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Political Experience

CHAIR, COLONIE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE (2002 to Present)

In five short years as Chair, transformed most poorly organized, least successful political organization in Albany County so that, in 2007, Democrats won control of the Town of Colonie for the first time in the history of the Town, defeating the strongest Republican organization in the County. Instrumental role in changing the leadership of the Albany County Democratic Committee.

ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATOR, 15th DISTRICT (1999 to Present)

District covers a demographically, socioeconomically diverse area of the County including Loudonville, Menands, Schuyler Heights, Mannsville, and a small part of Watervliet. First Democrat ever elected to represent District. Won first election with 62% of the vote, second election with 79% of the vote, and third election with 68% of the vote. Legislative activity has focused on making Albany County a self-insurer for health insurance, nursing home reform, local neighborhood improvement projects, and keeping Albany County property tax 4th lowest in the State.

Legal Experience

COOPER ERVING & SAVAGE LLP

Partner

Practice concentrated in civil litigation; major case trials and appeals (with concentration in civil rights, employment law, and commercial disputes); practiced in United States Supreme Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, New York State Court of Appeals, Appellate Division, Third Department, as well as all local Federal and State Courts. Lectures on employment and civil rights law for bar associations, private companies, and not-for-profit organizations. Notable decisions: *Cioffi v. Averill Park Central School District*, 444 F.3d 158 (2nd Cir. 2006), *cert. denied*, 127 S. Ct. 382 (2006); *Alvarez v. New York Racing Association*, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 49110 (N.D.N.Y. 2006); *Mora v. RGB, Inc.*, 17 A.D.3d 849 (3rd Dept. 2005); *Ayco Co., L.P. v. Walton*, 3 A.D.3d 635 (3rd Dept. 2004); *Matter of Avella v. Batt*, 6 Misc. 3d 158 (Albany County 2004); *Truelove v. Northeast Capital Corp.*, 95 N.Y.2d 220 (Ct. App. 2000); *United States v. Zeppieri*, 155 F.3d 44 (2nd Cir. 1998); *Mohawk Minden Ins. Co. v. Ferry*, 251 A.D.2d 846 (3rd Dept. 1998); *Capital Medical Systems v. Fuji Medical Systems*, 239 A.D.2d 743 (3rd Dept. 1997); *Capital Imaging Assoc. v. Mohawk Valley Medical Assoc.*, 996 F.2d 537 (2nd Cir. 1993).

RENSELAER COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Assistant District Attorney

Served under retired Supreme Court Justice James B. Canfield; felony trials in County Court (including murder); supervisor of narcotics unit; member of sex crimes unit; misdemeanor trials in city and town courts; Grand Jury presentations.

NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Assistant District Attorney

Assigned to New York City Special Narcotics Prosecutor; felony narcotics cases only; according to New York County District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, "handled a number of trials and investigations with diligence, intelligence and marked legal ability"; appeals in Appellate Division, First Department; hundreds of Grand Jury presentations; worked with city, state and federal police agencies.

Education

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL (1984, J.D.)

- Editor, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*
- National Moot Court Competition - member of Univ. of Pa. Law School team

HARVARD COLLEGE (1981, B.A., *magna cum laude* in Government)

- Lyndon B. Johnson Intern on staff of Congressman Benjamin S. Rosenthal
- Elected to Board of Directors of Harvard International Relations Council - two terms
- Staff writer, *Harvard International Review*

THE ALBANY ACADEMY (1977)

- Valedictorian
- Ernest L. Miller Sword - top citizenship award
- Quarterback of undefeated, State-ranked football team

Professional and Community Affiliations

Graduate, National College of District Attorneys
Graduate, Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, Capital Leadership Program
Past President, Board of Directors, The Center for Family and Youth (Project STRIVE)
Member, Board of Directors, The Shaker Heritage Society
Coach, Westland Hills Little League (5 years)
Guest Columnist, legal issues, *The Daily Gazette* (1991-93)
Author, "Country justice vs. city justice," *The Times-Union* (October 21, 1990)
President, Harvard Club of Eastern New York (1994-96)
Member, Board of Directors, Albany County Bar Association
Co-Sponsor, Roselyn Steck Memorial Prize for United States History (Albany High School)
Co-Sponsor, Ernest Steck Scholarship Fund for disadvantaged students (Albany Academy)

Personal

Married -- wife Patricia, daughter Alexandra (11), son Aaron (8)