

Board for Juvenile Justice, 1995-2000; Family Violence Council, 1995- (co-chair, civil process committee); Task Force to Study the Effects of Cult Activities on Public Senior Higher Education Institutions, 1999; Task Force on Non-Lethal Wildlife Management, 2000-02; Committee on Access to Court Records, 2001-02; Governor's Commission on Housing Policy, 2003-04 (affordable & accessible housing for individuals with disabilities subcommittee); Task Force to Study Efficiency in Procurement, 2003; State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, 2004-; Task Force to Study Creation of an Excess Liability Coverage Fund for Physicians, 2005-.

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