

JENNIFER HESS ASHER

Summary

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

Skills

Proficiency in estate planning, estate administration, income and estate tax preparation, Social Security and pension law analysis, event planning, project organization and writing and editing.

Employment

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 writing 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, major in Comparative Literature (French and Spanish), 1971

Volunteer Work

Howard County Commission on Aging (COA)
Member, 2016-Present; Vice Chair, 2017-2020

Age-Friendly Howard County

Member, Work and Civic Engagement Work Group, 2020-Present

Howard County Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC)

Member representing COA, 2017-Present

Glenelg High School (GHS) Band Parents Support Group

Various responsibilities, including legal consultant and recording secretary, 1997-2009

GHS Drama Parents Support Group

Publicist, writing press releases and arranging publicity for productions, 2002-2004

Other interests

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