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PERSONAL

Date of Birth: November 6, 1944
Place of Birth: Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Marital Status: Married to the former Cathleen M. Hohmeier -
Two Daughters

EDUCATION

1966-1969 Georgetown Law Center, Washington, D.C.
Juris Doctor Degree

1962-1966 Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
Bachelor of Arts Degree with Major in Spanish

ADMISSIONS TO THE BAR

September 1, 1988 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

December 30, 1975 United States Virgin Islands (Inactive)

November 4, 1969 District of Columbia (Inactive)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

August, 1987 - Present

Widener University School of Law
3800 Vartan Way
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

Professor of Law

Position:

April, 1983 - June, 1987

Office of the United States Attorney
District of the Virgin Islands
Hamilton House
P.O. Box 3239
Christiansted, St. Croix 00820

Position: Presidentially-appointed United States Attorney
District of the Virgin Islands

March, 1976 - April, 1983

Isherwood, Hunter and Diehm (previously Isherwood,
Barnard and Diehm; Isherwood, Alkon, Barnard and
Diehm; and Isherwood, Colianni, Alkon and Barnard)
46 King Street
Christiansted, St. Croix 00820

Position: Associate and Partner

Duties: Private practice of law specializing in civil and criminal
litigation on both the trial and appellate levels

May, 1974 - February, 1976

Office of the Attorney General
United States Virgin Islands
Toro Building, Miracle Mile
Christiansted, St. Croix 00820

Position: Assistant Attorney General for the
United States Virgin Islands

Duties: Prosecution of criminal and civil cases on behalf of the
Government of the Virgin Islands

December, 1970 - April, 1974

Office of the United States Attorney
District of Columbia
U.S. District Courthouse
Washington, D.C. 20001

Position: Assistant United States Attorney for the
District of Columbia

Duties:

Misdemeanor Trial Section - Trial of numerous misdemeanor cases and several months as an administrator

Major Crimes Section - Investigate and indict persons associated with organized criminal activities such as contract murders and narcotics trafficking

Appellate Section - Responsible for briefing and argument of approximately twelve appellate cases before both the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Federal Criminal Trial Section - Trial of numerous federal felonies before the United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Local Criminal Trial Section - Trial of numerous serious local felonies before the Superior Court of the District of Columbia

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2011-2016	Member and Vice-Chair of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania's Committee on Rules of Evidence
1990 - 2017	Instructor - National Institute of Trial Advocacy and Similar Courses - Atlanta, Georgia; Dallas, Texas; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Little Rock, Arkansas; and Wilmington, Delaware
1996, 1997, 2000 and 2004 (summers)	Professor of Law in the Widener University School of Law Geneva Program - Taught Course in Comparative Criminal Procedure in Geneva, Switzerland
1999	At the Request of the American Bar Association Central and East European Law Initiative Provided an Assessment of the Draft Law on Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking for the Republic of Romania
1997 (fall)	Legal Specialist - Sent by the American Bar Association and the United States Department of Justice on a three month mission to Russia and Ukraine to work with their governments on reforming their criminal justice systems

1990 - 1992	Lecturer - Seminars for Administrative Law Judges - Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
1990 - 1991	Instructor - Attorney General's Advocacy Institute - United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.
1984 - 1987	Member of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee of United States Attorneys
1979 - 1987	Bar Examiner for the U. S. Virgin Islands

PUBLICATIONS

Pleading Guilty While Claiming Innocence: Reconsidering the Mysterious Alford Plea, 26 U. FLA. J.L. & PUB. POL'Y 27 (2015).

A Comparative Examination of the Purpose of the Criminal Justice System, 1 ASHBURN INST. TRANSNAT'L L.J. 1 (2009).

The Introduction of Jury Trials and Adversarial Elements into the Former Soviet Union and Other Inquisitorial Countries, 11 FLA. ST. J. TRANSNAT'L L. & POL'Y 1 (2001).

Symposium, *The Government's Duty to "Seek Justice" in Civil Litigation*, 9 WIDENER J. PUB. L. 289 (2000).

Symposium, *Prosecuting Transnational Crimes: Cross-Cultural Insights for the Former Soviet Union*, SYRACUSE J. INT'L L. & COM.1 (2000)(Commentary on Immunity beginning at page 15, Commentary on the Keynote Address beginning at page 56, and Commentary on United States Jury Trials beginning at page 66).

New Federalism and Constitutional Criminal Procedure: Are We Repeating the Mistakes of the Past?, 55 MD. L. REV. 223 (1996).

Symposium, *Protecting Criminal Defendants' Rights When the Government Adduces Scientific Evidence: The Confrontation Clause and Other Alternatives - A Response to Professor Giannelli*, 22 CAP. U. L. REV. 85 (1993)(Appearing as Part of the Fourteenth Annual John E. Sullivan Lecture Symposium).

Federal Expungement: A Concept in Need of Definition, 66 ST. JOHN'S L. REV. 73 (1992).

Impeachment of Jury Verdicts: Tanner v. United States and Beyond, 65 ST. JOHN'S L. REV. 389 (1991).

LAW SCHOOL COURSES TAUGHT

Advanced Criminal Procedure
Comparative Criminal Procedure
Criminal Law
Criminal Procedure
Evidence

HONORS AND AWARDS

Widener University Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching
(University-Wide Award Given to One Professor at the University) - 1999

Outstanding Faculty Award (Awarded by the Graduating Class of the Law School) -
1994, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2015, and 2017.

Law School Alumni Outstanding Professor for the 2000-2001 Academic Year and the
2002-2003 Academic Year

Member of the American Law Institute

Member of Phi Beta Delta (Honor Society for International Scholars)

Member of Phi Sigma Iota (International Foreign Language Honor Society)