

## **JOHN J. CARROLL, ESQ.**

John J. Carroll, Jr. was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on October 19, 1946. He graduated Boston College in June 1968 and was commissioned a Naval officer in October 1968. After serving three years in active duty, he enrolled in Boston University School of Law, graduating in 1974. He has been a member of the Massachusetts Bar since that time to the present day.

After two years in private practice, Attorney Carroll became a member of the South Dakota Bar in 1976 and became a Legal Services Lawyer for the South Dakota Legal Services, where he provided legal assistance to the Pine Bridge and Rosebud Indian Reservations until 1977. Upon returning to Massachusetts in 1977, Attorney Carroll worked at Merrimack Valley Legal Services. In 1978, he joined the Law Firm of James D. Casey as a trial lawyer. In 1980, he joined Parker, Coulter, Daley & White, an insurance defense firm, leaving in 1985 to join Meehan, Boyle & Cohen (now Meehan, Boyle, Black & Bogdanow, P.C.) where he is presently a Director.

While practicing law and raising a family consumed much of his time, Attorney Carroll continued to be active in associations which provide legal representation to those most in need. Over the years, he has handled pro bono cases for the Boston Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyers Project and has volunteered for the Catholic Lawyer's Guild at the St. Francis House. He has been on the Board of Directors of Greater Boston Legal Services since 1996. He has been actively involved in the Massachusetts Bar Association since that time. Mr. Carroll has served on the Judicial Administrative Council (Chair, 1997-1998), Individual Rights and Responsibility Council (Chair, 1989-1999) and the Massachusetts Bar Association Superior Court Case Flow Management Task Force (Chair, 2001-2002).

In addition, Mr. Carroll has been involved in the Massachusetts Bar Association Bench Bar Committee (Chair, 2003) and the Massachusetts Bar Association House of Delegates from 2003-2008. From September 2000 to September 2006, Mr. Carroll served as a Hearings Officer at the Board of Bar Overseers, and from 2002-2008 served on the Board of Governors of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys. In 2008, Mr. Carroll received the Massachusetts Bar Foundation's President's Award. In 2010, he became the MBA's representative on the Equal Justice Coalition (EJC) and served as Chair of the EJC from 2013 to 2016.

In 2016, Attorney Carroll was accepted into the Access to Justice Senior Fellows program, and as part of that program, has authored a series of articles titled, "Voices of MLAC (Mass Legal Assistance Corp)," about the fourteen legal service programs funded (in whole or part) by the Mass Legal Assistance Corp. Mr. Carroll has been named a "Super Lawyer" by Boston Magazine since 2008 and is a member of the Pine Street Inn "President's Circle." In 2016, Mr. Carroll was inducted into the Arlington Catholic High School Hall of Fame. In the Fall of 2017, Mr. Carroll received the "Catalyst for Change" award from the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute. In June 2019, he received The Paul Harris Award for community service from the Arlington Rotary Club.

Attorney Carroll's most distinguished professional position came in 2012 when he was appointed to the Massachusetts Commission on Judicial Conduct, subsequently serving as Vice Chair of the Commission from November of 2014 to October of 2016, and finally, as Chair of the Commission in October of 2016 until October 2018.

Attorney Carroll has held many roles, but none more important than raising his family, including his two sons, Joshua and Jeremy (by Anne Carroll, deceased). Their love and support, as well as that of his wife, Fran Lipson, is most dear to him.