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Biographical Summary of Robert Patrick Gallagher

I graduated from the George Washington University in 1968 and from the George Washington University Law School in 1971. I was hired through the U.S. Department of Justice, Honors Program, into the Civil Rights Division where I prosecuted civil rights litigation from 1971 to 1974. In 1974 and 1975, I was the director of the Palau District Office of the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation in Koror, Palau. From 1976 until 1982, I worked for the U.S. Department of Labor where I conducted and supervised litigation under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and consulted with senior Ford, Carter and Reagan administration officials on pension and health benefits policy.

In 1982, I joined Groom and Nordberg, Chartered, a firm of 50 lawyers specializing in pension, employee benefits and insurance law. The firm later became known as Groom Law Group. I served as managing partner of the firm for three years. I specialized in advising and defending benefit plan fiduciaries including Fortune 100 corporations, financial institutions and government and collectively bargained benefit plans. I retired from the firm in December 2005.

During my career in the law, I participated in cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, most of the U.S. Courts of Appeals and at least 25 federal district courts. I have written numerous articles on fiduciary responsibility and have lectured for more than twenty organizations around the country. I have appeared as an expert witness in litigation and testified before the U.S. Congress. My contributions to the field of employee benefits law have been recognized in Who's Who In the Law, Best Lawyers in America and Chambers U.S.A.

In January 2005, I formed West/Rhode Riverkeeper, Inc., as an affiliate of Waterkeeper Alliance. West/Rhode Riverkeeper, Inc. is a tax-exempt conservation organization dedicated to the protection and

restoration of clean water in the West and Rhode Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. I have served as riverkeeper, president and executive director and currently serve as board chair of the organization.

In 2009, I co-founded the Anne Arundel County Chapter of the Maryland League of Conservation Voters and I serve as a director of the the Maryland League of Conservation Voters. I am a director of the Scenic Rivers Land Trust, a trustee of the Chesapeake Environmental Protection Association and a member-at-large of the board of the West River sailing Club..

I am life-long water-sports enthusiast and sailor. I have raced a small sailboat across the Atlantic and sailed across the Pacific.

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