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Education:

J.D., cum laude, Harvard Law School, 1977
B.A., magna cum laude, Harvard University, 1973

Employment:

December, 1993 to Present

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Honors College
Instructor, Department of Resource Economics and
Policy, University of Maine,
Orono, Maine

Responsibilities include teaching environmental law and Honors courses to undergraduates. Courses include EES 324, "Environmental Law and Policy," HON 111, 112, 211, and 212, ("Civilizations Past, Present, and Future"), advanced Honors seminars, "Why We Lie," "Law, Technology and the Environment," "Cancer, the Environment, and Personal and Corporate Responsibility," and "Selected Issues in the World History of Food." Principal research activity has been as a consultant to the U.S. State Department's Man and the Biosphere Human-Dominated Systems Directorate. I have advised the Directorate with respect to the Constitutional "takings" law implications of restoration of the Florida Everglades (see Publications).

1977 - June, 1993 Partner (since 1984)
Day, Berry & Howard (now Day Pitney)
Hartford, Connecticut
Member of the Trial Department and Chair
of the Securities Litigation Practice Group

First woman partner in Connecticut's largest law firm. Admitted to the Bars of the State of Maine (May 16, 1994), the State of Connecticut (October 4, 1977), the U. S. District Court for the District of Connecticut (May 8, 1978), the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (January 16, 1979), the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (May 14, 1979), and the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (September 10, 1979). Recipient of the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory's highest, "AV" professional rating.

As an associate at Day, Berry & Howard, I was engaged in a general litigation practice including zoning and land use planning, environmental litigation, medical malpractice, personal injury, contracts and securities litigation, with jury trial experience in personal injury, products liability, and contracts litigation. As a partner I devoted principal attention to developing the firm's securities litigation practice, which included broker-dealer litigation, defense and prosecution of securities fraud and breach of fiduciary duty actions against corporate officers and directors, conducting of internal corporate investigations, and defense of state and federal governmental investigations. As founder and chairman of the Securities Litigation Practice Group, and manager of the General Commercial Group, I was principally responsible for the mentoring and training of the firm's associates in those areas, including development of trial practice training programs. Significant achievements in reported decisions included Abelson v. Strong, 644 F. Supp. 524 (D. Mass 1986); Russell v. Dean Witter Reynolds, 510 A.2d 972 (Conn. 1986); and RCM Securities Fund, Inc. v. Stanton, 928 F.2d 1318 (2d Cir. 1991).

Selected Publications:

Sharon Tisher, "Why Pesticide Reduction? Why Now?," Maine Organic Farmer & Gardener, March/May, 1997. "Biotechnology in Agriculture: A European Perspective," Maine Organic Farmer & Gardener, June/Aug, 1999. "A Pesticides Quiz and Primer," Maine Organic Farmer & Gardener, Sept/Nov, 1999.

Sharon Tisher, "Everglades Restoration: A Constitutional Takings Analysis," Florida State University Journal of Land Use Planning and Environmental Law, Vol. 10, No. 1, Fall, 1994.

Martin Budd and Sharon Tisher, "Supervisory Liability," The Review of Securities & Commodities Regulation, Vol. 26, No. 12, June 1993.

Sharon Tisher, Lynn Bernabei, and Mark Green, Bringing the Bar to Justice: A Comparative Study of Six Bar Associations, Public Citizen, 1977.

Current Public Service Activities:

Steering Committee, Alliance for a Clean and Healthy Maine
Public Policy Committee, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners
Association
Stakeholder Group on implementation of *An Act to Protect Children's
Health and the Environment from Toxic Chemicals in Toys and Children's
Products*

Past Public Service Activities:

Member, Governor's Task Force to Promote Safer Chemicals in Consumer Products (2005-2007)
President, Natural Resources Council of Maine (2005-2007)
President, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA)
Chair, Public Policy Committee, MOFGA (1993-2005)
President, Orono Land Trust
Member, Maine Commission to Study Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering
Member, Maine Environmental Priorities Council
Member, Maine Board of Pesticides Control Policy Committee for the Act to Minimize Reliance on Pesticides
Member, Maine Board of Pesticides Control Advisory Committee on Standards for Pesticides Application and Notification in Schools
Member, Maine Board of Pesticides Control Pesticide Indoor Use Advisory Committee
President, Urban League of Greater Hartford
Board of Directors, Legal Aid Society of Hartford

Honors:

Presidential Scholar
Phi Beta Kappa (Junior Year)
Boston Ruskin Prize for Senior Thesis
Lucy Allen Paton Prize for "Most Promising
Senior in English"

Personal:

Born York, Maine, 1951.
Married, two children; avid skate skier, bicycler, gardener and swimmer.