

J. Michael Dorsey

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Currently J. Michael Dorsey Consulting, LLC

- Provide consulting services on HUD programs, ethics, legislative process, government process and affordable housing.
- Serve as expert witness for HUD programs.

2003 – 2004 Chief of Administrative Services, Department of Homeland Security

- Responsible for delivery of administrative services to the Department of Homeland Security, including facilities acquisition, facilities management, inventory management, records management, health and safety programs, environmental compliance, mail room, motor pool, fleet management and an executive service center.
- Staff level was 38 FTE.
- TSSCI Security Clearance granted in 2003.

1995 - 2003 Administrative Counsel to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the US House of Representatives

- Provided legal advice to the CAO and Offices of the CAO.
- Worked with Finance Office on numerous appropriations law issues, including Anti-deficiency Act, transfer and reprogramming, and appropriateness of expenditures.
- Assisted in development and implementation of new financial system for House in 1995 and participating in process for implementation of replacement for that system.
- Served as CAO liaison to Incident Command following anthrax attack, including attending daily meetings, crafting messages to House community, working with various Federal agencies to recover from positive anthrax hits in House buildings.
- Project Manager for House mail recovery following anthrax attack. Worked with Mail Recovery Task Force to get mail and packages back to the House, including identifying and acquiring temporary and then permanent space for mail and package processing, obtaining approvals for proceeding with each phase of the process.
- Represented CAO in resolution of contract disputes with vendors.
- Represented CAO in personnel matters, including Office of Compliance cases in coordination with the Office of the House Employment Counsel.
- Organized and managed process for development and approval of Personnel Policy for House Officers.

1999 - 2004 Instructor, Rutgers University Program for Housing Authority Directors

- Teach ethics to housing authority directors nationwide under contract with Rutgers University. Approved by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

1994 – 1997 Instructor, Rutgers University Program for New Jersey Commissioners and Directors

- Taught ethics to housing authority and redevelopment agency commissioners and directors in New Jersey under contract with Rutgers University. Approved by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

1990 - 1994 Principal, J. Michael Dorsey Law Firm

- Represented clients in acquisition of properties from RTC and HUD.
- Represented clients in resolution of controversies with HUD, RTC and other Federal Agencies, financings, closings, workouts, refinancing, grant approvals, regulatory approvals, and Federal procurements.
- Successfully negotiated settlement of a claim by HUD for overpayment of subsidy.
- Defended numerous clients in limited denial of participation, suspension and debarment proceedings.
- Extensive experience in legal and regulatory requirements of the HUD multifamily mortgage insurance programs and the Section 8 programs.

1989 - 1990 Managing Attorney, McDowell, Rice & Smith, Washington, D.C.

- Represented a client in filing two bid protests concerning Federal procurement of office space, including environmental issues.
- Represented a client in connection with a contract with a public housing agency for demolition of a property.
- Established a branch office of a Kansas City law firm and developed systems for communication with other attorneys in the firm.

1989 Acting Secretary - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

- Responsible for transition from Reagan Administration to the first Bush Administration at HUD.
- Appointed by President George Bush to act as Secretary of HUD until Secretary Kemp was sworn in as Secretary of HUD.

1987 - 1989 General Counsel - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Confirmed by U.S. Senate March 13, 1987)

- Negotiated settlement of several major UDAG cases involving repayment of several million dollars in UDAG grants.
- Developed and executed strategy for determination that FHA-foreclosed houses were not "surplus property" for purposes of McKinney Homeless Act.

- Provided counsel to program staff in proposed takeover of Chicago Housing Authority.
- Negotiated compromises to provisions in Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 which assisted in securing Administration support for passage of Amendments.
- Served as a member of HUD's Mortgage Review Board.
- Supervised 250 attorneys in Headquarters and various field offices.
- Developed and implemented plan for reorganization of the Office of General Counsel.

