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Family: Married to Attorney and Family Law Mediator, Shirley A. Doyle
Three adult children

Education: Holy Cross College, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 1974
Suffolk University Law School, Juris Doctorate, 1978

Employment History: Ford Mediation , April 4, 2011 to present, main office, Worcester, MA.
Court Certified Mediator; successfully mediated hundreds of civil matters
while employed in the public and private sectors

Of Counsel and Mediator at Fletcher, Tilton & Whipple, P.C., (now
Fletcher Tilton) Worcester, MA, January, 2007 to April 1, 2011

Clerk of Courts and Magistrate for Worcester County, 2003-2007

Private Practice of Law from 1979 to 2003 at the offices noted below:

Sole practice at Francis A. Ford, P.C., 1997 to 2003;

Shannon, Ford & Peters, 1981 to 1997;

Associate at Weinstein, Bernstein & Burwick (then known as Burwick &
Burwick), 1979 to 1981.

Admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts , the
United States District Court for District of Massachusetts and the
United States Supreme Court

Community and Professional
Involvement:

Town Moderator, Town of Paxton, 1996 to 2011

Past President, Massachusetts Bar Foundation

Past President, Worcester County Bar Association

Former Member of Board of Governors, Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, 1997 – 2001

Member of the Board of Directors, Worcester Business Development Corporation, 2007 to date and continuing

Massachusetts Bar Association, Budget and Finance Committee, 1993-1997

Massachusetts Bar Association, Executive Management Committee, 1998-2000

At-large and Regional Delegate to the Massachusetts Bar Association House of Delegates

Member and Chair of Finance Committee of St. Columba Parish, Paxton, MA, 1985-2006

Member Board of Directors, Community Legal Aid, formerly Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts, 2007 to date

Access to Justice Campaign Leadership Committee, 2010 to date

Special Assistant District Attorney, Office of District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr., Worcester, Massachusetts

Member, Board of Directors of the Worcester Public Inebriate Program, 1980-1990, Vice President of Board, 1985-1989

Member of Bicentennial of the United States Constitution Committee
Chaired by Attorney Wayne Budd, 1987

Member, Board of Directors, Worcester Opportunities Industrialization Center, 1987 to 1990

Member, Board of Directors, Massachusetts Bar Institute, 1999-2000

“Judge” at ATLA National Student Trial Advocacy Competition,
Western New England School of Law, Springfield, MA, 1989

Co-Chair (with Atty. Margaret Xifaras) of MBA President Richard Campbell’s Task Force on Assistance to the Gateway Cities of Massachusetts working in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts and MassInc, Boston, MA, 2011 to 2012. The charge of the Task Force is to conduct regional meetings across the state and act upon our findings relative to the Gateway Cities and their challenges.

MBA Administration of Justice Committee, 2004-2005

Worcester County Bar Association appointee to the Joint Bar Committee on Judicial Appointments and Chair of the District Court Subcommittee, 1991-1994 and 2012-2013.

Dukes County Bar Association appointee to the Joint Bar Committee on Judicial Appointments and Chair of District Court Subcommittee, 1994-1997

Former member and Chair of numerous MBA, Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys and Worcester County Bar Association committees

Former Fundraising Cabinet Member of the United Way of Central Massachusetts, 1999 and 2007

Chair, Massachusetts Bar Foundation Nominating Committee in 1994 and 2011

Member, Worcester County Advisory Committee to the Massachusetts Justice Project, Inc.

Speaker, panelist or moderator at a large number of continuing legal education seminars for the following:

Worcester County Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Associations

Flaschner Judicial Institute

Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc.

Multiple television and radio show appearances as a guest or host discussing topics ranging from the Massachusetts legal system to politics and community involvement

Honors and Awards:

1987 Recipient of the first annual Massachusetts Bar Association, Outstanding Young Lawyer Award

1990 Recipient of Worcester Heritage Society Preservation Award

1991 Recipient of Worcester Area Chamber of Commerce Silver Hammer Award

1994 Recipient of the Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts Leadership Award for serving the legal needs of people living with HIV and Aids in Worcester County

1999 to date, Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers

2005 recipient of Massachusetts Bar Association's Community Service Award

2010 Distinguished Attorney Award from the St. Thomas More Society of Worcester County