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Hello!

My name is Sharon Ann Wildey, and I'm a Survivor. At the age of 27, I left a life of abuse with two small children in tow.

With the help of grants, education loans and scholarships, I entered Indiana University.

I was fearful that I wasn't smart enough to succeed in college. I knew nothing of life other than ignorance and subjugation. As I learned from women like Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinham, I began to blossom.

Now in my 80s, I reflect on my accomplishments, and, yes, there were failures as well. I successfully practiced law for many years, joined a ministry of conflict mediation and wrote books for parents who were abandoned.

I have saved lives including my own. I am a survivor who lives a perfectly flawed life, joyfully.

LEADERSHIP ROLES

President

- Aging and Community Services of S. Central Indiana

Board of Directors

- Association of Costa Rica Residents Board
- Indiana Public Interest Research Group Board
- Developmental Services Industries of Central Indiana Board (3 yrs.)
- The Rural Medical Services Board (IN)

Founder

- Professional Women's Club of Costa Rica
- Ex-Pat Women's Book & Writing Club
- English for Costa Ricans Group (San Isidro de Grecia)

Other Leadership Roles

- Country Representative for Costa Rica for American Citizens Abroad
- US Embassy Warden (Costa Rica)
- Docent for the Goodsell Ridge Preserve (VT)
- Pastor/Chaplain for The Breakers retirement community (Chicago, IL)
- Law School Dean's Administrative Committee (3 yrs.)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

My experiences included litigation in the areas of class actions, civil rights, product liability, medical malpractice, aerospace, insurance, federal criminal law and domestic violence.

Private Practice of Law, South Bend, IN

- Admitted to the Indiana Supreme Court, 1975
- Admitted to Southern District of the Federal District Court of Indiana
- Admitted to the 7th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals
- Founded the Women's Legal Clinic, South Bend, IN

Senior Associate, Phelon, Pope & John, Chicago, IL

- Admitted to Illinois Bar, 1985
- Admitted to 7th Circuit Federal Court for Northern District of Illinois

Senior Associate | Adler, Kaplan & Begy, Chicago, IL

Private Practice of Law, Chicago, IL

- Chief Mediator for Cook County Circuit Court
- Trial Qualified Status for 7th Circuit Civil Division
- Volunteer Litigator for Indigent

Representative clients included Fox Corporation, Morton Thiokol, Martin Marietta, Lloyds of London, Governor of Indiana, Notre Dame University female faculty, Charles Finley and many people who were disadvantaged by a lack of resources.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Ordained Minister | United Church of Christ | 2013

Masters of Divinity | Chicago Theological Seminary | 2009

J.D. Maurer School of Law | Indiana University | 1975

Bachelor of Arts | Indiana University | 1972

PUBLISHED WORKS

For Alienated & Abandoned Parents

- *The Devil's Dilemma*
- *Healing Beyond Understanding*
- *An Author's Invitation to Estranged Children*
- *Words of Grief and Loss in Poetic Style*
- *The Scapegoat Ritual and Reconciliation*
- *"Hi! I am Your Grandmother" Workbook*

Other Works

- *On the Mountain in the Morning*
- *Boothby's Poetry*
- *The Early Works of Poetry*
- *Poems of Suicide and Other Imperfect Endings*
- *Poetry Old Woman's Folly*
- *Boothby's Peregrination*