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**JUDICIAL**

- Elected General Jurisdiction State Trial Judge: 11/89 to 11/99, and retained 11/99 to present, with current duties in both Trial Court and Family/Orphans' Court;
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID) participant in US AID sponsored program to educate judges in the former Soviet Republic nations of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan in the development of their judicial systems: 10/9/96 to 10/26/96

**PROFESSIONAL**

- Faculty member, University of Nevada at Reno, Justice Management Program: 2007 to present
- Faculty member, The National Judicial College: 10/93 to present
- Faculty member, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges: 7/97 to present
- Adjunct lecturer, Gannon University: 1/04 to present

**EDUCATIONAL**

- Earned her Ph.D. in May 2006 as a Doctor of Philosophy in Judicial Studies University of Nevada, Reno
- Master of Judicial Studies M.J.S , Major in Juvenile Justice, 1998, at the the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the University of Nevada at Reno.
- Another Major in 1993, Trial Judges, Master of Judicial Studies M.J.S., National Judicial College and the University of Nevada at Reno.
- Duquesne University School of Law: Juris Doctor, 1979
- Carlow University: Bachelor of Arts in History, 1976 (summa cum laude)

**PUBLICATIONS**

- "Jury Source Lists and the Community's need to Perceive Racial Balance on the Jury: The Genesis for Triggering *Batson* Concerns", Duquesne Law Review, Fall 1994, Vol. 33, No. 1
- "Utilizing an Effective Economic Approach to Family Court: A Statutory Proposal for Family Court in Pennsylvania", Duquesne Law Review, Fall 1998, Vol. 37, No. 1

**AFFILIATIONS**

- American Bar Association, Vice-Chair of National Conference of State Trial Judges (NCSTJ); Immediate Past Chair of NCSTJ's Children and Family Court Committee 2002 to 2007; NCSTJ's 3<sup>rd</sup> District Zone Representative for West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and District of Columbia 2004 to 2006; Immediate Past Chair as representative of Judicial Division for Unified Family Court (UFC) Coordination Council; participant, Planning Committee for UFC Summit 2006-2007; member, Education Committee; member, Jury Management Committee; member, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee; participant, Fall Planning Meetings; participant, Leadership Institute; participant, Minority

- Judicial Clerkship Program; co-panelist, NCSTJ's Jury Seminar with Tom Munsterman of National Center for State Courts regarding jury source lists; member, Membership (Welcoming) Committee; member, Long Range Planning Committee; participant, Pre-Judicial Education Program 2007.
- Pennsylvania Bar Association (Co-Chair, Gender Fairness Task Force; Member of Government Committee, Merit Selection of Judges Committee); Child Advocates Committee Member and Speaker numerous times.
  - American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Associate Member
  - Erie County Bar Association (Chair, Law Day Committee 2000, 2001; Member of Criminal Rules Committee, Orphans' Court Committee, Family Law Committee, Stepping Out Program, Scholarship Committee, Practicum, and New Citizens/Naturalization Committee); Attorneys and Kids Together Committee.
  - Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges (Past President); Ethics Committee [1995 to 2001]; Legislative Liaison Committee; Task Force on Gender Fairness (Co-Chair); Coordinator of local Meet Your Judges Program; Out-of-State Education Committee
  - American Judges Association (member)
  - National Association of Women Judges (currently elected District 3 Director for PA, VI, DE and NJ) (Vice-President 2001; Secretary 99/00; Member of By-Law Committee 07/08 95/96 96/97 98/99, National Task Force on Gender Bias in the Courts 95/95, 97/98, Resolutions Committee 96/97, Women Offender task Force 97/98, Budget Committee 95/96, Bias in Judicial Selection and Evaluation Committee 95/96 97/98, Mentor for First-time Attendees 95/96, Family Justice Task Force 95/96, co-Moderator of Small Group Discussion NAWJ Academic Network Committee 95/96 97/98, Education Committee 95/96
  - Association of Trial Lawyers of America (Judicial Fellow)
  - Northwest Pa. American Inn of Court (President 99/00 and 00/01)
  - Gannon University (Former Member of the Board of Trustees)
  - Boy Scouts of America, French Creek Council (Member, Executive Board; Chair, Nominating Committee)
  - Business and Professional Women's Association (Member, Scholarship Comm.)
  - Elected Women of Erie County (Past Co-Chair and Secretary)
  - American Business Women's Association (Member, Scholarship Committee)
  - Greater Erie Youth Symphony Orchestra (Past Board member)
  - Urban Economic Community Development Corporation (UECDC) (Board member)
  - Women's Roundtable
  - Zonta Club of Erie
  - Girl Scouts of America
  - Philoptochos Society of Greek Women
  - Y-Men's Club
  - Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity
  - Erie Sertoma Club (Member of Zoo-B-Q Committee, Bingo for Veterans Committee)
  - Southwest Erie Lions Club
  - Kiwanis Club of West Erie County
  - Erie Wolves Club
  - Exchange Club of Erie
  - Junior Achievement Board

