

Maria Battista

Education:

Ohio Northern University, Claude W. Pettit College of Law, Juris Doctor, May 1993

University of Pittsburgh, Doctor of Education, April 2007

Dissertation: Women and Politics: A Study of Women Trained in a Political Leadership Setting

Westminster College, Master of Education, July 1998

Clarion University of Pennsylvania

B.S. Speech Communication and Theater, May 1990

B.S. Elementary Education, May 1990

Summary of Work Experience:

- 15+ years successful practice of law, various law firms and government
- Former Assistant District Attorney, Venango and Franklin Counties
- Former Assistant Counsel, PA Department of Health
- Former Hearing Examiner & Board Counsel, PA Department of State
- Issued hundreds of decisions as a hearing examiner
- Compliance and regulatory experience
- Procurement experience
- Policy and government affairs experience
- Former educator K-12 setting and higher education
- Former faculty member, University of Pittsburgh-Titusville, Clarion University and Butler County Community College. Taught numerous criminal justice and communication courses in higher education setting.
- Presenter, several continuing legal education courses, including related to healthcare and mediation.
- Administrative experience in higher education
- Demonstrated leadership experience

Involvement with PA Republican Party - Highlights:

- Republican State Committee Member, 2006-2014
- Clarion County Republican Committee
Vice Chairwoman, 2004-2008
Salem Twp. Committeeperson, 2004-2008
- Graduate, Anne Anstine Excellence in Public Service Series, 2005-2006
- Former member of College Republicans, Clarion University
- Appointed by Governor Ridge to serve on Governor's Judicial Advisory Commission for Clarion County due to vacancy of the judge of the court, 1999
- Assisted in Recount of Challenged District Magistrate Race, Clarion, PA, January 2004
- Legal Counsel for Clarion County on election law, Bush Campaign, November 2004
- Election Day Attorney, Clarion County, for Republican State Committee, November 2006-2010
- Volunteer, Michele Brooks for State Representative, Mercer, PA, Fall 2006
- Coordinator & Volunteer, Superior and Supreme Court Candidates of PA, Spring and Fall 2007
- Volunteer, Judicial Candidates - Commonwealth, Superior, and Supreme Courts, PA 2009
- Volunteer, endorsed Republican Candidates, Tom Corbett for Governor, Jim Cawley for Lt. Governor, and Pat Toomey for U.S. Senate, Clarion County and other parts of PA, 2009-2010
- Legal Counsel recruit, PA Republican Party, assist with challenges to other potential governor candidates, August 2010
- Volunteer, Tim Burns for Congress, 12th Congressional District, May 2010
- Volunteer, Congressman Glenn Thompson, 5th Congressional District, May 2010

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Legal Education Service:

- Organized, designed and hosted three legal symposiums, two of which were about the courts. All three programs aired on Pennsylvania Cable Network.
- Faculty member for several continuing legal education courses on various subject matter presented to other attorneys.
- Consultant to Administrative Offices of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), judicial educational curriculum planning for higher education, Harrisburg, PA, January 4, 2011.
- Teacher Institute on the Judiciary, sponsored by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, IU6, Clarion, PA, October 12, 2010. Assisted in coaching high school students with their oral arguments to the mock appellate court.
- Faculty/Advisory Board, Clarion Summer Academy 2006 (high school students), Clarion University, Mock Trial, July 16-21, 2006.