

RESUME

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Education

Master of Public Administration, May 1975, Graduate School of Public Affairs, University at Albany. Concentration in Administrative Management.

Bachelor of Arts, May 1973, University at Albany, College of Arts and Sciences. Major field: History; Second field: Communication.

Experience

ALBANY COUNTY CLERK, Albany County, N.Y. [December 1988 to December 2013.] Appointed to fill vacancy by Governor in December 1988. Elected in 1989, re-elected in 1993, 1997, 2001, 2005, and 2009. Longest serving Albany County Clerk since 1749. Retired in December 2013 after working 38 years in Albany County government.

The County Clerk's office is a major income and information resource for County and other governments, with annual revenues totaling almost \$33 million per year in 2012. I was responsible for all County records from the 1650's to the present, including all land transactions, mortgages, and court records. By improving technology usage in the office and by better personnel management, a staff of twenty-eight at the main office in Albany was able process three times the workload handled by forty people in 1990, a reduction accomplished by gradual attrition. A further eighteen employees worked at our County Hall of Records, a modern state-of-the-art information storage, retrieval, and preservation facility capable of holding 104,000 cubic feet of County and Albany City records.

In May 2002, the County Clerk's office initiated its new Imaging system, which provides images of all land records from 1980 to present (plus an electronic index of these records.) Recent enhancements to this system include free public online access to land records as well as electronic filing of court cases and New York State tax warrants.

The entire County Clerk's office relocated for five and a half years during Court House reconstruction, returning in November 2011. Despite the difficulties of both moves, our service to the public actually improved, by the addition of new resources, better public facilities, and barrier-free access.

ASSISTANT COUNTY EXECUTIVE, Albany County [January 1979 to December 1988.] Chief deputy to County Executive. Organized and directed investigations into specific problems or issues affecting County government. Oversaw several capital construction projects and departmental reorganizations, as well as beginning County risk management and communication system programs. Responsible for day-to-day County operations in the absence of the County Executive.

BUDGET DIRECTOR, Albany County [June 1976 to December 1978.] Supervised preparation of Albany County's first three Executive budgets, automating formerly manual budget processes. Devised and directed three-year Intergovernmental Personnel Act grant, and edited first three mass-distributed annual reports to the public. With other county budget directors, founded statewide organization of county budget officials.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, Albany County [January to June, 1976.] Performed research, writing, and budget analysis under direction of the County Executive and the County Budget Director.

ORAL TEST EXAMINER, NYS Department of Civil Service [1981 to 1988.] Served on three-member panels examining candidates for supervisory positions in state government.

Ongoing Volunteer Affiliations

Advisory Committee member, Children's Center at Albany County Family Court, and Treasurer of the Friends of the Children's Center, 1996 to present.

Secretary and Board member, Council Services Plus, Inc., 2009 to present. Insurance subsidiary of New York Council of Nonprofits (see below.)

Member, University at Albany Library Development Committee, 2011 to present.

Founding member, Capital Region Archives Dinner Committee, 1996 to present.

Previous Volunteer Affiliations

Appointed by the State Education Commissioner as Chair of the Regional Local Government Records Advisory Committee, NYS Archives (1994 to 2011.)

Second Vice Chair (2014 to 2016) and Secretary (1992 to 1994), Albany County Democratic Committee. Chair of the Democratic Committee's Candidate Selection

Committee 1999 to 2004, and Chair of its Education & Training Committee (1991 - 2002 and 2006 - 2008.)

Past President of the New York Council of Nonprofits, Inc., a statewide organization dedicated to improving not-for-profit organization efficiency and governance. Member of the Council's Board of Directors from 1980 to 2014.

Past President, Treasurer, Secretary and member of the New York State Association of County Clerks.

Member of the New York State Historical Records Advisory Board, 1991-1996. Served as a board member, committee chair and president of the Health Systems Agency of Northeastern New York, the former health planning agency for our seventeen-county area (now disbanded.)

Chair of both the Cohoes Planning Commission (1985 to 2004) and Cohoes Historic Preservation Commission (1985 to 1999.)

Service on a number of other boards and commissions, including the Board of Directors of the United Way of Northeastern New York, Heritage Artists at the Cohoes Music Hall, Capital District Transportation Committee, Whitney Young Health Center, and Albany County Red Cross Blood Donor Sponsor Committee.

Awards and Recognitions

Honored by Rockefeller College of the University at Albany as its 2008 Distinguished Alumnus in Public Administration and Policy.

Selected by the New York State Board of Regents as the 2003 and 2009 recipient of the William Hoyt award for "Excellence in Advocacy" as part of the Regents' Annual Archives Awards, the only person to ever receive this recognition twice.

Voted "County Clerk of the Year" in 1994 by the New York State Association of County Clerks, and selected to receive the Association's "Lifetime Achievement" award in June 1999. These two peer recognitions are the Clerks Association's highest awards.

Recipient of the New York Council of Nonprofits' 2002 "Community Builder" award for outstanding leadership and dedication to the Council in carrying out its mission of service to not-for-profit organizations across New York State.