1986 - 1987 Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Confirmed by U.S. Senate August 4, 1986)

- Developed and implemented "Decontrol Initiative" for Public Housing Program.
- Worked with Dallas Housing Authority, Congressman Steve Bartlett, city officials and Regional HUD staff to settle Walker v. Pierce and obtained agreement for resolution of West Dallas Public Housing project impasse.
- Responsible for HUD's Drug Free Public Housing Program: Conceived strategy for local focus and partnership with other federal agencies; negotiated agreement with NAHRO to cosponsor national conference and series of regional conferences on Drug Free Public Housing.
- Negotiated takeover of East St. Louis Housing Authority and obtained services of private contractor to manage it for HUD.

1974 - 1986 Partner and Associate, Stinson, Mag & Fizzell law firm, Kansas City, Missouri

- Represented donors and decedents' estates in resolution of gift and estate tax disputes with Internal Revenue Service.
- Defended clients in disputed estate proceedings, including claims for services and contract disputes.
- Represented charitable trusts and foundations and not-for-profit development corporations.
- Represented Main Street Corridor Development Corporation in obtaining Block Grant and UDAG funding for 39th and Main project and bank financing for acquisition of property at Linwood and Main.

1973 - 1974 Assistant Attorney General for John C. Danforth, Attorney General of Missouri

- Represented State of Missouri in delinquent tax proceedings, agency proceedings and consumer protection cases.
- Managed Kansas City office including two attorneys, two investigators and support staff.

1969 - 1973 Assistant Director, Managing Attorney, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid and Defender Society of Greater Kansas City, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri

- Represented numerous defendants in civil proceedings in Missouri State Courts and Kansas City Municipal Courts.

- Filed 10 suits in federal court against State of Missouri contesting due process requirements for welfare proceedings.
- Settled case with Kansas City Housing Authority establishing due process grievance procedures for residents.
- Managed staff of 35 attorneys in six offices.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- President, Habitat for Humanity of Telluride Region (2005-Present).
- Member, Citizens Advisory Board, Telluride Marshal's Department (2005-Present); Chairman (2006-present).
- Telluride Rotary Club, (2006-Present).
- Member, Board of Directors (2001-2004), Macarthur Park Homes Association. Macarthur Park is the 45 unit complex where I lived.
- Member, Board of Directors (1984-1986, 1989-2002) and President (1994-1995), Housing and Development Law Institute. HDLI is a nationwide non-profit organization that acts as a legal resource to local housing authorities and their legal counsel.
- Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 233, Bethesda, Maryland (1993-1995).
- Chairman, Housing Authority of Kansas City, Missouri (1981-1986). Responsible for substantial improvement at Kansas City, Missouri Housing Authority: Conceived and carried out strategy for revitalizing Wayne Miner Public Housing project in Kansas City, Missouri (including renovation, partial demolition and reconstruction of buildings); reorganized Board of Commissioners; hired three executive directors; reduced rent delinquency; improved management and maintenance of properties; increased budget from \$5,000,000 per year to \$15,000,000 per year.
- Member, Board of Directors (1974-1986) and Co-Chairman, Capital Fund Drive (1978-1985) for George Washington Carver Neighborhood Center. Raised \$750,000 for construction of day care center.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- "av" rating from Martindale Hubbell
- St. Louis Post-Dispatch Medal for Outstanding Service in U.S. Army Reserves – 1974
- Outstanding Young Men of America – 1975
- J.C. Penney "Golden Rule Award" – 1983
- Community Services Award Foundation "Community Service Award" – 1983
- American Institute for Public Service and WDAF-TV "Jefferson Award" – 1983
- One of four recipients of HUD "Secretary's Golden Eagle Award" given during Secretary Pierce's eight year tenure at HUD - 1989.
- Distinguished Service Award from the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives. – 2003.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Republican National Committee – President’s Club
- Missouri Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Housing and Development Law Institute
- National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials

EDUCATION

- Stanford University, BA (Political Science) 1965
- University of Missouri - Kansas City, JD 1968
- University of Missouri - Kansas City, LLM (Urban Affairs) 1973