University Scholarship and Caris Fellowship; Staff Member, *Journal of Dispute Resolution*; Board of Directors, OSU Student Funded Fellowship (1984-1987)

**Bachelor of Arts**, Political Science, *Kent State University*, Kent Ohio, May, 1984. Graduated Cum Laude; General Honors, Honors College. Awarded: Honors Scholarship; Manchester Cup (1984); Junior Service Award (1983); Sophomore Leadership Award (1982); Omicron Delta Kappa; Pi Sigma Alpha; Who's Who Among American Universities (1983, 1984).

## COMMUNITY

Member, Franklin County Planning Commission (2001 – present) · Board of Directors, Community Research Partners (2000-2002) · Room Parent, Barrington Elementary School (2001-2002, 1998-1999) · Sub-Committee Member, Upper Arlington Public Schools Strategic Planning (2000) · T-Ball Co-Coach (1999) · Board of Directors, International Institute (1996 - 1997) · Leadership Erie (1994-1995) · LAVA, Erie County Bar Assoc. (1994 - 1996) · Board of Directors, Erie County League of Women Voters (1994 - 1996) · LARP, Columbus, Ohio Bar Assoc. (1990 - 1992) · Tutor, Columbus Literacy Council (1985 - 1992)

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSES TO PRACTICE LAW

State of Ohio (1987) · N.D. Ohio (1990)  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1993) (inactive) · W.D. Pennsylvania (1994) · S.D. Ohio (1997)