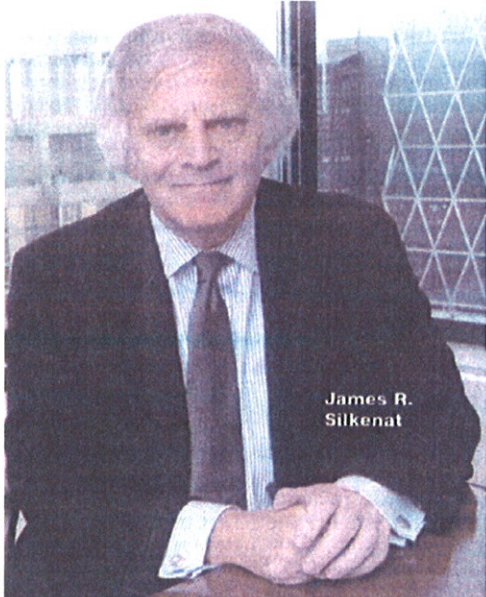


AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

President-Elect

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Statement by the Candidate:

Understanding the challenges facing our profession and our association, I respectfully ask for your support for nomination as President-Elect of the American Bar Association.

I have served with many of you in the House of Delegates, on the Board of Governors, in the Conference of State Delegates, in ABA Sections and Divisions, in the Fellows of the Bar Foundation, and in State and Local Bars. We have much more work to do, together, to make our Association what we want it to be for all of the lawyers of America.

In order for our Association to thrive, it is critical that we fulfill our commitments to our members, provide a model for our profession and restore the promise of a just legal system to the American public. I believe the Association's priorities should be to:

- help us be better lawyers and provide better service to our clients;
- improve our justice system and support a fair and impartial judiciary and an independent legal profession;
- encourage diversity in our profession and promote access to justice for all parts of our society, including legal services for the poor in civil matters;
- motivate and inspire young lawyers and provide role models for the future of our profession; and
- build our Association by making it relevant to the lawyers of America who have not yet joined our Association, particularly solo and small firm practitioners.

These are the goals that unite us as lawyers and these are the tasks we must set for ourselves. The "fierce urgency of now" should motivate us to do more than just what is expected of us.

I look forward to working with you to make these goals a reality and to find common ground within our Association for the principle that public service is a core value of our profession.

I have read the Rules and agree to abide by them.

James R. Silkenat

January 1, 2011

Candidate's Signature

Date

The Candidate's Curriculum Vitae is attached

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I. LEGAL PRACTICE

- Partner, Sullivan & Worcester LLP
 - coordinates the firm's international business law practice in New York
 - concentrates on the areas of project and infrastructure finance, banking, securities, corporate law, M&A, privatizations and technology transfers
 - recent representations have included: investors and fund managers in international investment funds; governments and bidders in privatization transactions; European banks in loan transactions in the U.S.; Asian corporations and financial institutions in cross-border acquisitions and financings; U.S. corporations in joint ventures overseas; U.S., Latin American, Asian and African companies in project financings, particularly in the energy sector; and U.S. and international technology companies in capital raising activities
- Former Legal Counsel, International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group) (Washington, D.C.)

II. EDUCATION

LL.M. (International Law), New York University School of Law (1978)
J.D., University of Chicago School of Law (1972)
Editor, University of Chicago Law Review
B.A., Drury College (Springfield, Missouri) (1969)
Distinguished Alumni Award for Career Achievement (2000)
Batson Prize in History
Omicron Delta Kappa Award (Outstanding Student Leadership Prize)
Student Senate

III. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association

Board of Governors (1994-97)
Executive Committee (1996-97)
Chair, Program and Planning Committee (1996-97)

Liaison, Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (1994-97)
Liaison, Standing Committee on Scope & Correlation of Work (1994-97)
Liaison, Section of Natural Resources, Energy & Environmental Law (1994-97)

House of Delegates (1990-)

