

Patrick M. Cicero, Esq.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Consumer Advocate, December 2021 – Present

(Confirmed by the Pennsylvania Senate June 7, 2022)

The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) is a state agency that represents the interests of Pennsylvania utility consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC), federal regulatory agencies, and state and federal courts. The OCA was created by the Pennsylvania General Assembly in 1976 and is an independent office within the Office of Attorney General. As Consumer Advocate, I serve as the head of the office.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGAL AID NETWORK, INC.

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Executive Director, January 2020 – December 2021

The Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network, Inc. (PLAN, Inc.) is a client-centered organization that provides leadership, funding, training, and support to a coordinated network of independent legal aid organizations that deliver civil legal aid to low-income Pennsylvanians and victims of domestic violence.

As Executive Director, I provided strategic leadership and direction to PLAN, Inc.'s activities and oversaw its advocacy, fundraising, and management.

PENNSYLVANIA UTILITY LAW PROJECT

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Executive Director, July 2015 - January 2020

Co-Director, January 2013 - June 2015

Staff Attorney, January 2011 - December 2012

The Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP) is a specialized legal aid office of the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network. PULP's mission is to promote policies that enable consumers with low and moderate income to receive and maintain affordable utility and energy services and to live in energy-efficient homes.

At PULP, I provided legal representation to low-income Pennsylvanians and community groups in energy and utility matters through direct representation, statewide advocacy, and support. I also provided technical assistance to the staff and clients of local legal aid programs and non-profit and community-based agencies.

As Executive Director, I provided strategic direction to all of PULP's activities and oversaw PULP's advocacy, fundraising, and management. Under my leadership, PULP's staffing and budget more than doubled.

THE HONORABLE SYLVIA H. RAMBO, DISTRICT JUDGE

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Senior Judicial Law Clerk, May 2009 - December 2010

Analyzed federal and state law on civil and criminal motions in all phases of litigation. Drafted judicial opinions in response to civil and criminal motions, including motions to suppress, motions to dismiss, summary judgment, post-trial motions, and habeas corpus petitions. Drafted comments that were given by Judge Rambo at public speaking events and supervised her law clerks and judicial interns.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – CONT.

MIDPENN LEGAL SERVICES

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Managing Attorney, January 2009 - April 2009

Staff Attorney, September 2004 - December 2008

MidPenn Legal Services (MidPenn) is a non-profit organization providing legal services to low-income individuals and families, the disabled, the elderly, children, and survivors of domestic violence. I led MidPenn's Consumer Unit where I focused on litigating consumer and housing cases related to anti-predatory mortgage lending and consumer bankruptcy and defended clients against unscrupulous debt collection practices.

THE HONORABLE SYLVIA H. RAMBO, DISTRICT JUDGE

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Judicial Law Clerk, August 2002 - August 2004

Researched and analyzed federal and state law on civil and criminal motions in all phases of litigation. Drafted judicial opinions in response to civil and criminal motions, including motions to suppress, motions to dismiss, summary judgment, post-trial motions, and habeas corpus petitions.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

MECHANICSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Adjunct Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice (Periodic since 2015)

Courses Taught: Social Inequality
Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure
Ethics in the Criminal Justice System

Visiting Lecturer of Sociology and Criminal Justice, August 2014 - May 2015

Courses Taught: Introduction to Sociology
Sociocultural Theory
Social Inequality
Social Conflict, Justice and Peacemaking
Religion and Society
Evidence, Search and Seizure

Adjunct Instructor in General Education

Courses Taught: Law and Social Issues

EDUCATION

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, 2002

MESSIAH COLLEGE (NOW MESSIAH UNIVERSITY)

MECHANICSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, magna cum laude, 1999

PUBLICATIONS

Pennsylvania Consumer Law by Carolyn Carter, Bisel Publishing Co., 2003, Supp. 2010-2012, Contributing Author.

MEMBERSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS, COMMITTEES

Pennsylvania State Bar (admitted 2002)

Middle District of Pennsylvania Bar (admitted 2004)

Dauphin County Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association, House of Delegates, Zone 3

Commonwealth Cornerstone Group's Advisory Committee (2020-Present)

Department of Human Services LIHEAP Advisory Committee (2015-2020; 2022-Present)

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Consumer Advisory Council (2015-2020)

Department of Community and Economic Development's Weatherization Assistance Program

Policy Advisory Committee (2015-2020)