# John DeWitt Gregory

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### Admitted to New York State Bar March, 1960

Admitted to practice before U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 1965

# **EDUCATION**

Howard University A.B., 1952 magna cum laude. Concentration in Classics (Latin and Greek) with minors in English and Education.

Graduate Study, 1952-53 (non-teaching University Fellowship in Education).

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts J.D., 1959

## MILITARY EXPERIENCE

Active duty 1954-55, United States Air Force Service in Korea as Communications Officer. Separated as First Lieutenant

## EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

Hofstra University School of Law, September 1971 to date Associate Professor, September 1971 to August 1974 Professor from September 1, 1974 Sidney & Walter Siben Distinguished Professor of Family Law from September, 1986 Vice Dean, January 1986 to June 1989

Courses: Family Law, Animal Law, Criminal Law, Clinical Program (co-Director 1971-72); State & Local Government Law, Law & Education, Legislation, Marriage and Its Dissolution, Juvenile Courts, The Child, the Family and the State, Child Abuse and Neglect, Property Division in Divorce Proceedings

Honors and Awards: University Distinguished Faculty Lecturer 1983-84. Outstanding Faculty Award presented by the Hofstra Law School Chapter of the Black Law Students Association in 1982. Outstanding Faculty Award (presented by Hofstra University School of Law Alumni Association) 1986. Law Faculty Distinguished Service Award 1978-79

Other Employment: Lecturer in Law and Social Welfare, Adelphi University School of Social Work; New York University School of Continuing Education (part-time 1966-69)

General Counsel and Executive Director, Community Action for Legal Services, Inc. (the New York City federally funded Legal Services Program) (Organized and staffed the program which operated 26 neighborhood law offices). December, 1967 to June, 1971

Executive Director, Nassau County Law Services Committee, Inc. (Organized and staffed the program from its inception). September, 1966 to November, 1967

Assistant to Commissioner for Departmental Legal Affairs, Nassau County Department of Public Welfare. April, 1965 to September, 1966

Assistant Attorney General, State of New York. Litigation Bureau. Duties included habeas corpus hearings and motions in Federal District Court and State Supreme Court; briefing and arguing appeals in the United States Court of Appeals and the Appellate Division, First and Second Departments. August, 1963 to April, 1965

Law offices of Zelby & Burstein, 160 Broadway, New York City. General practice, with emphasis in commercial litigation and labor law. July, 1962 to August, 1963

Law offices of Benjamin Sneed, 209 West 125th Street, New York City. General Practice, including commercial and personal injury litigation, real estate transactions, adoptions, decedents' estates, landlord-tenant matters. September, 1959 to July, 1962

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Board of Editors, Family Law Quarterly

Elected member, American Law Institute and Adviser, Principles of the Law of Family Dissolution: Analysis and Recommendations (1996-2006)

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Fellow, New York Bar Foundation

Association of American Law Schools: Committee on Sections and Annual Meeting, (1992-93) Executive Committee, and former Secretary, Section on Law and Education.

Former Chair, Section on Family and Juvenile Law and Section on Minority Groups

New York State Bar Association: Former Member, House of Delegates; Family Law Section; Committee on Animal Law

Association of the Bar of the City of New York: Former Chair Committee on Matrimonial Law.

New York County Lawyer's Association: Matrimonial Law Section

National Association of Women Judges (Amicus Judicii member)

Member, New York Women's Bar Association

Member, National Writers Union UAW Local 1981/AFL-CIO.

# CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

Current: Board of Directors, National Center on Law and Economic Justice (formerly Center for Social Welfare Law )

Past:

Board of Directors, Greenwich House (2002 - 2007).

Member, Advisory Board, New York Civil Liberties Union, Nassau Chapter

New York Civil Liberties Union: Vice President: Chairman, Committee on Equal Protection and Zoning; Member, Childrens' Rights Committee.

American Civil Liberties Union, Academic Freedom Committee, Subcommittee on Racially Identifiable Facilities, Equality Committee and Special Women's Rights Subcommittee

Board of Directors, Nassau County Law Services Committee Inc

Board of Directors, Legal Aid Society of Nassau County, New York

Board of Directors, Nassau County Economic Opportunity Commission

Board of Directors, Nassau County Commission on Human Rights

National Advisory Board, Black American Law Students Association

Adelphi University School of Social Work, Joint Advisory Committee for Continuing Education Programs

New York City Mayor's Committee on the Judiciary

#### LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Lecturer - Nassau Pediatric Society (Continuing Education Series)
Nassau County Coalition for Family Planning (Professional Training Programs)
Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center (In-Service Program for Psychiatrists)
Long Island Council for the Social Studies - Program for Educators
North Shore University Hospital - Cornell University Medical College
British Broadcasting Corporation - The Open University
University of Missouri School of Law (Special Guest Lecturer on Juvenile Law)
Long Island March of Dimes Symposium (Teenage Parenthood)
Republican Law Students Association of New York
NYSUT Hofstra Teacher Center (Single Parents and the Schools)
Akron Bar Association and Summit County Legal Aid Society
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center (Sexual Exploitation and Disability)

#### BOOKS

*Property Division In Divorce Proceedings: A Fifty State Guide* (Aspen Publishers 2003) (with Janet Leach Richards & Sheryl Wolf)

Understanding Family Law (LexisNexis, 2d. ed. 2001) (with Peter N. Swisher & Sheryl L. Wolf)

The Law of Equitable Distribution (Warren, Gorham & Lamont, 1989).

#### ARTICLES

Pet Custody: Distorting Language and the Law, 44 Family Law Quarterly 35 (2010)

*The Legacy of Loving*, 51 Howard Law Journal Volume 15 (2007) (with Joanna Grossman) (symposium)

The Detritus of Troxel, 40 Family Law Quarterly 133 (2006) (symposium)

The ALI Property Division Principles: A Model of Radical Paternalism, in

Reconceiving the Family: Critical Reflections on the American Law Institute's Principles of the Law of Family Dissolution (Robin Fretwell Wilson, ed. 2006)

Redefining the Family: Undermining the Family, University of Chicago Legal Forum 381 (2004)

*Family Privacy and the Custody and Visitation Rights of Adult Outsiders*, 36 Journal of Family Law 163 (2002), *reprinted in* The Best Articles Published by the ABA, 20 GP Solo 22 (2003).

*Defining The Family in the Millennium: The Troxel Follies*, 32 University of Memphis Law Review 687 (2002).

Whose Child Is It, Anyway? The Demise of Family Autonomy and Parental Authority, 33 Family Law Quarterly 833 (1999)

Interdependency Theory -Old Sausage in a New Casing: A Response to Professor Czapanskiy, 39 Santa Clara Law Review 1037 (1999).

Book Review: Legal and Mental Health Perspectives on Child Custody Law: A Deskbook for Judges, 19 Fairshare 16 (1999).

Child Visitation by Third Parties: The Case of Stepparents, 19 Fairshare 4 (1999).

*Blood Ties: A Rationale for Child Visitation by Legal Strangers*, 55 Washington and Lee Law Review 351 (1998).

Secrecy in University and College Tenure Deliberation: Placing Appropriate Limits on Academic Freedom, 16 University of California, Davis Law Review 1023 (1983).

*Juvenile Court Jurisdiction Over Noncriminal Misbehavior: The Argument against Abolition*, 39 Ohio State Law Journal 242 (1978).