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PROFESSIONAL

Impartial Hearing Officer, Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children (1998-present, as independent contractor)

Conduct due process hearings, render decisions regarding students, pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in matters throughout northeastern Ohio.

Attorney, Irene Hirata McMullen, Inc.

Advises not-for-profit organizations and individuals on all aspects of business ventures. Hearing Officer regarding Section 504 matters.

Writer, Business Laws, Inc., Chesterland, Ohio (1998-2001, as independent contractor) Wrote chapters of books and brief articles for periodicals on a variety of business-related topics, including intellectual property rights.

Attorney, Society Corporation (now Keycorp), Law Department, Cleveland, Ohio (1987-1991) Represented corporation on civil matters in state courts and before the EEOC and OCRC. Advised clients on compliance with government regulations. Drafted documentation for corporations.

Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Civil Division, Commercial Litigation Branch, Washington, D.C. (1986-1987)

Co-counsel on seventeen connected federal district court actions, with responsibility for all aspects of litigation strategy and implementation. Advised Assistant U.S. Attorneys and monitored proceedings on their commercial transaction cases throughout the country. Represented agencies before Court of Appeals.

Assistant Counsel, Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, D.C. (1984-1986)

Agency counsel for Department of Justice on litigation. Advised contracting officer on matters relating to the international procurement of weapon systems. Wrote briefing books used for Congressional testimony.

PUBLICATION

Daniel J. McMullen and Irene Hirata McMullen, Stubborn Facts of History—The Vestiges of Past Discrimination in School Desegregation Cases, 44 Case Western Reserve Law Review 75 (1993)

EDUCATION

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO, School of Law, Buffalo, New York, J.D., June, 1984. *Buffalo Law Review*. Note and Comment Editor, Student-Faculty Committee on Academic Standards and Standing; Student Bar Association, Director; American College of Legal Medicine, Letourneau Writing Competition, Second Place for *Sleepy Interns: Tortfeasors in Search of a Cause of Action*.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, Ithaca, New York, B.S., Applied Economics (Business Management and Marketing), May 1981. Graduation with Distinction; Dean's List; Order of Omega (leadership honor society); Student Government Representative; Student-Faculty Committees on Petitions and Academic Achievement.

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, Weatherhead School of Business, Selected MBA coursework.

AFFILIATIONS

Ohio and New York State Bars

Township Trustee, Munson Township

Cornell University Club of Northeastern Ohio, past Minority Scholarships Chair; past Treasurer; alumni interviewer for undergraduate applicants

Board Member, Chagrin River Watershed Partners

Member, Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Policy Committee Trustee, The Cleveland Foundation, Munson Township Land Preservation Fund

Audubon International, Sand Ridge Golf Club Advisory Committee

Past Chair, Munson Township Land Use Advisory Committee

Past Member, Munson Township Board of Zoning Appeals