

John R. Downey

Mediation - Arbitration - Dispute Resolution

Curriculum Vitae

Judicial Branch- Connecticut · April 2001-April 2009

Judge

Presided over thousands of jury trials, court trials and hearings, domestic, civil and criminal; pre-tried and heard motions in all cases.

Rome, McGuigan and Sabanosh, P.C. · 1992-2001

Partner

Trial attorney defending medical and legal malpractice cases, as well as prosecuting and defending personal injury and commercial and banking law cases, environmental law and worker compensation cases. AV rated civil trial attorney by Martindale Hubbel.

Union Carbide Chemicals and Plastics Company · 1989-1992

Litigation Counsel and FDA Counsel

Managed litigation throughout the U.S. in areas of products liability and environmental matters. Selected, managed, and supervised outside counsel and coordinated internal discovery. Advised the company and its subsidiaries on food and drug matters. Reviewed material safety data sheets for regulatory compliance and coordinated and participated in the in-house program for safety and regulatory compliance.

Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc · 1985-1989

Counsel

Managed litigation, including the selection and supervision of outside counsel, coordinated internal discovery and advised corporate officers about matters involving the pharmaceutical products and medical devices of the company and its subsidiaries, including Roxanne Labs and BI Animal Health. Responsibilities also included environmental and employment lawsuits and assistance on new product and technology acquisitions, as well as advising on FDA, FTC and safety concerns, reviewing of real estate and contracts.

Regnier , Taylor, Curran and Langenbach · 1978-1984

Associate

Defended clients insured for automobile, homeowner, and medical and legal malpractice claims for various insurance carriers. (The St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co., Pioneer, GEICO, USAA, The Hartford) A smaller portion of the practice involved worker compensation, real estate law and contract law.

EDUCATION

University of South Carolina • 1977- *Juris Doctor*

University of South Carolina * 1975-*Masters in International Studies*

University of Connecticut • 1972- *Bachelor of Liberal Arts*

ARTICLES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Bar Admissions:

South Carolina, Connecticut(1978) and U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut(1979).

Author:

- Commentary to the Code of Evidence, Connecticut Rules of Court, Thomson Publishing (2000-2009)
- Connecticut Trial Lawyers Guide to Evidence in State and Federal Court, West Publishing Co. (1983-1999)
- Saving and Recovering Money for Your Company Through the Second Injury Fund, The Corporate Bar News, Fall 1992
- The Practical Effects on Tort Reform on Medical Malpractice, Non-Profit Organization immunity & Dram Shop, Conn. Bar Journal, 10/88
- A Proposal for Legislating Employee Drug Testing, with Heike S. Martin, Conn. Law Tribune, 3/30/87
- Termination of Life Support: A Proposal for a Model Act, with Antoinette Grenier, Conn. Law Tribune, 6/10/85
- Masters Thesis, The Panama Canal Controversy, University of South Carolina 1975

Creator and Panelist:

Toxic Tort and Environmental Updates, American Law Firm Assoc., 3/91
Connecticut Evidence, Procuring, Preserving and Presenting It, Professional Education Systems, 1988
Connecticut Evidence, Professional Educational Systems, 1989

Memberships, Boards and Commissions:

Planning Commission, Redding, CT 1988-1997
Republican Town Committee, Redding, 1988-2001
Justice of the Peace-1992-1994
University of Connecticut, Board of Trustees. 1995-2001
Chemical Manufacturer's Assoc., Toxic Tort Committee 1988-1992
Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Assoc., 1985-1988
Member: Hartford County and Connecticut Bar Association (Member: Executive Committee, Civil Justice Section, 1985-1988 and Continuing Legal Education Committee), 1987-1991
South Carolina Bar Association

Zeta Psi, Phi Delta Phi
ESL Instructor - Hispanic Center, Danbury, CT 2007

Judicial:

Appointed Superior Court Judge
April 11, 2001-April 10, 2009

ADR Training and Memberships:

American Arbitration Association Neutral - August 2009
Special Master and Mediator, Federal District Court, Connecticut - August 2009
Effective Mediator Practice - March 2009, ABA
Advance Arbitrator Training II - April 2009, ADR Center, New Britain, CT

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