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Member of House of Delegates since January 14, 1976. Chair, Ways and Means Committee, 1993-. Member, Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, 1993-; Legislative Policy Committee, 1993- (management subcommittee, 1993-2003); Joint Audit Committee (formerly Budget and Audit Committee), 1993-; Spending Affordability Committee, 1993-. Member, Joint Task Force on Maryland's Procurement Law, 1993-94; Joint Protocol Committee, 1993-98; Joint Transportation Financing Committee (Transportation 2000), 1994; Joint Committee on State Economic Development Initiatives, 1995-96; Joint Committee on the Selection of the State Treasurer, 1996. House Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations, 1987-92; Advisory Commission on Federal-State-Local Relations, 1987-92; Special Joint Task Force on Transportation, 1995. Chair, Special Joint Committee on Competitive Taxation and Economic Development, 1996-97. Co-Chair, Special Committee on Gaming, 2001. Member, Speaker's Advisory Committee on Legislative Redistricting, 2001-02; Joint Committee on the Selection of the State Treasurer, 2002. Member, Bi-County Committee, Montgomery County Delegation. Member, Women Legislators of Maryland, 1976- (president, 1992-93); Maryland Bicycle and Pedestrian Caucus, 2003-. Chair, Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations Committee, Southern Legislative Conference, 2001-02. Member, National Conference of State Legislatures (streamline sales tax implementing states committee, 2002-03; budgets & revenue committee, 2003-; chair, fiscal affairs committee, 2001-02).

Member, Forest Land Task Force, 1981-84; Mosquito Control Committee, 1982-83; Governor's Task Force on Time-Sharing, 1983-84; Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, 1983-85; Governor's Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, 1986-99; Work Force Investment Board, 1988-95; Governor's Commission on Competitive Forces Facing Maryland's Horse-Racing Industry, 1994; Joint Executive-Legislative Task Force to Study Commercial Gaming Activities in Maryland, 1995; Task Force on Education Funding Equity, Accountability, and Partnerships, 1997-98; Task Force to Study Retail Electric Competition and the Restructuring of the Electric Utility Industry, 1997-98; Commission to Study Ways to Improve the Financial Viability of the Racing Industry, 1997-99; Commission on Transportation Investment, 1999; Commission on Education Finance, Equity, and Excellence, 1999-2002; Transit Policy Panel, 2000; Special Commission to Study Sexual Orientation Discrimination in Maryland, 2000-01; Southern Regional Education Board, 2001-03; Commission on Maryland's Fiscal Structure, 2002-03; Task Force to Study Public School Facilities, 2002-04; Task Force to Study the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program, 2003.

Born in L'Anse, Michigan, February 9, 1933. Northern State Teachers College, B.A. Head Start teacher, Detroit, Michigan, 1960-62; campaign manager and aide to U.S. Representative William D. Ford of Michigan. Administrative assistant, Democratic National Committee. Member, Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee; National Capital Democratic Club; Women's National Democratic Club; Women's Suburban Democratic Club; Eastern Montgomery, Kensington, Wheaton Democratic Club. Member, Plowmen & Fishermen; National Organization for Women (NOW); National Professional and Business Women's Organization; National Association of Sunday School Instructors. Board member, Hearts and Homes for Youth, 2003-; Pyramid Atlantic, 2003-. Legislator Recognition Award, Maryland Association of Counties, 1984, 1996.