

## **RICHARD J. BARTLETT**

### Biographical Data

Born February 15, 1926 in Glens Falls, New York. Educated in public schools of Glens Falls, Georgetown University (B.S. 1945) and Harvard Law School (LL.B. 1949). Admitted, New York Courts, 1949; U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York, 1954.

Principal in law firm of Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart & Rhodes, P.C., Glens Falls, since 1986. Engaged in general practice, including litigation in state and federal courts. Has served as special master, Northern and Southern Districts, U. S. District Court. Retired from active practice, February 2010.

Engaged in private practice of law in Glens Falls from 1949 to 1973, in firms of Carusone & Carusone, Bartlett & Dier and Clark, Bartlett & Caffry. U.S. Air Force, J.A.G., 1951-53, Captain; served with 8<sup>th</sup> Fighter - Bomber Wing, Korea, 1952.

Served as Member of Assembly, New York Legislature, 1959-66; Minority Whip, 1966; Delegate to the Constitutional Convention 1967 and Vice-Chair, Bill of Rights Committee.

Appointed by Governor Rockefeller as Chair of the Temporary Commission on Revision of the Penal Law and Criminal Code and served, 1961-70. Commission completed first major revision of state's criminal laws in over 80 years.

Chair, New York State Crime Control Council, 1967-68. Served as Chair, 1968-74, and as member, 1974-79 of Crime Control Planning Board. Member and then Chair of New York Select Committee on Penal Institutions, created following Attica riot in 1971. Chair, Judicial Commission on Justice for Children, 1988-90.

Served as Justice of the New York Supreme Court, 1973-79, and as first Chief Administrative Judge, 1974-79, with responsibility for administering the New York court system. Established Office of Court Administration.

Dean and Professor of Law at Albany Law School, Union University 1979-86. Subjects taught: evidence, professional responsibility and state constitutional law.

Chair, New York Board of Law Examiners, by appointment of the New York Court of Appeals, 1998-01. Member, Board of Law Examiners, 1986-98. Board is responsible for preparing and administering examinations for admission to the Bar. Member and then Chair, Board of Trustees, National Conference of Bar Examiners, 1986-97. Member, American Bar Association House of Delegates, representing the National Conference, 1997-01.

Past and current professional association activities include president, Federation of Bar Associations, Fourth Judicial District, 1967-68; Secretary, Executive Committee, New York State Bar Association, 1969-71; Chair of its Criminal Justice Section, 1970-71; member, NYSBA Committee on Professional Ethics, 1986-90; member Board of Editors, New York State Bar Journal, 1989-00; life member, American Law Institute; life fellow, New York Bar Foundation; life fellow, American Bar Foundation; Director, Fund for Modern Courts; former trustee, Historical Society of the Courts of the State of New York.

New York Bar Foundation, Director, 1989-06, President, 2000-03; New York State Bar Association House of Delegates, 2002-06.

Honors include Doctor of Laws (hon.), Union College 1974; Doctor of Science (hon.), Albany Medical College 1986; Herbert Harley Award, American Judicature Society, 1995; Charles Evans Hughes Award, Warren County Bar Association, 2002; Gold Medal Award, New York State Bar Association, 2004; Judge Duane Award, Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association, 2004; Good Scout Award, Boy Scouts, 2006 (shared with Claire K. Bartlett). William Nelson Cromwell Award, New York County Lawyers Association, 2006.

Director, Arrow Financial Corp. and Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company, 1967-73, 1979-96.

Involvement in regional and community organizations has included President, United Cerebral Palsy Association; Chair and member, Board of Trustees, Hyde Collection; Trustee, Adirondack Park Institute; Director, Adirondack Nature Conservancy; Director, Glens Falls Symphony; President, The Lake George Club.

Married to former Claire Kennedy of Glens Falls with two children and two grandchildren. Claire died in April 2010. Resides in Glens Falls, New York.