

Lawrence Deutsch

PEACE CORPS SERVICE (1973-1976)

I trained in Costa Rica with an agricultural extension group consisting of 33 volunteers. We trained at the Agricultural Training Center, Básico, in Costa Rica, in the fall of 1973. After training in language, culture and agriculture, we then moved to the Dominican Republic in late 1973. My sub-group of six volunteers was placed with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for a major agricultural development project in the Cibao Valley. I and the other five volunteers assigned to the FAO program were placed in different sites with host country counterparts. The goal of our project was to diversify agriculture from tobacco to diverse plantings. I served in La Canela, Finca de Aciba and Licey al Medio. My work involved extensive involvement with the farmers' cooperative groups.

In addition to working on the core Cibao projects with the UN and the Dominican Agricultural Agency I also initiated various projects on my own to benefit farmers in my districts, including rabbit raising, bee cultivation and vegetable gardens.

By late 1974, our tasks in the FAO project were essentially completed and therefore, as the last two remaining Peace Corp volunteers (2 remained from the original group of 6), we asked for new assignments. As a consequence of our request, I moved to Belize in 1975 and worked there for CARE as well as the head of the agricultural ministry of Belize. My core role in the CARE program in Belize was as the Communications Officer for a nationwide agricultural development project. This work involved utilizing films, photographs, broadcasts and direct presentations to farmers to assist them in developing new agricultural techniques and crops.

In addition to running the communications programs I also concurrently acted as one of the agricultural extension agents for a farmers cooperative in the Belmopan region, the capital of Belize. At the completion of my assignment in Belize I was asked to train new volunteers, so I worked under contract for the Peace Corps in 1976.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AFTER PEACE CORPS SERVICE

My community work has had a number of areas of focus. One area has been involvement with assistance for handicapped persons. As a parent of a handicapped child, I became interested in this area. Ultimately, I became president of the Pathway Parents Association, a parent's group assisting other parents in addressing needs of their children with disabilities, including legal issues. I have also been involved with NAMI (National Association for the Mentally Ill) and other related advocacy groups for the disabled. I have also been active in HIAS as a volunteer assisting with matters for immigrants. I have provided legal counsel as well as assistance with material needs.

I also act as a volunteer lawyer in a program run by the Philadelphia Bar Association, Volunteers for the Indigent Program. In this volunteer work, I have represented numerous clients pro bono in a variety of matters. Most recently I have been assisting low income homeowners with issues relating to mortgage foreclosures.

WORK EXPERIENCE

1986-PRESENT Berger & Montague, P.C., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

As a shareholder and senior attorney I litigate complex commercial cases, including class action securities and consumer cases. As a salient example, I was plaintiff's lead trial attorney in a case against the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, the Exchange's Board of Trustees, and six major Wall Street investment firms concerning the ownership of the Exchange. The case settled for \$99 million. I have been recognized in 2006, 2007, 2009 as one of the five plaintiffs' Super Lawyers in Pennsylvania for securities litigation.

1976-1986 U.S. General Services Administration, Washington, D.C.; Charlottesville, VA; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

I supervised a variety of real estate management activities including drafting, negotiating and administering construction and service contracts and leases. Enforced contract terms for these multi-million dollar contracts. Supervised a variety of personnel, including engineers, tradesmen, contract personnel, and service workers. Workforce was as large as 200 employees under my supervision. Handled all personnel matters including discipline, hiring, and any appeals of decisions within the civil service guidelines. Was promoted from GS-5 to GS-13 in the shortest allowable time under federal regulations.

EDUCATION

Temple University, J.D. 1985. Dean's list three semesters. Top quarter of the class.

George Washington University, M.S.A. 1979 (Industrial Management) 3.8 GPA

Basico, Costa Rica 1973. Spanish language and culture. Rural Development.

Boston University, B.A. 1973. Political Science. Attended via a National Merit Scholarship and Boston Trustees Scholarship.

Scandinavian Seminar, 1971-1972. International Studies. Included language fluency in German and Danish.