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Description of Practice:

Carol Rose is the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, a non-profit organization with more than 19,000 members in Massachusetts (and 400,000 nationwide) who are dedicated to defending human liberty and realizing the legal protections set forth in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Professional Activities: A lawyer and journalist, Carol has spent her career working for and writing about human rights and civil liberties, both in the United States and abroad – including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, Japan, Sri Lanka, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, Northern Ireland, and Vietnam. Prior to assuming her position at the helm of the Massachusetts ACLU in January 2003, she was an attorney at the Boston law firm of Hill & Barlow, where she specialized in First Amendment and media law, intellectual property, civil rights, and international human rights law. While in private practice, Carol had the honor of serving as co-chair of Women in Communications Law of the ABA Forum on Communications Law, as a Vice Chair of the Human Rights committee of the ABA Individual Rights and Responsibilities section, and on the editorial board of the ABA’s *Human Rights* magazine.

Education:

J.D., Harvard Law School, *cum laude*

B.Sc., London School of Economics

B.A., Stanford University

Best Professional Advice – Either Given or Received:

“Do something in your life that you will be proud to describe to your grandchildren.”

Proudest Professional Accomplishment:

“The proudest -- and most humbling -- moments are when I’ve worked (in conjunction with others) to use the law to protect basic human rights, such as assisting an indigenous ethnic group to retain legal title to their land and preserve their way of life (in Pakistan) or representing some 3,000 mentally retarded adults and their parents to obtain a court order affirming their right to community based housing (in the USA). “