ABA State Delegate and Chair of New York Delegation (2000-2009)
- elected by the 36,000 ABA members in New York State
Chair, Steering Committee of the Nominating Committee (2004-2006)(2008-2009)
Select Committee of the House (2000-2001; 2006-2008; 2010-)
Executive Committee of the Conference of State Delegates (2003-2006)
Technology and Communications Committee (2001-2003)
Vice Chair, Resolution and Impact Review Committee (2009-2010)
Minority Caucus
Women's Caucus

Chair, Section Officers Conference (1990-92) (290,000 members)
(coordinated activities for all of the Sections, Divisions and Forum
Committees of the ABA)

Section of International Law (1976-)

Lifetime Achievement Award (2007)
Chair of Section (1989-90)
Vice Chair of Section (1986-88)
Chair, Committee on the People's Republic of China (and founder of the
China Law Reporter) (1980-85)
Chair, Committee on Privatization (1994-99)
Member of Governing Council (1980-)

Section of Individual Rights & Responsibilities (1994 -)

Vice Chair (2010 -)
Secretary (2009 - 2010)
Finance Officer (2008-2009)
Member of Governing Council (2008-)

Member, ABA Commission on Women in the Profession (2008-)

Chair, Resolutions and Legislative Concerns Committee

Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Membership (1992-94)

Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (2006-2008)

Chair, ABA Latin American Legal Initiatives Council (2000-2002)

- responsible for ABA programs and initiatives in Latin America
and the Caribbean

Chair, ABA Museum of Law (1997-2003)

- Exhibit on "*Famous Trials in American History: Cases that Shaped and Shocked
the Nation*"
- Exhibit on "*America's Lawyer-Presidents: From Law Office to Oval Office*"

- Co-Author (with Robert Stein) of “Introduction” to America’s Lawyer-Presidents (Northwestern University Press, 2004)

ABA Representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (2010 -)

Co-Founder, ABA Solo and Small Firm Leadership Coalition (2010-)

Member, ABA Solo and Small Firm Caucus (1997-)

Central and East European Law Initiative (CEELI)
Advisory Board (1994-2001)

Chair, ABA Delegations to Mexico (1988), the Common Market (1989) and China (1992)

Chair, ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship Fund for Minority Law Students Fundraising Committee (2008-)

ABA/IBA International Rule of Law Symposium – Planning Committee (2006-2007)

Section of Business Law (1976-)

- “Back-to-Business” Advisory Board (2007-2009)
- “Direct Women” Development and Planning Committee (2007-)
- Steering Committee, Working Group on Legal Opinions (2010 -)
- Committee on Corporate Governance (2010-)

Senior Lawyers Division (2009-)

- Co-Chair, Membership Committee

Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division (2010 -)

American Bar Foundation

Chair, Fellows of the American Bar Foundation (2004-2005)

Member, Board of Directors (Executive Committee, 2004-2005)

Chair, New York State Fellows of the ABF (1996-2002)

Life Fellow

Co-Chair, Fellows Delegation to China (2006)

New York State Bar Association

Delegate, NYSBA House of Delegates (1998-)

Member, Special Committee on Association Governance (2001-2004)

Member, Membership Committee (1997-2004)

Member, Section of International Law and Practice (1989-)

Member, Nominating Committee (2003-2009)

State Bar Representative to ABA House of Delegates (2009 -)

Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Chair, Council on International Affairs (2003-2006)

Chair, Task Force on International Legal Services (1995-98)
Chair, Committee on International Human Rights (1987-90)
Representative to New York State Bar Association House of Delegates (1998-2002)
Representative to New York State Bar Association Nominating Committee (2003-2009)
Member, Second Century Committee (planning for the future of the Association)
(1990-93)
Co-Chair, ABCNY Delegation to China (1979)
Member, International Law Committee (1976-79)

International Bar Association

Representative to the IBA Governing Council (on behalf of the President of the American Bar Association) (1994-96)

American Law Institute

Member (2001-)

IV. PUBLIC SERVICE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

Chair, Commission on the World Justice Project (2008-2009)

- a multinational, multidisciplinary initiative to strengthen the Rule of Law worldwide
- Organizer and Program Moderator, Multidisciplinary Outreach Meetings in Prague, Singapore, Buenos Aires, Cape Town and Accra, Ghana, in 2007/2008/2009
- Planning Committee, World Justice Forum I and II, Vienna, Austria, 2008 and 2009

