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SUMMARY

An accomplished senior policy analyst and program manager providing consulting services to organizations and agencies on disability program administration. A recognized expert in disability claim adjudication and decisionmaking, with 30+ years of experience in policy and program analysis, teambuilding, leadership, procurement, and rulemaking.

ADVANCED POLICY SOLUTIONS – Consulting Services

2004 – present

Providing expertise in disability program policy, claim adjudication, program analysis, rulemaking, and procurement. Affiliate of Thomson Reuters Expert Witness Services (TREWS) and Gerson Lehrman Group (GLG) Councils. Past projects include:

- *The National Academies, Institute of Medicine.* Advising on projects to improve the Social Security and Veterans Administration disability programs.
- *HellerEhrman, LLP.* Advising and serving as an expert witness in litigation addressing qualifications for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits.
- *Mathematica Policy Research.* Providing disability program expertise for the Benefit Offset National Demonstration (BOND) project.
- *IBM Global Business Services.* Advising on Social Security programs, policies, and technology services and solutions.
- *Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.* Technical advisor and subject matter expert for McCreery/Pomeroy SSDI Solutions Initiative.

OFFICE DIRECTOR/DEPUTY DIRECTOR – Social Security Administration

1998 – 2004

Provided leadership for the development, analysis, and implementation of all disability evaluation policies for the Social Security disability programs. Areas of expertise include:

- Program Management. Developed disability policies for the two largest disability programs in the U.S., with over 2 million claims and \$90 billion in payments each year.
- Administration. Managed a staff of senior policy analysts, physicians and other medical experts, and branch managers, with an operating budget of up to \$3 million/year.
- Staff Development and Training. Developed and delivered training programs for over 17,000 employees nationwide.
- Federal Rulemaking. Responsible for development and publication of 6 key regulations and 10 Agency rulings on a variety of complex disability program policies including the impact of the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, evaluation of chronic fatigue syndrome, improvements to the Listing of Impairments, use of vocational experts and resources in administrative hearings, occupational data resources, and evidentiary standards for disability claims.
- Litigation Strategy. Provided policy support on disability-related litigation, including the Agency's successful presentation in three key SSA cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Communications. Conducted detailed briefings for Agency senior executives, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) personnel, the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and congressional staff. Gave presentations to other Federal and state agencies and private sector organizations on a wide range of disability issues.
- Research and Development. Included: A multi-year, multi-million dollar research project with the Association of University Centers on Disabilities to improve policies/procedures in the Supplemental Security Income childhood disability program; a comprehensive review of research on age, education, and work skills as they relate to Social Security's disability decisionmaking process (with American Institutes for Research).

RESEARCH PROJECT TEAM LEADER – *Social Security Administration* 1995 – 1998

Provided staff leadership for a three-year, multi-million dollar research and development project to explore alternatives to the disability decisionmaking process using standardized functional capacity evaluations. Areas of expertise include:

- Federal Contracting. Managed \$1.5 million contract with the *National Academy of Sciences* (now the *National Academies*) to review project activities and outcomes. The final report was published as *The Dynamics of Disability, Measuring and Monitoring Disability for Social Security Programs* (National Academy Press, 2002).
- Project Management. Managed and coordinated work under eight other contracts with private sector social science research organizations, the *Library of Congress*, and subject-matter expert consultants.
- Collaboration and Coordination. Communicated project activities with SSA senior executives, congressional staff, contractors, other Federal agencies, and the general public through briefings, presentations, and public notices in the Federal Register.

CHIEF, GENERAL MEDICAL POLICY BRANCH – *Social Security Administration* 1993 – 1995

SENIOR POLICY ANALYST – *Social Security Administration* 1992 – 1993

CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE, APPEAL ANALYST, HEARINGS AND APPEALS POLICY SPECIALIST – *Social Security Administration* 1977 – 1992

HONORS

Recipient of many Social Security Administration awards and citations, including:

- The Commissioner's Citation (the Agency's highest honor);
- Three Deputy Commissioner's Citations;
- Two Associate Commissioner's Citations; and
- Twenty-six additional awards for excellence.

PUBLICATIONS

- Stobo, John D., McGeary, Michael, and Barnes, David K., editors. *Improving the Social Security Disability Decision Process*. Washington, DC: National Academy Press, 2007.
- McGeary, Michael, Ford, Morgan A., McCutchen, Susan R., and Barnes, David K., editors. *A 21st Century System for Evaluating Veterans for Disability Benefits*. Washington, DC: National Academy Press, 2007.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, *Magna Cum Laude* – State University of New York 1976