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Title Interview with Marcia L. Hincks

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Primary Maker Marcia L. Hincks

Description Oral history interview with Marcia L. Hincks who was interviewed by Stephen B. Middlebrook on November 15, 2005 for the Connecticut Bar Foundation's History of Connecticut Women in the Legal Profession Project.

Topics Discussed: - Early Life: Marcia Hincks was born in July 1935 in New York City. Her father, a surgeon, held positions at Columbia, University of Pennsylvania, and Yale, leading to family moves between New Jersey, Philadelphia, and New Haven. Her mother, who did volunteer work, later became director of admissions at the private girls' school Marcia attended. - College Education: Marcia attended Bryn Mawr College. She initially aimed for pre-med but shifted to political science after struggling with biology. - Interest in Law: Her interest in law developed from a constitutional law course taught by Peter Bacharach, and she also took an international law course with Gertrude Leighton. She wrote her senior honors thesis on Justice Black, whom she interviewed. - Law School Experience: She chose Yale Law School due to its welcoming environment for women, preferring it over Harvard. She also applied to Columbia and the University of Chicago, but Yale offered scholarships and loans. Her class had seven women. - Marriage and Family: Marcia met her husband, John, during her second year of law school. They got engaged around November and married the following June. They intended to work part-time and

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settled in West Hartford. She began looking for part-time work after her second

child was born. - Insurance Work: In December 1961, she joined Aetna in a

general counsel position, having considered Legal Aid and government jobs. She

left in the spring of 1964. She returned to Aetna in the fall of 1967 as a part-timer

and later specialized in tax law, eventually focusing on product-related legal

work for life insurance. - Children and Grandchildren.