

Statement of Qualifications for Andrea C. Ferster – Historic Preservation Law

Andrea C. Ferster is an attorney in private practice in Washington, D.C. and New York State. She brings 35 years of experience in historic preservation law, including three years as an Assistant General Counsel with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Since 1992, she is the principal of the Law Office of Andrea Ferster, focusing on historic preservation and land use law, as well as trail and greenway planning.

Over the last 32 years, she has litigated cases before federal courts to enforce federal historic preservation laws, and before District of Columbia land use and agencies and courts on zoning and historic preservation matters. She is also General Counsel to the Rails to Trails Conservancy, where she advises on legal issues relating to the conversion of railroad corridors into trails. She has also testified before the U.S. Congress on federal trails policy and before the D.C. Council on proposed amendments to D.C.'s historic preservation ordinance. Her clients include the National Trust for Historic Preservation and numerous local and statewide historic preservation organizations and local governments.

As Assistant General Counsel for the National Trust for Historic Preservation (1989-1992), Andrea represented the National Trust in litigation involving the constitutionality and validity of local preservation ordinances. She has also been a legal consultant and advisor to local governments on historic preservation ordinances and on trail and greenway planning, including as a legal consultant to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to advise on amendments to the Prince George's County historic preservation ordinance in connection with the county's Historic Sites and Districts Plan Amendment.

Andrea lectures and writes on historic preservation and trails law. She has published articles and presented workshops on historic preservation law and trails at conferences and is a guest lecturer on historic preservation law at the University of Maryland School of Architecture. She has also served on the faculty of the ALI-ABA Conference on Federal Historic Preservation Law.

Andrea received her B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College in 1979 and her J.D. from the George Washington University National Law Center in 1984. She is licensed to practice in the District of Columbia and New York state and is a member of the bars of numerous federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2009, she received the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board Chairman's Award for Excellence in Law and Public Policy. Andrea served as President of the D.C. Bar from 2013-14.

Andrea became licensed to practice law in the State of New York in April 2022. Since that time, she has advised various New York-based nonprofit organizations on tax and corporate matters, has represented the New York City Landmarks Conservancy in litigation over historic preservation matters, and has provided *pro bono* representation to tenants in landlord-tenant court in Schenectady, New York.