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EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia

Juris Doctor

University of Pennsylvania Graduate School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Master of Arts in Political Science

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Urban Studies (double major)

- *Magna cum laude*
- Both B.A. and M.A. degrees earned in four-year accelerated, joint degree program
- Honors, Political Science Department

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- Massachusetts Superior Court 2006-2018
Justice
- Massachusetts District Court and Boston Municipal Court Departments 2002-2003 and 2003-2006
Judge
- Private Practice 1993-2002
Civil and criminal trial attorney
- Curran & Cameron 1986-1993
Concentration in civil and criminal litigation

- **DiMento & Sullivan** 1983-1986
Junior Partner
- **First Assistant Legal Counsel to the Governor** 1979-1983
Hired as Assistant Legal Counsel, promoted to Deputy Assistant, and finally to First Assistant Legal Counsel
- **Assistant District Attorney** 1977-1979
Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Major Violators' Unit

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Brown University** 2018-Present
Instructor, Summer @ Brown
 - Taught four-week, 45-hour courses "Behind the Judicial Curtain: Trials and the Law" and "Great Trials That Changed History: A Judge's Perspective"
The summer 2021 course was taught remotely and asynchronously, due to COVID-19
- **Tufts University** 2018-2021
Professor of the Practice of Political Science 2020-2021
 - Taught two courses, "Constitutional Law" and "Topics in American Politics: The American Legal System"*Adjunct, ExCollege Program* 2018-2019
 - Taught courses, "Hollywood and the Courtroom: The Anatomy of a Trial" and "Great Trials That Changed History: A Judge's Perspective"
- **Massachusetts Boys' and Girls' State program** 2018, 2019 and 2022
Dean of Judiciary and Instructor, Stonehill College
 - A selective summer leadership and citizenship program for high school students which focuses on exploring the mechanics of American government and politics.
- **Roger Williams University School of Law** 2013-2016
Adjunct Professor of Law
 - Taught course, "Massachusetts Civil Practice"

TEACHING PRESENTATIONS

Justice Curran has presented or been featured as a guest speaker at more than 100 educational seminars and programs, detailed as follows:

Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education

- "Understanding and Predicting Jury Behavior." January 25, 2022. Rebroadcast on February 9 and 17, 2022.
- "Courtroom Presence." September 28, 2018
- "Practicing with Professionalism." November 6, 2017; May 15, 2017; November 14, 2016; May 16, 2016; September 12, 2015; March 9, 2015; September 15, 2014
- 18th Annual New England Conference. Personal Injury Law 2015. April 30, 2015
- "Motion Practice: Civil Litigation Development." October 16, 2014
- "Basics Plus! "Civil Trial Advocacy". October 15, 2014
- 17th Annual New England Conference. "Personal Injury Law 2014." May 22, 2014
- "Practicing with Professionalism and Civility." March 10, 2014
- Fifth Annual New England Conference. "ADR & The Law 2013." November 19, 2013
- "Civil Trial Advocacy: BasicsPlus!" October 15, 2013
- "Key Issues in Discovery Practice." May 21, 2013
- 16th Annual New England Personal Injury Conference. "Managing Your Personal Injury Case." May 14, 2013
- Third Annual New England Conference. "ADR & The Law- 2011." October 24, 2011
- "Civil Trial Advocacy: BasicsPlus!" October 18, 2011
- 14th Annual Personal Injury Law Conference. April 28, 2011
- "The New Civil One Trial System in the District Court." January 27, 2005

The Lincoln Forum Symposium

- "Lincoln's Statesmanship: The Political Character of Abraham Lincoln." Broadcast on C-SPAN-2 on January 23; rebroadcast on C-SPAN-3 on January 30, 2022.
 - Harold Holzer, author, chairman and co-founder of the Lincoln Forum, praised the panel, calling it a "brilliant presentation."

The Flaschner Judicial Institute (educational organization for Massachusetts judges)

- "The Disappearance of Dr. Parkman: Blood & Ivy at the Harvard Medical School." December 6, 2021
- "Abraham Lincoln and Massachusetts." October 28, 2021
- "What Would Lincoln Think of Your Courtroom and Today's Lawyers?" June 4, 2020

Massachusetts Bar Association's Trial Advocacy Program.

