

Marcia McCraw Horowitz

Class of 1972

Columbia High School

Ms. Marcia Pechenik McCraw Horowitz is a practicing lawyer in the greater Seattle area where she exercises her expertise in both the law and administration as Director of Administration for the AFM Hospitality Company, an internationally recognized public corporation. Marcia, as director, provides leadership and oversight for a diverse variety of interests, including: reviewing, drafting and negotiating contracts; risk management; hotel and restaurant management; business acquisition and integration and litigation management, to name a few.

While attending Columbia High School, Ms. Horowitz, served as a class officer, cheerleader and member of numerous fund-raising organizations, graduating in 1972 with honors. Marcia acquired an attraction for Asia and the Far East, which led her to Cornell University where she was awarded an A. B. in Asian Studies in 1977. Her concentration in Chinese Studies was furthered by her enrollment in Shi Fan College, Chinese Language School in 1978 and at Middlebury College's Chinese Language School in 1977 and 1979. She went on to attend Hong Kong University's Asian Law Program in 1980. Ms. Horowitz completed her formal education by earning her law degree at Western New England College of Law in 1981. While there she distinguished herself by serving as managing editor of the schools Law Review and by being nominated to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Ms. Horowitz has been associated with an impressive array of employers and professional associates. This group includes the New York State Department of Labor; an associate in the law offices of Stephen A. Pechenik, Troy, New York; a senior associate in the firm of Wagner and Watson of Honolulu, Hawaii, and as an associate in the firm of William Stevens Jarvis, Inc. of Palo Alto, California. Her responsibilities and duties in each of these capacities gave her a breadth of experience of enviable proportions.

Ms. Horowitz, despite her heavy workload, has found time to become involved in a variety of community, social and political activities. Chief among these commitments has been her involvement as fundraiser; organizer executive and delegate at both the local and national levels for the Republican Party. She has served as a Board Member; President; financial advisor; chairperson and advisor at various times for the following organizations/institutions: Republican Women of Seattle; Weitzman Institute of Science and Technology; Junior League of Seattle; American Israel Public Affairs Committee; United Way of King County; Pacific Science Center; YWCA; Woodland Park Zoological Society and the Cornell Club. As the evidence shows this indefatigable woman has made a difference and been a force for change in many arenas of life.

It is therefore, with great pride that the East Greenbush School District proudly inducts Marcia Pechenik McCraw Horowitz into the Columbia High School Hall of Fame.