

DEAN L. OVERMAN

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1977-2006 **Senior Partner at Winston & Strawn, Washington, D.C.** Practiced as Senior Partner at Winston & Strawn, one of the oldest and largest top 50 U.S. law firms. At age 34, appointed Partner-in-Charge of the Washington office and served in that capacity for many years representing banks and multi-national corporations in a broad range of transactions with an emphasis in Europe. Worked on a multitude of matters with partner Walter Mondale, former Vice President of the United States, partner James R. Thompson, former Governor of Illinois, and Thomas A. Reynolds, Jr., Chairman of the firm.

Extra-Firm Professional Activities:

- 2001-2018 **Chairman Advisory Board, First Trust Portfolios, L.P.** Advise CEO on financial and business matters for this quantitative investment firm that grew assets under management from \$7 billion (2001) to approximately \$126 billion (2018).
- 1999-2000 **Templeton Scholar, Oxford University.** Selected to participate in Oxford seminars on science and Christianity on the basis of a book written at Harvard University as described below. Published a paper on algorithmic information theory in *The Princeton Theological Review* with Dr. Hubert Yockey, a protégé of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. Wrote a book on the existence of God with foreword by Robert Kaita, senior research physicist, Princeton University, and afterword by Armand Nicholi, professor, Harvard Medical School.
- 1994-1995 **Visiting Scholar and Officer, Harvard University.** Appointed as Visiting Scholar of Harvard University, wrote a book on interdisciplinary confluence of astrophysics, molecular biology, mathematical probabilities and metaphysics. Foreword by Wolfhart Pannenberg, University of Munich, one of the 20th century's leading systematic theologians.
- 1994-1998 **Special Advisor to Chairman of The Beacon Group.** Advised Geoffrey Boisi, former head of investment banking at Goldman Sachs, on the creation and establishment of this merchant bank.
- 1986-1993 **Entrepreneur/Investor/Owner of Real Estate Development Company.** Rezoned, planned and sold over 280 acres of industrial and residential Illinois real estate. Also served as one of two principals (other principal was John F. Forstmann) in developing a 286,000 s.f. shopping center (Westridge) and a 250 acre office park (Westview) in Frederick, Maryland.
- 1978 **Faculty of University of Virginia Law School.** Authored and taught course for third year students in advanced secured financing.
- 1977-1982 **Special Counsel to Governor James Thompson of the State of Illinois.** Advised Governor on federal policy and European trade.
- 1977-2010 **Communities in Schools, Inc.** Co-author of plan for President of the United States that established this national organization that integrates social services for over 1,200,000 students from lower socio-economic backgrounds at over 2,000 sites.
- 1976-1977 **Associate Director for Policy Review in President Ford's White House.** Associate Director of White House Domestic Council, working on specific assignments in domestic policy. Papers now located at President Ford's Library at the University of Michigan.
- 1975-1976 **White House Fellow, Assistant to Vice President Rockefeller.** Worked as Assistant to Vice President Nelson Rockefeller in President Ford's White House.
- 1970-1975 **Partner, D'Ancona, Pflaum, Wyatt & Riskind (now Seyfarth Shaw).** Practiced corporate and banking law with some litigation matters for national banks. Lectured and published widely in many areas of corporate, commercial and tax law. Earliest rise to partnership in firm's 100 plus year history (4 years).
- 1969-1970 **Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania School of Law.** Selected by Dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School as a Fellow for a one year grant, through the law school, to study and practice poverty law.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author of a series of three academic books combining several disciplines (including mathematics, astrophysics, cosmology, information theory, molecular biology, philosophy, linguistics, textual criticism, history, theology, Gnosticism, New Testament studies, logic, world religions, and ancient creedal evidence). One of principal speakers at Windsor Castle on religious pluralism for the conference “The World After 9/11: the Political; Economic, Military, and Spiritual Challenge”; speech subsequently published as an article in *Perspectives*.

Author or co-author of chapters in six law books and six law review articles on banking, commercial, corporate, tax and securities law (one selected by Corporate Practice Commentator and Corporate Counsel Annual as one of the ten best corporate law reviews of 1975).

Co-author of a chapter in WestLaw book on financial valuation of an acquisition candidate; a book on effective writing style for business and the professions; and a theological/physics article on Stephen Hawking's no boundary proposal, published by *Princeton Theological Review* (See attached publications list).

EDUCATION

- 1968-1973 **University of California and University of Chicago Graduate Schools of Business**
- 1966-1969 **University of California Boalt Hall School of Law, Berkeley, CA** (Juris Doctor, Sheffield Sanborn Scholar, Major Walter Dinkelspiel Scholar. Co-founded (with Wib Walling) Bedford Stuyvesant street academy in summer of 1967 for high school dropouts.) Accepted for advanced law degree at Yale Law School.
- 1965-1966 **Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J.** (Studied under German scholar Joachim Jeremias.)
- 1961-1965 **Hope College, Holland, MI** (3,000 students--B.A., Psychology, with additional emphasis in Literature and Philosophy; Commencement Speaker; Class President; Co-Captain, Varsity Basketball (2 M.I.A.A. championships) and Golf ;Young Life Leadership, Dean's List each semester, Convocation Speaker in 2004; Distinguished Alumni Award in 2010, Member, Board of Trustees, Chairman, Academic Affairs Committee; Chairman, Board Policy Committee).

MEMBERSHIPS

Harvard Faculty Club, Harvard Club of New York City, UC Berkeley Faculty Club, Metropolitan Club of Washington, Congressional Country Club, Burning Tree Club, Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, Metropolitan Club of Washington, Triple Nine Society, Fellow, International Society of Philosophical Enquiry.