Director and Vice President, The World Justice Project (Rule of Law) (2009-)

Member, The Council on Foreign Relations (1989-)

- Task Force on Relations between China, Taiwan and the United States (1996)
- Task Force on Capital Flows to Africa (1999-)
- Task Force on Environmental Issues in China (1995; 2000-2004)
- Panelist on Conference on "Doing Business in South Africa," (1996)
- Moderator, Conference on "Working with the Asian Development Bank," (1997)
- Moderator, Conference on "The International Finance Corporation and World Economic Development," (2000)

Chair or Co-Chair, Lawyers Committee for International Human Rights (now, Human Rights First) (1978-80)

- provides legal assistance on human rights issues around the world

Co-Chair, United Nations Development Programme and Chinese Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, Study Group on Securities and Futures Trading in China (1994)

Chair, The Council of New York Law Associates (now, The Lawyers Alliance for New York) (1977-78)

- provides pro bono legal services to community and non-profit groups
- winner of ABA Pro Bono Award

Board of Directors, ABA/UNDP International Legal Resource Center (1999-2009)

– provides legal services to UNDP member countries

Member, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations (1981-)

Board of Directors, Internet Bar Organization (2005-)

Co-Chair, People-to-People Lawyers Delegation to Russia (2007)

V. AWARDS AND HONORS

Diversity Champion Award 2009, Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Fellow, U.S. State Department Scholar/Diplomat Program

Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities

Who's Who in the World

Who's Who in America

Who's Who in American Law

Who's Who in the East

Euromoney Guide to the World's Leading Banking Lawyers

Mondaq Guide to the World's Leading Banking Advisors

New York Super Lawyers

VI. TEACHING

Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center (1982-86)

- taught graduate seminar on international project finance

Lecturer

Southern Methodist University School of Law

New York University School of Law

Columbia Law School

Harvard Law School

New York Law School

John Marshall Law School

Fordham Law School

University of Chicago Law School

Villanova Law School

VII. WRITING

Books:

- Editor, The Law of International Insolvencies and Debt Restructurings (Oxford University/Oceana Publications) (2006)
- Editor, The ABA Guide to International Business Negotiations (ABA Press) (1994, 2000 and 2009 Editions)
- Editor, The Imperial Presidency and the Consequences of 9/11: Lawyers React to the Global War on Terrorism (Praeger Press) (2007)
- Editor, International Mergers and Acquisitions (ACI Press) (1994)
- Editor, ABA Conference on Corporate Counsel Issues (ABA Press) (1995 and 1996 Editions)
- Editor, The Moscow Conference on Law and Bilateral Economic Relations (ABA Press) (1990)
- Editor, The ABA Guide to Foreign Law Firms (ABA Press) (1988, 1993, 1999, 2004 and 2010 Editions)

Articles:

- Author, "Eurodollar Borrowings by Developing States: Terms and Negotiating Problems," 20 Harvard International Law Review 89 (1979)
- Co-Author, "International Financing," The International Lawyer's Deskbook (L. Low, Ed.) (1996 and 2001 Editions)
- Cover Story and Interview, The Advocate (Russian Lawyers' Journal), "The New Global Trend: Establishing the Rule of Law," September, 2007
- Co-Author, "Jack Bauer and the Rule of Law: The Case of Extraordinary Rendition," 30 Fordham International Law Journal 3 (2007)
- Author, "International Financial Institutions' Response to Crises," Proceedings of the 90th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law at p. 428 (1997)
- Author, "Overview of U.S. Securities Markets and Foreign Issuers," 17 Fordham International Law Journal 54 (1994)
- Author, "Efforts Toward Harmonization of Business Law Within the European Economic Community," 12 International Lawyer 835 (1978)
- Author, "Solving the Problem of the Deep Seabed: The Informal Composite Negotiating Text for the First Committee of UNCLOS III," 9 New York University Journal of International Law & Politics 177 (1976)
- Author, "Regulating Global Companies," 28 Stanford Law Review 381 (1976)