- Two-day, intensive educational program for trial attorneys. Presiding Judge. April 3 and 4 2019.

History Camp - Boston 2022.

History Camp is a conference that brings together people from all walks of life for more than 50 sessions on all aspects of history. Over 550 people attend annually.

- "The Disappearance of Dr. Parkman: Blood & Ivy at the Harvard Medical School." August 13, 2022. (forthcoming)

North Hill. Needham, Massachusetts.

- Lincoln on Leadership - Parts I and II. February 25 and March 3, 2022
- "The Salem Witchcraft Trials: What Really Happened?" October 14, 2021
- "Abraham Lincoln and Massachusetts." February 17, 2021
- "The Disappearance of Dr. Parkman: Blood & Ivy at the Harvard Medical School." July 27, 2020
- "What Would Lincoln Think of Today's Lawyers: A Judge's Perspective." February 11, 2020

Fox Hill Village. Westwood, Massachusetts

- "The Sacco and Vanzetti Trial: Evoking Passions a Century Later." October 12, 2021
- "The Trial of John Brown: America's *Good* Terrorist?" October 5, 2021
- "The Boston Massacre Trials: Blood in the Snow." September 21, 2021
- "The Disappearance of Dr. Parkman: Blood & Ivy at the Harvard Medical School." August 26, 2021
- "Abraham Lincoln and Massachusetts." February 24, 2021

Carleton-Willard Village. Bedford, Massachusetts

- "Hollywood and the Courtroom: The Anatomy of a Trial - Parts I and II." June 2 and 16, 2022.
- "The Trial of Kyle Rittenhouse: You are the Jury." May 23, 2022.
- "Blood Feud: The Demoulas Supermarket Trials." May 16, 2022.
- "The Lindbergh Baby Kidnapping Trial: The Crime that Shocked the World." May 9, 2022.
- "The Trial of Galileo: When Worlds Collide". May 2, 2022.
- "The Trial of Lizzie Borden: Whacks and Hacks". April 21, 2022.
- "The Trial of the Lincoln Assassination Conspirators". April 7, 2022.
- "Sacco and Vanzetti Murder Trial: Evoking Passions a Century Later." March 15, 2021
- "The Trial of Leopold and Loeb: Inside the Criminal Mind." March 22, 2021
- "The Nuremberg War Crimes Trials: Prosecuting Evil." March 29, 2021
- "The O.J. Simpson Trial: 'Till Death Do Us Part.'" April 12, 2021
- "The Mississippi Burning Trial: The Hunt for Justice." April 5, 2021
- "The Disappearance of Dr. Parkman: Blood & Ivy at the Harvard Medical School."

August 26, 2021

- "Lincoln on Leadership: The Early Years - Part I." September 9, 2021
- "Lincoln on Leadership: The Formative Years - Part II" September 16, 2021
- "Lincoln on Leadership: The Transformative Years - Part III." Sept. 23, 2021
- "The Salem Witchcraft Trials: What Really Happened?" Oct. 21, 2021
- "Behind the Judicial Curtain: Secrets of a Trial Judge." Nov. 4, 2021

Wellesley Historical Society

- "Abraham Lincoln and Massachusetts." November 5, 2020

Wellesley Neighbors

- "The Disappearance of Dr. Parkman: Blood & Ivy at the Harvard Medical School." April 28, 2022.

Wellesley-Weston Lifetime Learning Program.

