

JENNIFER HESS ASHER

Summary

Experienced professional with graduate degrees and work experience in the fields of law and journalism. Extensive volunteer experience, often drawing upon legal and journalistic expertise.

Skills

Proficiency in writing and editing (reports, articles and press releases), estate planning, estate administration, income and estate tax preparation, Social Security and pension law analysis, event planning, project organization and conversational and written Spanish and French.

Work Experience

Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, Philadelphia, PA
Associate attorney in estates and trusts and pension departments, 1978-1983

The New Haven Register, New Haven, CT
Staff reporter covering local news and producing regular feature stories for style section, 1973-1975

Education

Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, PA
Juris Doctor, 1978

Syracuse University, S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse, NY
Master of Science, concentration in newspaper journalism, 1973

Brown University, Providence, RI
Bachelor of Arts with Honors, concentration in Comparative Literature (French and Spanish), 1971

Volunteer Experience

Glenelg High School (GHS) Band Parents Support Group
Consultant, revamping officer and executive board structure and rewriting original bylaws, 2013;
Numerous other positions, including recording secretary, ways and means chairperson, grocery certificate chairperson, CD sales chairperson, snack bar salesperson, spring trip chaperone, 1997-2009

GHS Drama Parents Support Group
Publicity volunteer, writing press releases and arranging publicity for productions, 2002-2004

Church, school and other community organizations

Girl Scout leader; chairperson of church board of elders; member of church council; Sunday school teacher; chairperson of church welcoming committee; chairperson of elementary school learning fairs; elementary school classroom volunteer; middle school representative to PTA Council; homeowners association social committee chairperson.

Other interests

Classical and jazz music, history, politics, travel, photography and gardening