- Author, Book Review of Where the Law Ends: The Social Control of Corporate Behavior (by Christopher Stone), 89 Harvard Law Review 1645 (1976)
- Author, "American Lawyers and the Chinese Legal System," New York Law Journal vol. 180, p. 1, no. 122 (1978)
- Author, "International Legal Practice," Metropolitan Corporate Counsel, May 2004
- Co-Author, "Signals from China's Legal System," National Law Journal, p. 13, col. 1, February 18, 1980
- Author, "China's New Joint Venture Law," Business Week, p. 14, February 25, 1980
- Author, "Public International Law Report: Activities of the International Finance Corporation," 18 International Practitioner's Notebook 11 (1982)
- Author, "The Role of International Development Institutions in International Project Financing: IBRD, IFC and Co-Financing Techniques," 17 International Lawyer 615 (1983)
- Author, "Diversity Matters: Scholarships for Minority Law Students," ABA Section Officers Conference News, April 2010
- Author, "Measuring Adherence to the Rule of Law: A Rules Roadmap," The European Lawyer, May 2010, p.10
- Author, "Investment Funds for Project Finance," Euromoney Project Finance Yearbook 1996/97
- Author, Book Review of Big Deal: The Battle for Control of America's Leading Corporations (by Bruce Wasserstein), in Business Law Today, September/October 1999 at p. 54
- Author, "Funding of International Joint Ventures: The Role of Multilateral Development Institutions," in Joint Venturing Abroad (D. Golschweig Ed.) at 145 (1985)
- Author, "(GRIP) Guaranteed Recovery of Investment Principal," vol. VIII, No. 3, International Financial Law Review 39 (1988)
- Author, "International Monetary Law: The Practitioner's Perspective," 22 International Lawyer 31 (1988)
- Author, "International Privatization: Taking the Public Sector Back to the Private Sector," in ABA National Institute on International Mergers and Acquisitions: A Practical Guide to the Legal and Financial Issues at 245 (1987)
- Author, "Central Bank Regulations in Latin America and Asia: Borrowing Priorities, Investment Criteria and Capital Markets Incentives," in Restructuring LDC Debt (1987)

Author, "Section Chairman's Tribute to Professor Louis Sohn," 24 The International Lawyer 617 (1990)

Author, "Lawyer's Pro Bono Duty," New York Times, p. A17, col. 1, February 6, 1979

Author, "Investment Funds and Debt/Equity Swaps: Broadening the Base of a New Financial Tool," 12 Fordham International Law Journal 8 (1988)

Author, Book Review of The Antitrust Paradox: A Policy at War with Itself (by Robert Bork), 127 University of Pennsylvania Law Review 273 (1978)

And more than 70 other articles on law, finance and public policy in the Harvard Law Review, Business Week Magazine, The New York Times, the Stanford Law Review and other publications.

VIII. SPEECHES, CONFERENCES AND CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

Testimony before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Behalf of the American Bar Association (U.N. Torture Convention: January 1990; Law of the Sea Convention: April 1991)

Speaker, "The Rule of Law and the World Justice Project: Creating a New Global Constituency," Governing Council Meeting of the Union Internationale des Avocats, Zurich, Switzerland, January 24, 2009

Organizer and Program Moderator, "World Justice Forum I," Vienna, Austria, July 2008

Organizer and Program Moderator, "World Justice Forum II," Vienna, Austria, November 2009

Moderator, "Asian Legal Revivals," American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association Midyear Meeting, Orlando, Florida, February 2010

Moderator, "M&A and Asset Acquisitions in Times of Crisis: What to Look for When Acquiring and Financing Acquisitions in Volatile Markets," American Bar Association Section of International Law Spring Meeting, New York, New York, April 2010

Program Moderator, World Justice Project, "Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Rule of Law Conference," Lima, Peru, September 2010

Program Moderator, World Justice Project, "Middle East and North Africa Rule of Law Conference," Ifrane, Morocco, June 2010

Co-Chair, "Hot Issues in Foreign Investment in the United States," American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 2006

Speaker, "The Role of Law in Sharpening the U.S.'s Competitive Edge in Global Markets," Association of Corporate Counsel Seminar on "The Current Financial Crises," New York, New York, December 2008