- "The Lincoln Assassination Conspirators: the Nest that Hatched Evil". April 11, 2022.
- "The Trial of Galileo: When Worlds Collide." April 25, 2022.
- "Abraham Lincoln and Massachusetts." October 18, 2021
- "Lincoln on Leadership - Part II." October 4, 2021
- "Lincoln on Leadership - Part I." September 27, 2021
- Hollywood and the Courtroom: The Anatomy of a Trial - Part II. September 20, 2021
- Hollywood and the Courtroom: The Anatomy of a Trial - Part I. September 13, 2021
- "The O.J. Simpson Trial: 'Till Death Do Us Part'." April 12, 2021
- "The Mississippi Burning Trial: The Hunt for Justice." April 5, 2021
- "The Nuremberg War Crimes Trials: Prosecuting Evil." March 29, 2021
- "The Trial of Leopold and Loeb: Inside the Criminal Mind." March 22, 2021
- "The Sacco and Vanzetti Trial: Evoking Passions A Century Later." March 15, 2021
- "The Trial of Susan B. Anthony: Voting Rights for Women" November, 2 2020
- "The Amistad Trials: Are Slaves Property?" October, 19 2020
- "What Would Lincoln Think of Today's Lawyers: A Judge's Perspective." November 25, 2019
- "The Trial of the Lincoln Assassination Conspirators: The Nest that Hatched Evil " April 13, 2019
- "The Trial of John Brown: America's *Good* Terrorist?" April 6, 2019
- "The Disappearance of Dr. Parkman: Blood & Ivy at the Harvard Medical School." March 30, 2019
- "The Boston Massacre Trials: Blood in the Snow." March 23, 2019
- "The Salem Witchcraft Trials: What Really Happened?" March 16, 2019
- "The Trial of Socrates: Lessons in Justice from Classical Antiquity." March 9, 2019

Lincoln Group of Boston.

- "What Would Lincoln Think of Today's Lawyers? *A Judge's Perspective.*" September 21, 2019

Massachusetts Bar Association

- Panelist - "You've Read the Rules-But What Really Works in the Courtroom?" Sponsored by its Public Law and Civil Litigation Sections. March 28, 2017
- Dispute Resolution Section. Guest Speaker. September 20, 2016
- Post-DiCarlo: "How Will Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery Change?" May 3, 2016
- "Practicing with Professionalism." July 14, 2016
- My Bar Access. *Alternative Legal Career Panel.* March 25, 2015
- "An Introduction to the Massachusetts Court System." *Practicing with Professionalism.* January 22, 2015
- "View from the Bench: How to Keep Your Case Moving." September 23, 2014
- "A View from the Bench." May 29, 2013
- General Practice, Solo & Small Firms Conference. "Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration." May 10, 2012
- In conjunction with M.C.L.E. "Civil Trial Advocacy BasicsPlus!" October 17, 2012

Boston Bar Association

- "Full Speed Ahead, How to Keep Your Case Moving." April 7, 2014
- House of Delegates. "Presumptive Mediation." January 16, 2014
- Boston Bar Association and Flaschner Judicial Institute. October 4, 2012
- "One Trial System." November 18, 2004

Boston Municipal Court

- Annual Spring Judicial Educational Conference. Topic: "Specialized Courts." May 12, 2006
- Panelist, Suffolk County Drug Symposium. October 17, 2005
- Boston Municipal Court Department Annual Fall Judicial Educational Conference. December 6, 2004

Additional presentations

- Keynote Speaker, American Legion - Massachusetts Boys' and Girls' State Inauguration Program. June 16, 2016 and June 19, 2008. Stonehill College, about 350 attendees
- Massachusetts Boys' and Girls' State - American Legion. Introduction to Law Course. June 2016 and 2017
- Panelist, Suffolk University Law School Italian-American Bar Association. November 28, 2016

- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) National Trial College. Harvard Law School. July 29, 2016
- U.S. Canada Litigation and Labor and Employment Group. "Civility Matters". October 20, 2015
- National Business Institute. "As Judges See It: Top Mistakes Attorneys Make in Civil Litigation". October 2, 2015
- *Employment Law*. Spring Symposium, 2015. May 20, 2015
- Justinian Law Society. "The New Voir Dire Law." April 16, 2015
- Judicial Forum. Massachusetts Employment Lawyers Association. April 16, 2015
- First District Eastern Middlesex Bar Association. November 20, 2014
- Nigerian Judicial Delegation. Center for Peace, Democracy & Development. "Alternative Dispute Resolution in Massachusetts: A View from the Bench." September 26, 2014
- University of New Hampshire School of Law. "Direct and Cross-Examination of Expert Witnesses." September 16, 2013
- Nigerian Judicial Delegation. Center for Peace, Democracy & Development. "Alternative Dispute Resolution in Massachusetts: A View from the Bench." July 24, 2013
- National Expert Witness Conference. S.E.A.K., Inc. "A View from the Bench." April 12, 2011
- Massachusetts Employment Lawyers' Association. "Discovery Disputes." 2010 and 2011

JUDICIAL AWARDS

- Chief Justice Edward F. Hennessey Award, Massachusetts Bar Association
 - For "having demonstrated extraordinary leadership and dedication to improving the administration of justice and upholding the highest traditions for public service."
 - The Award has been bestowed only 8 times in the past 31 years
- President's Award for Judicial Excellence, Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys
 - For "his deep commitment and belief in the civil justice system, his many contributions to society and his continued dedication to the law."
- William Whiting Judicial Award for Judicial Courage, American Board of Trial Advocates -- Massachusetts Chapter
- Annual Justice Award, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America - Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

CRIMINAL JUSTICE HONOR

- National Institute of Justice, United States Department of Justice. 1983.

