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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ❖ 1986 to present - Partner: Shapira, Hutzelman, Smith & Walsh; served as managing partner
- ❖ 1991 to present - Mental Health Review Officer: have presided over 5,500+ cases in a fair, impartial and respectful manner
- ❖ Assistant City Solicitor
- ❖ Court appointed homicide counsel
- ❖ CLE Presenter - Fundamentals of the Mental Health Procedures Act

## PRACTICE SUMMARY

- ❖ CIVIL - trial experience plaintiff/defendant; personal injury, contract, arbitration
- ❖ CRIMINAL - trial experience ranging from summary trials to homicide cases involving death penalty
- ❖ JUVENILE - represented minors charged with criminal offenses
- ❖ DOMESTIC RELATIONS - handled 1,000+ domestic matters, including divorce, custody, support, PFA, ante-nuptial/post-nuptial agreements
- ❖ ORPHAN'S COURT - adoptions, guardianships, wills, trusts, POAs, living wills and completed the administration of 250+ estates
- ❖ MUNICIPAL - handled a variety of matters as assistant City Solicitor
- ❖ REAL ESTATE - involved in 2,500+ real estate transactions including the representation of lenders, developers, builders, buyers, sellers; tax assessment and exemption matters
- ❖ MENTAL HEALTH - presided over 5,500+ mental health hearings with no decisions appealed
- ❖ BUSINESS - formation and representation of partnerships, LLCs and corporations
- ❖ LIQUOR LICENSE - representation of buyers and sellers
- ❖ OIL AND GAS - lease negotiations
- ❖ UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION - representation of employees and employers

## EDUCATION

- ❖ Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 1986
- ❖ Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, 1982
  - Bachelor of Arts, Economics
- ❖ North East High School, 1976

## **MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

- ❖ United States Navy 1976-1980
  - Service aboard nuclear powered submarines
    - USS Sam Rayburn
    - USS John C. Calhoun
  - Honorable Discharge

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- ❖ American Bar Association
- ❖ Pennsylvania Bar Association
- ❖ Erie County Bar Association
  - Committee Memberships: Family Law, Real Estate, Estates and Trusts; Stepping Out; Fee Dispute; Scholarship
  - Legal Aid Volunteer Attorney
- ❖ Collaborative Professionals of Northwest Pennsylvania (Charter Member)
- ❖ International Academy of Collaborative Professionals
- ❖ Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- ❖ American Inns of Court (Charter Member)

## **CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS/VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

- ❖ Erie Rotary Club
- ❖ Ethics Symposium Presenter at Mercyhurst University
- ❖ St. Boniface School Board Vice-President
- ❖ St. Boniface Church Finance Committee
- ❖ Assistant Little League Coach
- ❖ Assistant Grade School Basketball Coach
- ❖ Safe Harbor Behavioral Health
  - Advisory Board Member
  - Governing Board Member

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

- ❖ Admitted to practice before all state and federal courts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

## **PERSONAL**

- ❖ Born: April 2, 1958
- ❖ Married: Nancy A. Nowak Fitzmaurice, September 2, 2005
- ❖ Two Children
  - Shawn, age 26, MBA: employed at Zurn Industries, Erie, PA
  - Carly, age 23, MBA: employed at Aleris International, Inc., Cleveland, OH
- ❖ Three Bonus Children
  - Mary Grace Fitzmaurice, age 20: 1<sup>st</sup> year pharmacy student at Pitt
  - Jonathan Fitzmaurice, age 18: college freshman at Penn State, University Park
  - Allison Fitzmaurice, age 15: high school sophomore