- Co-Chair, "Business Bankruptcies and Restructurings in a Global Economy," Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, New York, New York, November 2008
- Co-Chair, "Business Bankruptcies in a Global Economy," New York State Bar Association International Law and Practice Section, New York, New York, April 2006
- Lecturer, "Extraordinary Rendition and U.S. Law," Colloquium by the Stein Center on Law and Ethics, Fordham University School of Law, New York, New York, November 2006
- Co-Chair, "Business Bankruptcies in a Global Economy: Competing and Conflicting Issues for the U.S. and Europe," Association of Corporate Counsel, New York, New York, January 2006
- Co-Chair, "International Bankruptcy and Insolvency: Competing and Conflicting Issues for the U.S. and Europe," ABA Section of International Law Fall Meeting, Brussels, Belgium, October 2005
- Co-Chair, "Latin American Antitrust: New Rules and Issues for American and European Investors," ABA Section of International Law Fall Meeting, Miami, Florida, November 2006
- Co-Chair, "The Future of International Project Finance: New Rules, New Problems, New Funding Sources," ABA Section of International Law Spring Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 2005
- Chair, "M&A Activity in Latin America: Legal and Business Issues for Buyers and Sellers in a Revitalized Market," ABA Section of International Law Fall Meeting, Houston, Texas, October 2004
- Speaker, Showcase Panel on "The Rule of Law in Singapore and Beyond: Advancing the Dialogue," Fall Meeting of the International Section of the New York State Bar Association, Singapore, October 2009
- Organizer and Program Moderator, "Cape Town Conference 2009: Advancing the Rule of Law Through Multidisciplinary Partnerships," World Justice Project, Cape Town, South Africa, May 2009
- Co-Chair, "International Debt and Equity Funds: Strategic and Regulatory Issues in Financing of Offshore Projects and Companies," ABA Section of International Law and Practice Spring Meeting, New York, New York, April 2004
- Chair, Conference on Corporate Counsel Issues: Problems and Solutions in a Changing Professional Environment, American Bar Association, Washington, D.C., June 1996
- Co-Chair, "Offshore Investment Funds: Legal and Business Issues for Institutional and Individual Investors," ABA Section of International Law and Practice Spring Meeting, Hamilton, Bermuda, April 1999

Chair, Conference on Independence and Accountability: Balancing Core Democratic Values in the Judiciaries of Mexico and the United States, American Bar Association, Austin, Texas, May 2001

Moderator, "Avoiding Global Conflicts: The Global Market is Right Around the Corner," ABA Worldwide Teleconference Seminar, April 2000

Co-Chair, "International Private Equity Investment Funds: Legal and Business Issues for Institutional and Individual Investors," ABA Section of International Law and Practice Spring Meeting, New York, New York, May 9, 2002

Chair, Conference on International Mergers and Acquisitions, American Conference Institute, New York, New York, February 1994

Chair, Conference on Doing Business in China and Hong Kong, American Conference Institute, New York, New York, May 1993

Chair, Conference on Doing Business with South Africa, American Conference Institute, New York, New York, October 1994

Co-Chair, Conference on 1992 in Europe: A Practical Legal Guide to Doing Business in the Single European Market, American Bar Association, New York, New York, June 1990

Moderator, Conference on Human Rights in Asia, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York, New York, February 1990

Lecturer, "Multilateral International Financial Institutions," International Law Institute Seminar on Financing Sources and Techniques, Washington, D.C., July 1986

Moderator, "Update on International Agendas from Official Washington: International Finance," Spring Meeting of the American Bar Association Section of International Law and Practice, Washington, D.C., April 1986

Moderator, "Private Sector Lawyers in the World's Service: Law Reform Opportunities in Developing Countries," Spring Meeting of the American Bar Association Section of International Law and Practice, Washington, D.C., April 2001

Lecturer, Conference on Transnational Corporations and International Loan Documentation, United Nations/Government of Nigeria High Level Workshop on Drafting of International Contracts, Lagos, Nigeria, April 1988

Moderator, "International Privatization: Lessons for the USA," American Bar Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York, August 1993

