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Title Interview with Rosemary Guiliano

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Primary Maker Rosemary Guiliano

Description Oral history interview with Rosemary Guiliano who was interviewed by Judge Maureen Dennis on November 29, 2016 for the Connecticut Bar Foundation's History of Connecticut Women in the Legal Profession Project.

Topics Discussed: - Early Life: Rosemary Elizabeth Giuliano was born on October 13, 1953, in Waterbury, Connecticut. - High School: Rosemary Giuliano attended Notre Dame Academy in Waterbury. She was involved in various student activities. - First job: Her first job at age 15 was at the Watertown Drive-In food concession. She later got a job at the Heminway Box Shop in downtown Waterbury. - College : She initially attended Skidmore College for two years, where she began as a psychology major. She transferred to Smith College to improve her chances of getting into a better law school. At Skidmore, she designed her own one-month study abroad program in England and also traveled to the Netherlands, Germany, and France. - Law School: Rosemary Giuliano attended the University of Connecticut School of Law from 1975 to 1978. The only female professor she recalled was Wendy Susco, who taught Family Law. She was involved in the Student Bar Association and served as its president in her third year, later learning she was the first woman president of the SBA. - March: During her SBA presidency she organized a march on the State Capitol to persuade the Legislature to move the law school to the Hartford

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Seminary campus, which was ultimately successful. - Early Legal Career: During

law school, she interned as a legislative aide to State Rep. John Berman. She

then secured a summer position with Attorney Leonard Casella in Naugatuck,

Connecticut, a solo practitioner engaged in general practice. After graduation,

she accepted a position with Leonard Casella, concentrating on a wide range of

areas. - First Memorable Cases : "Shea versus Jones," a construction defect case.

Had one criminal case involving her client, Mr. Bellemare, who had complained

about roaming dogs. - Involvement in Bar Associations: She became involved

with the Connecticut Bar Association as a law student. She became Chair of the

Young Lawyers Section of the CBA after starting practice. She also joined the

Board of Directors of the Alumni Association for a few years in the mid-1980s and

the Board of the UConn Law School Foundation in the late 1990s, serving as

president of the Board from 2010-2012. - Opening Own Practice: Rosemary

Giuliano practiced with Leonard Casella for ten years, becoming a partner after

four years. After ten years, she opened her own solo law practice, seeking more

independence. Her practice became more specialized, focusing on family law,

while also handling some plaintiff's personal injury cases, residential real estate

closings, and drafting simple wills. - Perception as a Woman Attorney.

Dimensions Duration: 9 Minutes, 7 Seconds