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Education:

Juris Doctor, Washington College, American University, 1972
Bachelor of Arts, Syracuse University, 1959

Career History:

1994-Present: Court of Appeals of Maryland, Judge
1980-Present: Washington College of Law, Adjunct Professor
1982-1994: Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Judge
1980-1982: District Court of Maryland, Associate Judge
1979-1980: Sachs, Greenebaum & Tayler, Partner
1973-1979: State's Attorney's Office for Montgomery County, Assistant State's Attorney

Q & A:

To whom do you look as your personal hero? How has this person profoundly shaped who you are?
My parents. Each one has given me different skills and strengths.

If there ever were to be a foundation bearing your name, what would the goal of this organization be?
Peace in the Middle East.

What do you want the legacy of your life's work to be?
Fairness and justice for all.

How will you celebrate being named to Maryland's Top 100 Women's Circle of Excellence?
At the Network 2000 party.

Significant Accomplishment:

In 1994, I was appointed as judge on the Court of Appeals of Maryland, Maryland's highest court. And in 1973, I was the first woman assistant state's attorney for Montgomery County.

Example of Mentoring:

In addition to continuous mentoring of practicing lawyers, I mentor young women in junior high school and high school. As an example, I recently called another judge's chambers, and when I said my name, the law clerk, a young new lawyer, told me: "You are the reason that I am a lawyer. You were on a panel at my school when I was in the eighth grade, and that is when I decided to go to law school."

Officer/Board Membership in Professional/Business/Trade Organizations:

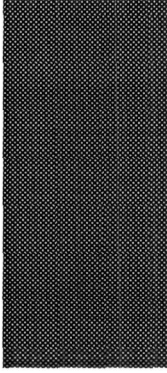
1999: Member, Trial Release Task Force, American Bar Association; 1998: Member, Task Force on Youth in the Criminal Justice System, American Bar Association; 1997: Elected, Three-Year Term, Criminal Law Section, American Bar Association; 1997: Elected, American Law Institute; 1994-Present: Fellow, American Bar Association; 1980-Present: President and Treasurer, National Association of Women Judges, Maryland Chapter; 1997-Present: Chair, Maryland Judicial Compensation Committee; 1995-Present: Member, Attorney General's and Lieutenant Governor's Family Violence Council; 1991-Present: Member, Maryland Special Committee to Revise Art. 27, Crimes & Punishment, Annotated Code for Maryland

Officer/Board Membership in Civic/Nonprofit Organizations:

2000: Member, Board of Directors, Jobs Unlimited; 1998-Present: Member, Dean's Advisory Council, Washington College of Law; 1998-Present: Member, Advisory Board, Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs; 1996-Present: Member, Network 2000

Awards/Honors:

2000: Outstanding Jurist Award, Montgomery County Bar Association; 1999: Lifetime Achievement Award, Midwood High School Alumni Association; 1999: Distinguished Women Award, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland; 1999: Century of Service Award,



Montgomery County Bar Association; 1999: Distinguished Alumna Award, The American University, Washington College of Law; 1997-1999 Maryland's Top 100 Women, The Daily Record; 1998: Elizabeth Dole Woman of Achievement Award, American Red Cross, Maryland chapter; 1996: Who's Who in American Law; 1996: Outstanding Alumnus Spokesperson and Jurist, Syracuse University Alumni Club of Greater Baltimore; 1995: Margaret Brent Trailblazers Award, American Bar Association; 1995: Award of Appreciation, New York Bar Foundation

Personal Accomplishment:

Attended law school at the same time as raising three small children, after a 10-year hiatus at home with my family.

Birth Date/Place: 4/24/38 Brooklyn, N.Y.

Spouse: Samuel K. Raker

Children/Ages: Mark Raker, 40; Stefanie Raker, 38; Leslie Janis, 35

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