Moderator, "Privatization and Project Finance in Latin America: Legal and Financial Issues," American Bar Association Section of International Law and Practice, Miami, Florida, November 1997

- Co-Moderator, "The Global Retreat of Governments from Business: Developments in Privatization," Spring Meeting of the American Bar Association Section of International Law and Practice, Montreal, Canada, April 1996
- Co-Moderator, "Globalization of Energy Markets: The Impact of Privatization and Project Finance," Spring Meeting of the American Bar Association Section of International Law and Practice, New York, New York, April 1998
- Lecturer, "IPPs and Other Infrastructure Project Finance in Latin America: Current Market Trends and Legal Issues," Fall Meeting of the ABA Section of International Law and Practice, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 1999
- Lecturer, "The Future of Multijurisdictional Legal Practice," Western States Bar Conference, Waikoloa Beach, Hawaii, March 2001
- Lecturer, "Role of Government and Multilateral Agencies in Financing Projects in Brazil," Institute for International Law and Business, New York, New York, October 1995
- Moderator, "How to Approach the Investment Opportunities Presented by the Privatization Process in Africa," Conference on Doing Business from Cairo to Capetown: Trade and Investment Opportunities in Africa, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York, New York, October 1995
- Lecturer, "Policy Priorities for Assistance to the Russian Markets," Conference on Legal Reform, Investment Markets and International Assistance: The Russian Market Transition in 2000," The American-Russian Investment Forum, New York, New York, November 1999
- Lecturer, "Strategies for the New Millenium: Alternatives for International Law Firms," International Bar Association Conference, Barcelona, Spain, September 1999
- Co-Moderator, "What is the 'Euro' and How Will It Affect Your Clients?: Issues for International Banks and Businesses," American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, August 1999
- Lecturer, "The Trial of Saddam Hussein," American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2004
- Moderator, "Legal and Business Issues for Financings by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development," Business Council for International Understanding, New York, New York, November 1999
- Moderator, "Corporate Finance Roundtable," Latin Finance Magazine Conference, New York, New York, January 1998
- Luncheon Speaker, "Project Development and Financing: A Primer for the International Lawyer," American Foreign Law Association, New York, New York, December 1996

Lecturer, "Raising Capital in the U.S. For Foreign Companies: Advanced Techniques,"
ABA Forum on Doing Business Worldwide, Scottsdale, Arizona, November 1996

Lecturer, "Financing of International Transactions," Conference on International
Financings Public and Private Infrastructure," Madrid, Spain, November 1996

Lecturer, "Infrastructure Projects and Financing," American Conference Institute on Doing
Business with the New India, New York, New York, November 1995

Moderator, "Access to the U.S. Capital Markets by Foreign Issuers: The Latin American
Experience," ABA Section of International Law and Practice Spring Meeting, New
York, New York, April 1995

Lecturer, "Chinese Companies and International Capital Markets: A New Form of
Privatization," ABA Conference on Investing and Trading in China Today, Chicago,
Illinois, March 1994

Co-Moderator, "Multidisciplinary Legal Practice: Opportunities and Challenges for the
Future," Ordre des Avocats a la Cour de Paris and the Association of the Bar of the City
of New York, New York, New York, June 1998

Lecturer, "Infrastructure Project Development and Financing," Conference on Doing
Business with Latin America, American Conference Institute, New York, New York,
April 1996

Lecturer, "Financing and the Privatization Process," Conference on Financing in Eastern
Europe, Russia and the Newly Independent States, American Conference Institute, New
York, New York, March 1996

Lecturer, "Private Sector Investment in the Public Sector in Central and Eastern Europe:
Privatization, Quasi-Privatization and the Multilateral Financial Institutions,"
Conference on International Investment in Central and Eastern Europe, International
Bar Association, Vancouver, Canada, September 1998

And more than 80 other speeches and public presentations on law, public policy and
business issues.

IX. PERSONAL

Born in Salina, Kansas (1947)

Raised in Slater, Missouri, and Shawnee Mission, Kansas

Children: son, David, and daughter, Katherine

U.S. Army Reserve (Captain)(1972-73)