**PRESENTATIONS ---PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LIST**

**PERSONAL**

- Born March 20, 1954, in Rochester, Pennsylvania
- Married to Ronald J. Susmarski, a general practice attorney in Erie an partner in the firm of Susmarski & Hain. They have two adult sons.

**Curriculum Vitae of Judge Stephanie Domitrovich, Ph.D. (cont. page 3)**

Presentation:

**“Our View” of Frye and Daubert:**

**GATES for EVALUATING ADMISSIBILITY of SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE**

**Ohio Judicial College Seminar,  
Dublin, OH  
7/11/08**

Judge Stephanie Domitrovich, Ph.D.

Presentation:

**Court-Appointed Experts  
in State Trial Courts**

Judge Stephanie Domitrovich, Ph.D.  
Paper prepared for **American Psychology-Law  
Society Annual Meeting, 3/8/08  
Jacksonville, Florida**

Presentation:

**Judicial Independence and Ensuring Impartiality:  
When, Why, and How State Trial Judges Use Court-Appointed Experts**

Judge Stephanie Domitrovich, Ph.D.  
Paper prepared for **Law & Society Annual Meeting  
7/25/07  
Humboldt University,  
Berlin, Germany**

Presentation:

**The Factors Affecting the Appointment of Experts by State Trial Judges:  
An Exploratory Study**

Presentation to the **Jurisprudence Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences**  
regarding her dissertation for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Judicial Studies By  
Judge Stephanie Domitrovich, Ph.D.  
**2/21/07, San Antonio, TX-- Luncheon Speaker**

Presentation:

**Frye and Daubert:**

**GATES for EVALUATING ADMISSIBILITY of SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE  
American Board of Forensic Document Examiners  
(ABFDE) Seminar, Las Vegas, NV**

**11/09/06** Judge Stephanie Domitrovich, Ph.D.

Presentation:

**The Doctrine of Separation of Powers in the U.S. and an Interactive Discussion with  
Judges from Germany Canada & U.S. on Our Differences and Similarities**

**Presentation for National Judicial College, Reno, NV  
6/27/06** Judge Stephanie Domitrovich, Ph.D.  
**Comparative Law Course:  
“2 Nations, 1 Justice”**

Presentation:

**The Factors Affecting the Appointment of Experts by State Trial Judges:  
An Exploratory Study**

A dissertation submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor  
of Philosophy in Judicial Studies by  
Judge Stephanie Domitrovich **5/6/06** in **Reno, NV**

Presentation:

**Frye and Daubert:**

**GATES for EVALUATING ADMISSIBILITY of SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE  
American Board of Forensic Document Examiners  
(ABFDE) Seminar 10/29/04, Las Vegas, NV**

Judge Stephanie Domitrovich

Presentation:

**Daubert Trilogy Seminar  
American Board of Forensic Document Examiners  
(ABFDE) Seminar 6/21 – 6/23/02 in Las Vegas, NV  
Judge Stephanie Domitrovich**