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Education:

Master of Social Work, University of Tennessee School of Social Work
Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude, Goucher College, 1972

Career History:

1998-Present: The Law Offices of Alexander & Cleaver, Senior Government Relations Consultant
1980-1998: Robin Shaivitz & Associates LLC, President
1978-1980: Planned Parenthood of Maryland, Lobbyist and Counselor
1974-1976: Third National Bank of Tennessee, Marketing Officer
1972-1974: Maryland National Bank, Associate, Marketing/Commercial Banking Intern
Corporate Board Seats Held:
2003: Goucher College

1999-2000: National Federation of the Blind

Significant Accomplishment:

I continue to rank in the Top 10 earners of the Annapolis lobbying corps. However, I am especially proud that I still maintain a practice that includes government relations services to some of the most well-deserving and significant nonprofit organizations in Maryland. I am particularly proud of working on behalf of Preservation Maryland, to help them develop the historic tax credit; for Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, to maintain reproductive rights for Maryland women; for the Walters Art Museum, to help them maintain their treasures; and the Kennedy Krieger Institute, to continue their research and programs for children with brain disorders.

Example of Mentoring:

I met a talented young woman about four years ago through one of my client relationships. While already an accomplished professional when I met her, she wanted to learn more about public policy from a lobbyist's perspective. She joined our firm, as an intern for a legislative session, and I worked closely with her to develop positions and make the case to elected officials. When she left us, she took away some valuable skills and went to Capitol Hill. After a brief time there, she returned to Maryland and now works as a chief lobbyist for the Baltimore City Health Department. I know that she learned the "guts and the glory" of lobbying from me and that will be a lasting skill set as she advances in her career.

Officer/Board Membership in

Professional/Business/Trade Organizations:

2004-2005: National Conference of State Legislatures
1998-Present: Network 2000
1982-Present: Maryland Government Relations Association
2005-Present: Abilities Network
2004-2005: Network 2000
2003-Present: Goucher College
2002-2005: Columbia Festival of the Arts
2002-2004: Girl Scouts of Central Maryland
1996-1997: Atholton High School Store Project
1996-1997: Temple Isaiah

Awards/Honors:

2004, 2002: Maryland's Top 100 Women, The Daily Record
2000-Present: Guest Faculty, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, University of Maryland Graduate School of Journalism, Georgetown School of Law, National Society of Hospital Pharmacists, University of Maryland School of Law
1995: Brandeis University Award, Stamford, Connecticut Chapter of Brandeis Women
2005: Co-Chair, Women of Excellence Luncheon for Network 2000

Personal Accomplishment:

I believe that my professional achievements as a successful woman in a demanding field are accomplishments in themselves. However, during the 28 years that I have been a registered lobbyist, I have also been in a successful marriage and raised two independent and successful sons. My mother, Bernice Fogel, continues to be my mentor and she inspired me at an early age to be all that I could professionally, but to remember that family is forever and it endures when all else is removed. I am reminded of that when I am with my loving and supportive family, who I believe is as proud of me as I am of them.

Birth Date/Place:

Greenwich, Connecticut on June 4, 1950

Spouse:

Joel Shaivitz

Children/Ages:

Adam, 29, Jeffrey, 25

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