

Elizabeth Holtzman



Present Employment

1994-date: *Herrick, Feinstein, LLP. Counsel.*

Co-chair and founder, Government Relations Practice Group. Advise clients on strategies for legislation and dealing with government issues at the federal, state and local level, and internationally. Supervise internal corporate investigations and provide crisis management counseling.

Public Service Employment

1990-1993: *Comptroller, City of New York. (Elected).*

Managed the city's pension funds, growing them from \$36 to \$50 billion; oversaw financial and program audits of the city's operations; developed the first economic forecasts for the city and helped oversee balancing the city's budget; identified more than \$1 billion in savings; responsible for the sale of approximately \$20 billion in city debt; developed innovative programs in selling the debt; obtained legislation to improve the management of the pension funds; analyzed the multi-billion program for the construction of additional municipal waste incinerators and helped lead the effort that ended the program. Worked on issues of corporate governance, environmental safety and non-discrimination with respect to the companies in which the pension funds invested. Supervised office of approximately 1000 employees.

1982- 1989: *District Attorney of Kings County (Brooklyn NY). (Elected)*

Oversaw the fourth largest DA's office in the country with approximately 1000 employees. Helped professionalize operations, introduced modern technology; led efforts to end racial discrimination in jury selection; created state's first environmental crimes bureau; won statutory reforms in prosecution of violence against women and children. Jointly prosecuted major organized crime cases with the US Justice Department. Successfully argued case in US Supreme Court. First woman ever elected District Attorney in New York City.

1973-1981: *Member, US House of Representatives*

Youngest woman ever elected to the House. Member: House Judiciary Committee during impeachment proceedings on President Richard Nixon; Chair: Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and International Law; Member, House Budget Committee: Chair: Task Force on State and Local Governments (held key hearings during New York City's fiscal crisis on infrastructure investment). Co-founder and elected Co-Chair of the Congressional Women's Caucus. Author: special prosecutor law; federal rape privacy act; law strengthening the deportation of Nazi war criminals in the US; amendments to federal rules of evidence. Negotiated directly with leaders of Cambodia, Vietnam and other countries on various issues including orderly departure programs for refugees. Secured creation of Office of Special Investigations (our government's Nazi-hunting unit).

1967-1969: Assistant to the Mayor of New York City

Responsible for liaison to Parks and Cultural Affairs and Economic Development agencies. Conceived and implemented program for safety matting all city playgrounds and constructing mini-pools around the city.

Other Public Positions:

1999-2007: Member, Nazi War Crimes and Japanese Imperial Government Records Interagency Working Group. Appointed by President Bill Clinton as one of three public members responsible for overseeing declassification of secret US documents on Nazi and Japanese war crimes. Succeeded in declassifying more than 8 million pages and persuading the CIA to adopt our expansive view of the declassification requirements. Top security clearance.

1978: Member, Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy

Other Employment:

1981-1982: Visiting Professor, New York University School of Law and School of Public Administration

1970-1972: Litigation Associate, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

1965-1967: Associate, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen, Katz & Kern

Boards:

Board of Overseers, Harvard University (1976-1982); Board of Trustees, Radcliffe College (1999); Board of Trustees, Brooklyn Academy of Music Endowment Trust (1999-date).

Publications and Media Appearances:

Who Said It Would Be Easy? (Arcade Press: 1996); “The Nuremberg Principles” in Nuremberg Forty Years Later (McGill-Queen’s University Press 1995); numerous articles and op ed pieces for newspapers, including The New York Times. Numerous television and radio appearances.

Additional:

Education: Harvard Law School, J.D. (1965)
Radcliffe College, A.B., *magna cum laude* (1962)

Honorary Degrees:

Smith College, Simmons College, Skidmore College and Regis College