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Top Ten Lifetime Achievements

Being Elected President of My Class at St. Anselm College

In the fall of 1975, as a freshman at St. Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire, away from home for the first time, I decided on my own to run for president of my class. It was important to me to undertake this initiative. After organizing an effective campaign and articulating positions on issues, I demonstrated to myself that I had the ability to analyze a situation and formulate a winning plan. After being elected, I learned that being in a leadership position was something I enjoyed and at which I succeeded.

Being Named to the Moot Court Board at Suffolk University Law School

I was one of only nine members of my class to be selected to serve on the Moot Court Board in 1983.

The Board serves an important purpose at the school by preparing students for the practice of law. It was important to me because selection was based on academic credentials and a rigorous writing and interview process. Being selected to the Board was also a recognized honor in the Boston legal community and put Board members in contact with some of the leading lawyers and judges in the area.

Graduating from Suffolk University Law School

In June 1985, I graduated from Suffolk University Law School in Boston. It was an important achievement to my parents and me because I was the first member of my family to obtain a degree beyond college. In a professional sense, it ensured that I would have a background which would be of use for the rest of my career and increase my earning ability.

Becoming a Member of the Massachusetts Bar

In December 1985, I was sworn in as an attorney in Boston. It was the culmination of years of hard work and gave me the credentials to assist in my efforts to achieve professional success.

Starting the Carol DiMaiti Scholarship at Suffolk University Law School

Following the tragic murder in 1989 of a law school classmate named Carol DiMaiti Stuart, I took the lead among former fellow classmates and started a scholarship in Carol's name. We raise funds every year and a scholarship is given to a Suffolk University Law School student. This has been an important part of my life because it honors a friend and benefits students in need.

Playing A Role in the Election of Massachusetts Attorney General Scott Harshbarger

I devoted myself to the election of Scott Harshbarger as Attorney General in 1990. I consider it to be one of my most important tests, both personally and professionally because of the tremendous pressure in a statewide campaign. The campaign was against an incumbent who was far ahead in the polls, right up until the last weeks of the campaign. I remained on Harshbarger's staff in the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office during the campaign to ensure that it continued to function at a high level. I take pride in the fact that there were no major mistakes in the office and the successes were the foundation of the campaign for Attorney General. Harshbarger has proven to be an extraordinary Attorney General, further adding to the personal and professional satisfaction surrounding his being elected in 1990.

Representing the Citizens of Massachusetts as an Assistant District Attorney and Assistant Attorney General

In both a personal and professional sense, I am proud of having successfully prosecuted cases as an assistant district attorney and defended the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as an Assistant District Attorney. In 1987, 1988 and 1992, handling cases which involve victims and the possibility of defendants being incarcerated or cases in which the Commonwealth had a financial stake was a rewarding experience. I am also pleased to have achieved an excellent record of success as a trial attorney.

Media Successes As Communications Director for the Massachusetts Attorney General

Between 1991 and 1994, through strong planning and diligence, I was able to get Attorney General Harshbarger as a guest on every morning and evening network news show, as well as every network news magazine show. This was an important achievement for me because I had demonstrated to myself and others that I could deal effectively with the national news media. It also contributed to the Attorney General's easy reelection in 1994 with 70 percent of the vote.

Being Sworn into the United States Supreme Court Bar

I stood before the entire United States Supreme Court and was sworn in as a member of the bar in May 1993. My parents joined me in Washington, D.C. for this occasion and it was an important day for them to see one of their sons take this oath in such an historic setting.

Being Part of the Assassination Records Review Board's Efforts to Open up the JFK Assassination Files

As a senior member of the Assassination Records Review Board from October 1994 to the present, I

have played a key role in the Board's efforts to open up previously secret files related to the assassination of President Kennedy. It is important to me to be a part of this effort because I believe that the Board can help restore the confidence of the American public in government and hopefully put some closure on this tragic chapter of our history.