- One of five national consultants on automobile theft by the National Institute of Justice, research agency for the United States Department of Justice, whose task it was to develop a monograph to assist state leaders in combatting this crime.

PUBLICATIONS

- "An Analysis of Jury Composition by Educational Level." *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*. January 29, 2018.
- "Abraham Lincoln: A Model for Today's Trial Lawyers." *The Lincoln Herald*. Vol. 119, No. 2. Summer 2017.
- "Attorney-Directed Voir Dire Comes to Massachusetts: The Republic Is Safe". *Suffolk University Law School Journal of Trial & Appellate Advocacy*. Vol. XXII, Issue 1. 2016-2017.
- Booklet for the Massachusetts Bar Association's Dispute Resolution Section. September 20, 2016.
- "Medical Malpractice Tribunal Study" presented to the Massachusetts Bar Association's Civil Litigation Council. September 13, 2016.
- "Civility Matters". Materials prepared for the U.S. Canada Litigation and Labor and Employment Group Joint Fall Meeting. October 20, 2015.
- "As Judges See It: Top Mistakes Attorneys Make in Civil Litigation." National Business Institute - Judicial Forum. October 2, 2015.
- Curran, Dennis J. and Emma Kingdon. "Abraham Lincoln: A Model for Today's Trial Lawyers." *Massachusetts Law Review*. Vol. 97, No. 1. October 2015.
- "Practicing with Professionalism and Civility." M.C.L.E. September 14, 2015.
- "Sample Discovery Decisions". MCLE Civil Litigation Professional Development Plan. Motion Practice Unit 5. October 16, 2014.
- "Motion Practice - Unit 5." MCLE Civil Litigation Professional Development Plan. October 16, 2014.
- "Expert Witness Tips and Tactics." MCLE BasicsPlus! Civil Trial Advocacy. October 15, 2004.

- "Three Sample Deposition Transcripts." MCLE BasicsPlus! Civil Trial Advocacy. October 15, 2014.
- "A View from the Bench: Secrets on How to Move Your Civil Case Quickly." Massachusetts Bar Association, the Middlesex Bar Association and the Justinian Law Society. September 23, 2014.
- 17th Annual New England Personal Injury Law Conference. M.C. L. E. May 22, 2014
- "Practicing with Professionalism and Civility." M.C.L.E. March 10, 2014.
- Curran, Dennis J. and Emma Kingdon. "Honest Abe and ADR.". *Massachusetts Law Review*. October, 2015.
- Curran, Dennis J. and Emma Kingdon. "Abraham Lincoln, An Early Champion of ADR." *Massachusetts Lawyers' Weekly*. 42 MLW 647. December 2, 2013, p. 39.
- "How to Cross-Examine an Expert Witness: What Your Mother Never Told You" University of New Hampshire School of Law: September 6, 2013.
- "Expert Witness Tips and Tactics". University of New Hampshire School of Law. September 6, 2013.
- "Expert Witnesses and Scientific Evidence." University of New Hampshire School of Law. September 6, 2013.
- "Alternative Dispute Resolution in Massachusetts: A View from the Bench." Nigerian Judicial Delegation. Center for Peace, Democracy & Development. July 24, 2013.
- "View from the Bench." Massachusetts Bar Association. May 29, 2013.
- "Key Issues in Discovery Practice." M.C.L.E. Seminar. May 21, 2013.
- "Managing Your Personal Injury Case." 16th Annual New England Personal Injury Law Conference. May 14, 2013.
- "What Your Mother Never Told You About Law School". (Three Volume Set.) 16th Annual New England Personal Injury Law Conference. M.C.L.E. May 14, 2013.

