

## ANDREW A. CHIRLS

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

#### **Haines & Associates**

Partner, from April 2009 to present. Areas of concentration include employment law, eminent domain, defamation, commercial litigation, product liability, and representation of governmental agencies. Primary focus on the civil litigation side, though represent both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts and in arbitrations.

#### **WolfBlock LLP**

Litigation partner from February 1989 to March 2009; associate 1982 - 1989. Primarily civil litigation, including presentation of jury trials, non-jury trials and arbitrations, ten arguments in United States Courts of Appeals, arguments in state appellate courts, including Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, in the following fields: securities class actions for both plaintiffs and defendants, products liability and personal injury for plaintiffs and defendants, mass torts, representation of neutral in mass tort product liability settlement, religious property disputes, eminent domain, general business litigation, insurance liquidation litigation and litigation involving governmental agencies. Service as court-appointed neutral for discovery purposes in products liability litigation. Chair of hiring and recruitment committee 1995 - 1997, 2007-2008. Coordinator of minority internships 1996. Litigation department pro bono coordinator 1994 - 1996.

**Honorable Stanley S. Brotman, United States District Judge - Camden, NJ, law clerk 1981-82.**

### SERVICE TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION

#### **Philadelphia Bar Association and related organizations.**

**Chancellor 2005.** Served as elected leader of 13,000 member voluntary bar association. Projects included development of access to justice programs for immigrant communities and for people who do not speak English. Language access programs included direct education and provision of referral services in Polish, Russian and Spanish, reinforcement of court-based programs for competent translator services and availability of forms in several languages, and bar collaboration with foreign consulates and immigrant service institutions for education and provision of legal services.

**Chancellor-Elect 2004.**

**Vice-Chancellor 2003.**

**Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Bar Association.** Member, 1998 through 2006. Vice Chair, 1999; Chair, 2000.

**Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men.** Appointed as first co-chair of this newly formed Committee, 1997. Facilitated availability of health and other insurance for domestic partners of employees of legal organizations through Bar Association programs; developed standard agreement for non-discrimination based on sexual orientation among largest 25 Philadelphia law firms.

**Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP).** Board member from 1997 through 2004, member of the Development and Long Range Planning Committees. Volunteer on various cases, including cases arising from discrimination based on HIV status, tangled title and eviction from public housing.

**Philadelphia Bar Foundation.** Member of Andrew Hamilton Circle. Member of 1997 and 1998 Andrew Hamilton Ball Souvenir Program solicitation committee.

**Commission on Judicial Selection and Retention.** Member 2000-06. Member of Investigative Division since 1993.

**Gender Fairness and Racial Bias in the Justice System Task Forces.**

**Chancellor's Special Committee on Philadelphia City Charter Reform.** 1992-93.

**Community Legal Services.** Fundraising Committee, various years.

**Other Philadelphia Bar Association Committees.** Member at various times of Civil Rights Committee, Federal Courts Committee, Eminent Domain Committee, Criminal Justice Section, Public Interest Section, City Policy Committee and Committee on Women in the Profession.

#### **American Law Institute.**

Member of body that drafts and issues various *Restatements of the Law* since 2008.

#### **Pennsylvania Bar Association**

**House of Delegates.** Member since 2000.

#### **National Conference of Bar Presidents**

Member during term as Chancellor of Philadelphia Bar Association, 2005

Appointed 2008 by President of Conference to Inclusion Task Force, charged with exploring ways in which the National Conference of Bar Presidents can help facilitate a more diverse organized bar and legal profession.

#### **Supreme Court of Pennsylvania**

**Special Committee on Gender Fairness and Racial Bias in the Courts.** Member of Subcommittee on Gender Bias, 2004-06.

#### **Pro Bono Representations.**

In cooperation with the AIDS Law Project of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia VIP, tried and won, for the plaintiff, the first jury trial in Pennsylvania arising from AIDS discrimination. Other VIP cases. Amicus briefs for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (PVLA).

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society ("HIAS") of Pennsylvania--defense of grant of asylum against appeal by government; pursuit of other asylum applications.

#### **Inn of Court.**

Participant in the Inn of Court of the University of Pennsylvania, 1986-2000.

## **Other Bar Associations.**

Member of American Bar Association: ABA Section on Litigation; Mass Torts and Class Actions Division of the Section on Litigation; and Eminent Domain Division of the ABA's Real Estate Section. Member of Pennsylvania Bar Association: Real Property and Eminent Domain Section.

## **Gay and Lesbian Lawyers of Philadelphia ("GALLOP").**

Founding member of steering committee.

## **Other Memberships.**

Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association; Tau Epsilon Rho, Hispanic Bar Association.

## **JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT**

Appointed by United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Honorable Cynthia M. Rufe, to serve functions of Special Discovery Master in In re: Avandia Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation, Multi-District Litigation Docket No. 07-1871.

## **WRITING AND TEACHING**

**Course planner and faculty member** for Pennsylvania Bar Institute course: "Eminent Domain after Kelo and Pennsylvania's New Eminent Domain Code," September 2006.

**Faculty member** for Pennsylvania Bar Institute course: "Annual Survey of Developments in Municipal Law," October 2006.

**Faculty member** of Georgetown University CLE Institute for Advanced Real Estate Litigation Strategy, 2007 (program not presented).

American Bar Association Real Estate Section, Eminent Domain Division, **reporter** on Pennsylvania law.

**Author** of numerous monthly articles and opinion pieces in connection with service as Chancellor of Philadelphia Bar Association; author of occasional pieces in other years in *The Philadelphia Lawyer*, the Philadelphia Bar Association's quarterly publication.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley**

Juris Doctor, May 1981. Honors include first prize in Nathan Burkan Competition for paper on copyright law.

### **University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, 1977. Major: Design of the Environment (Architecture).

## **CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

### **Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations.**

Commissioner from July 1990 to February 1992. Elected Chair by fellow Commissioners, December 1991.

### **Fellowship Commission of Philadelphia.**

Board member, 1992 - 1994. Secretary of Board, 1993 - 1994.

### **Prince Music Theater.**

Board member 1996-2003. Associate General Counsel, 1997, and General Counsel, 1998-2003.

**Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.**

Board member from 1988 to 1994; executive committee member and secretary of board from 1989 to 1992.

**United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania.**

Recipient of Community Services Award, July 1996, following membership on Board Advisory Committee.

**Jewish Family and Childrens' Services of Philadelphia.**

Member of Board Advisory Committee on Social Services 1989 - 1992.

**American Jewish Congress.**

Active in Committee on Law and Social Action, 1994-2000.

**BalletX**

Board member of newly-formed presenter and producer of newly choreographed modern ballet pieces, 2006 through present; vice-president of board 2008 through present.

**ADDITIONAL RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS**

International Human Rights Award from the International Human Rights Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, January 1998.

Michael Greenberg Community Service Award from Gay and Lesbian Lawyers of Philadelphia (GALLOP), October 1998.

Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, Professional in Human Relations Award, 2002.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund award for pursuit of civil rights, 2003.

Gay and Lesbian Professional Network of Philadelphia Community Service Award, 2005.

Equality Advocates Pennsylvania, service award, 2005.

Jewish Social Policy Action Network ("JSPAN"), Social Justice Award, 2006.

Human Rights Campaign Special Recognition Award for pro bono service, 2006.