

RESUME

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Christy A. Brooks

PROFESSIONAL POSITION

Senior Shareholder Attorney, von Briesen & Roper, s.c.
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(Joined predecessor firm von Briesen, Redmond, Schilling & Kreunen, S.C., in July, 1977)

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Family law focusing on divorce, collaborative divorce, custody, and paternity issues; school law for schools focusing on general policy matters, suspensions and expulsions, children with disabilities, board representation. Past practice has included: general litigation; labor relations focusing on management representations, municipalities, school districts; general municipal law; immigration. Has been a guest lecturer at U.W. - Madison and Marquette Law Schools, and a presenter at family and education law seminars regionally and nationally.

EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Brookfield Central High School, Wisconsin
Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Journalism and English Degrees, with honors (1974)

University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School (J.D., 1977)

Law Student Intern: United States Western District of Wisconsin, Judge James E. Doyle

Law Student Intern: Eau Claire District Attorney's Office

Law Clerk: Aagaard, Nichol & Wyngaard (Madison, WI)

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS, APPOINTIVE OFFICES, AND HONORS

Member - Madison Board of Zoning Appeals, 1975-1977;

Member - Milwaukee Board of Zoning Appeals, 1977-1984;

Board of Directors - Greater Milwaukee Voluntary Action Center, 1978-1984;

Member - American and Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union, 1977 to present;

Board of Directors - Legal Action of Wisconsin, 1984-1985;

Board of Directors - Task Force on Battered Women, Inc., 1987-1991 (President, 1989-1990); Executive Search Committee, 2000;

Secretary - Milwaukee Wellesley Club, 1983-1998;

Firm Solicitor for United Performing Arts Fund, 1982-1990;

Board of Directors, St. Aemilian Pre-School (1991-1993);

Member - Parent Advisory Committee, McKinley Elementary School (Wauwatosa), 1991-1995;
Secretary of Parent Teacher Association, 1995-1997;

Member- Wauwatosa Civil Service Commission, 1998 to 2012; (Chair, 2003-2004);

Member - School Governance Council, Milwaukee High School of the Arts, 2000-2001;

Parent Teacher Student Organization Secretary, 1999 to 2002;

Member - Development Committee, Women's Fund of the Milwaukee Foundation, 1997-2000;

Board of Directors - Wisconsin Equal Justice Fund, 1998 to 2004;

Board of Directors - Emily Brooks Foundation, 2000 to present;
Wisconsin Business Journal's "Woman of Influence" Award, 2001;
"Leader in the Law Award," Wisconsin Law Journal, 2007;
"George Tipler Award," Wisconsin School Attorneys Association, 2019;
"Volunteer Lawyers Project Exceptional Pro Bono Advocacy Award," 2009;
"Parent of the Year," COA Award, 2011;
Member - Wisconsin *Pro Bono* Honor Society, 2014
Member - Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families / Policy, Systems and Environmental Change
Committee, 2015-present

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member - American, Wisconsin, Milwaukee and Ozaukee County Bar Associations, and Milwaukee
Young Lawyers Association;
Executive Board Member - Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association, 1982-1985;
Chair - Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association Committee for Providing Legal Services to the
Deaf, 1979-1981;
Member- Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association Committee on Domestic Violence, 1980-1988
(Chair, 1984-1985);
Milwaukee Bar Judicial Selection Commission, 1981-1984;
Member - Milwaukee, State and American Bar Association, Family Law Sections;
Member - Milwaukee Bar Association's Family Law Bench/Bar Committee, 1989-1991;
Board of Directors - Wisconsin School Attorneys Association, 1987-1991 (Chair, 1990-1991);
Member- National School Boards Association and Wisconsin Association of School Boards;
Member - Milwaukee Bar Immigration Law Section, 1980-1987;
Member - Milwaukee Association for Women Lawyers, 1978 to present (Co-Chaired, 1979-1980)
(Chair of Professionalism Committee -1991);
Member - National Lawyers Guild, 1978-1987 (Women's Rights Committee);
Member - International Association of Personnel Women, 1983-1985;
Member - Industrial Relations Research Association, 1982-1985;
Member - Citizens Governmental Research Bureau now Public Policy Forum, 1986-1988 (firm
liaison);
Member - Wisconsin Bar Association's Family Law Section's Surrogate Parenting Committee,
1987-1990;
Member - State Bar of Wisconsin, Special Committee for Participation of Women in the Bar,
1985-1988 (Chair, 1985-1987);
Member - Wisconsin State Bar, Legal Services Committee, 1986-1992;
Member - Wisconsin State Bar, Bench/Bar Committee, 1990-1997 (Chair, 1994-1996);
Co-Chair - State Bar of Wisconsin, Family Law Section's Maintenance and Property Division
Committee, 1998 to 2003;
Member – Collaborative Family Law Council of Wisconsin, Inc., 2002 to present (Board Member,
2010 to 2013)
Member - International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, 2006 to 2013;
Member - Milwaukee Bar Association's Family Law Bench Bar Committee, 2003 to present;
Volunteer - Milwaukee County Courthouse Family Law Self-Help Clinic, 2001-2011;
Member - Milwaukee Barristers Club, 2002 to present (Chancellor 2006-2007);
Member - Professional Dimensions, 2007 to present; Charitable Fund Board, 2010-2016;
(Chair, 2014-2016)
Member - Wisconsin Law Foundation Fellows, 2005 to present (President, 2010-2013);
Fellow - American Bar Foundation, Class of 2007;
Board of Directors - Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, 2011-2016;
Board of Directors - Milwaukee Bar Association Foundation, 2012 to present;
Volunteer - Legal Action of Wisconsin Volunteer Lawyers Project, 2000 to present.