- "Civil Trial Advocacy: BasicsPlus!" M.C.L.E. October 17, 2012.
- "Making Your Job Easier with ADR." Massachusetts Bar Association. October 4, 2012.
- "An Honorable Salary?" September 3, 2012. National Center for State Courts website. Previously available at <http://www.ncsc.org/Topics/Judicial-Officers/Judicial-Compensation/Resource-Guide.aspx>.
- "An Honorable Salary?" (July 4, 2011). National Center for State Courts website at www.ncsc.org. Previously available at <http://bit.ly/w8tZin>
- "Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration." 2nd Annual Massachusetts Bar Association's General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Symposium. May 10, 2012.
- "Report to the Chief Justice: Committee on Specialized Courts." Boston Municipal Court Department. 2005.
- "Impeachment of the Expert Witness: What They Never Told You in Law School." Ninth Annual National Expert Witness and Litigation Seminar Course Materials. S.E.A.K., Inc. 2000.
- "Defense Strategies in the Courtroom." Prepared for a presentation before the Illinois State Police-Division of Forensic Services. September 29, 2000.
- "Sanctions, Sentencing and Corrections: Law, Policy and Practice." Book Review. New England Journal of Prison Law. Vol. 8, No. 2 1982.
- "Focus on the Drug Paraphernalia Act." *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*. April 19, 1982. p. 10.
- "New Massachusetts Drug Law". *Municipal Police Institute Publication*. October 1980.
- "The New Laws Governing Automobile Theft." *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*. August 11, 1980.
- "An Attack on Automobile Theft: The Massachusetts Plan". *National Automobile Theft Bureau Journal*. Winter 1981-1982.
- "An Attack on Automobile Theft: The Massachusetts Plan." *State Government News*. June, 1982.

- "Governor's Task Force Report on Automobile Theft." 1981.
 - This was a 125-page text detailing Massachusetts' comprehensive legislative and administrative program to combat automobile theft. Massachusetts enacted many of the proposals. The state had led the nation in car theft for nearly a decade at the time, surpassing even the second state with one-third more car thefts per capita. Since the enactment of this crackdown, Massachusetts's car theft rate has fallen dramatically.
- Virginia Model Jury Instructions (Michie Publishing Company: Charlottesville, Virginia, 1978.
 - I authored the chapters on arson and burglary as a law student assistant to Professor Kenneth R. Redden, Reporter for the Committee on the Judicial Conference on Virginia.
- "Warren Burger: The Court Reformer". *Virginia Law Weekly*. 1977.
- Intro to Penn, Editor-in-Chief. This was a 200-page, copyrighted college handbook written for new students (freshmen and transfer students) to the University of Pennsylvania (Havertown Printing Company, Inc.; Broomall, Pennsylvania) 1973.
- "The Forgotten American." *Boston Latin School Register*. Spring 1969.

EDUCATIONAL HONORS

- Roger Williams University School of Law, Board of Advisors.
- Boston Latin School, Board of Trustees. (Past member)
- Boston Latin School, Distinguished Service Award
- University of Pennsylvania. Board of Associate Alumni Trustees (Northeast Region) (Past member)
- Wellesley-Weston Lifetime Learning. Board of Directors.
- University of Pennsylvania - President, Sphinx Honor Society
 - Oldest University honor society with selection based on "character, integrity and leadership."
- Board of Examiners. National Board of Trial Advocacy. (Past member)

JUDICIAL BRANCH COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

- Chair, Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution. Superior Court.
- Co-Chair, Committee on Case Flow Management. Boston Municipal Court Department.
- Co-Chair, Committee on Specialized Courts. Boston Municipal Court Department.
- Judicial representative, Massachusetts Bar Association Judicial Administration Section Council.

CIVIC, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Fellow, Massachusetts Historical Society
- National Board of Advisors. The Lincoln Forum.
- The Lincoln Group of Boston
- The International Churchill Society
- Justinian Law Society

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers
- Martindale-Hubbell "AV" Rating
- Board Certification as Civil Trial Attorney. National Board of Trial Advocacy

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Board of Trial Advocates
- Massachusetts Bar Association
- Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys (Past member)
- National Advisory Board on Automobile Theft. National Institute of Justice (Past Member)
- Massachusetts Judges' Conference (Past member)