

Cheryl Jacques



Cheryl A. Jacques was quite active in sports and other school activities but her Needham High School classmates never would have forecast her career in politics. Cheryl was considered somewhat shy but her involvement with her father's campaign for selectman gave her a grassroots participation in the political arena. Norman Jacques was a successful contender for the Needham Board of Selectmen and his daughter Cheryl, was his campaign manager during her junior year of high school. Ms. Jacques Needham High School and community activities were recognized when she received the Kevin Mumper Memorial Scholarship at graduation.

Ms. Jacques continued her education at the Boston College School of Management where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. While at Boston College Ms. Jacques worked as a resident advisor in the dorms and she maintained a Dean's List standing. In addition, her legal career may have been foreshadowed by her winning the Leonard Persuasive Speech Award. Ms. Jacques was also voted to the Outstanding Young Women of America.

Following Boston College Ms. Jacques attended Suffolk University Law School. The awards for Ms. Jacques persuasive speech continued. At Suffolk Ms. Jacques won the McLaughlin Moot Court Competition, the Clark Moot Court Competition and she was awarded the Lewis F. Powell Medal for Excellence in Oral Advocacy & Brief Writing by the American College of Trial Lawyers. In addition, Ms. Jacques was part of the moot court team that won the Suffolk Law competition and then competed and won against all the other

Boston area law schools. These victories sent the moot court team to the national competition where the team made it to the quarter-finals.

After graduating from Suffolk Law, Ms. Jacques served as an Assistant District Attorney in Middlesex County where she served as a criminal prosecutor who specialized in child sexual abuse cases. In 1991 Ms. Jacques became an Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Trial Bureau where she litigated cases filed against the Commonwealth. Ms. Jacques has continued her involvement in learning as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Newbury College.

In November 1992 Cheryl Jacques was elected to the State Senate to represent the towns of Needham, Wellesley, Attleboro, North Attleboro, Millis, Plainville, Wrentham, Norfolk, Dover and Sherborn. Senator Jacques was appointed to serve as Senate Chairman of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, being both the first woman and the first freshman legislator to hold this post. Senator Jacques also holds memberships on three other Senate committees: Criminal Justice, Election Laws and Ethics.

In her relatively short tenure as a legislator, Senator Jacques has already been recognized for her work on behalf of her district and the people of the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts Municipal Association designated her "Legislator of the Year." A similar honor of "Legislator of the Year" was also bestowed on Senator Jacques by both the Massachusetts Police Association for her work on behalf of victims and in fighting crimes, and by the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Lawyers for her leadership in improving the administration of justice in the Massachusetts court system.