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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCE

July 1989 - present:

### **Private Practice of Law, Law Office of Robert J. Krakow**

Engaged in the general practice of law with a specialization in civil and criminal trials in Federal and State Courts. Areas of practice include criminal trials, products liability, vaccine injury litigation, medical malpractice, personal injury litigation, insurance litigation, education law, and securities arbitration.

Jan. 1985 - July 1989:

### **Bureau Chief, Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York**

Supervised staff of Assistant District Attorneys in their prosecution of felony narcotics cases. Responsible for training, trial supervision, and administration of bureau handling an average of 400 active cases. Duties include the development of policy for the City of New York Special Narcotics Prosecutor in the courts and before governmental agencies. Lecturer for the legal staff on trial issues, and for the police on investigative techniques. Certificate – Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”) for “Outstanding Contributions to Law Enforcement”.

Jan. 1981 - July 1989:

### **Assistant District Attorney, New York County, City of New York**

Prosecution of felony cases and investigations of narcotics and organized crime. Jury trial felony cases, including narcotics, homicide and serious street crime offenses. Recruitment of attorneys as member of District Attorney's Hiring Board.

Aug. 1979-Sept. 1980:

### **Staff Attorney, New York Public Interest Research Group**

Project Director for Nader affiliated lobbying organization. Organized lobbying efforts on state and local legislation. Testified before state and Federal legislative agencies. Lectured extensively to community organizations on legislative issues.

### **Lecturer on Faculty of City University of New York:**

Brooklyn College (Political Science) & Queens College (Urban Studies).

**OTHER EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES:**

June 2002 – Present:

**Chairman, Board of Directors, Lifespire, Inc.** (formerly ACRMD, Association for Children with Retarded Mental Development, Inc.). Volunteer, noncompensated position. Board Chair of 55 year old not-for-profit with \$87 million budget and 1400 employees that provides services for 5000 developmentally disabled persons in New York and New Jersey. Oversight of organization and affiliated organizations. Establishment of agency strategy, policy and oversight of quality control. Oversight of hiring and firing and establishment of compensation for the CEO. Advocacy for the developmentally disabled on local, state and national level with the goal of expanding and improving services for the developmentally disabled, including individuals with autism. Public speaking related to the foregoing activities.

April 2005 – Present:

**Co-Founder and President: A-CHAMP** (Advocates for Children’s Health Affected By Mercury Poisoning)  
Leadership of national organization of parents of children with neurodevelopmental disorders, including autism. Development of strategy and community organizing, legislative lobbying on state and federal level, public speaking, writing for media and media appearances and related activities advancing public policy issues on behalf of children with neurodevelopment disorders.

June 2000 – Present:

**Member, Board of Directors: Lifespire, Inc.**

Dec. 2003 – July 2006:

**Member, Board of Directors, SAFEMINDS** (Sensible Action for Ending Mercury Induced Neurodevelopmental Disorders)

June 2003 – July 2006:

**Member, Board of Directors: National Autism Association**

2002 – 2003:

**Member, Board of Directors, NYSACDL**, New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers  
-activities included coordination of Continuing Legal Education programs, advocacy on criminal justice issues

2002 – 2006:

**Officer** of Local School District Special Education Parent-Teacher Association

1990 – Present:

**Panel Member**, Legal Referral Service, Association of the Bar for the City of New York

**EDUCATION:**

- 1971-73: Hamilton College, Clinton, New York  
B.A., 1975: Harpur College, State University of New York at Binghamton  
English Literature Honors Program  
J.D., 1979: George Washington University Law School, Wash., D.C.  
Director, Consumer Protection Center

**Representative Public Speaking (in addition to courtroom trial advocacy):**

- 2006 – Keynote Address, Autism One Conference, Chicago, Illinois  
**“Empowering Parents: A New Revolution in Empowerment”**
- 2006 – Autism One Conference, Chicago, Illinois  
**“Update: Omnibus Autism Proceeding”**  
Presentation on vaccine litigation and related legal issues
- 2006 – Long Island Parent Education Network, Brookville, New York  
**“Autism: The Cause, The Controversy”**  
Presentation on the scientific controversy over the cause of autism
- 2006 – DAN! (Defeat Autism Now!) Conference, Washington, D.C.  
**“Parent Advocacy**  
Moderator & Presenter – Roundtable Presentation
- 2005 – Deirdre Imus Center for Pediatric Oncology, Hackensack, New Jersey  
**“Autism and the Law – a/k/a Mercury Poisoning and Politics”**  
Presentation on legislative issues relating to autism