

**SUSAN B. SOMERS, JD,**  
**Attorney at Law**  
**Counselor on Elder Abuse Protection**  
*and*  
**Legal Issues related to Gerontology**

**The Somers Law Firm**  
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**EDUCATION/DEGREES**

**Maria College**, Albany, New York, USA  
Certificate in Gerontology, 2007

**Albany Law School**, Albany, NY, USA  
Juris Doctorate, June 1984

**Siena College**, Loudonville, New York, USA -  
B.A., Political Science, August 1981. Graduation with Honors

**PROFESSIONAL and LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)**  
**Secretary General and General Counsel** (2002- to present)

**New York State Office of Children and Family Services**  
Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Adult Services  
52 Washington Street Rm. 322N  
Rensselaer NY 12144 USA March 2000 - May 2007

**New York State Dept of Health Div of Legal Affairs**  
Associate Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct  
Corning Tower. ESP, Albany, NY 12237 1999-2000

**Office of the New York State Attorney General**  
Asst. Deputy Attorney General,  
Program Development & Community Relations:  
Elder Law Unit Head, 1996 to 1999

Deputy Bureau Chief, Div of Public Advocacy  
Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau, 1995 to 1998  
Albany, New York

**The Somers Law Firm** (Private Practice)  
Nassau, New York 12123 1989 to present

**Rensselaer County Public Defender's Office** Assistant Public Defender  
Troy, New York 12181 1987 to 1995

**Town of Schodack** Planning Board, Zoning, Building Dept Attorney  
Castleton, New York 12033 1988 to 1993

**Powers, Stahl & Somers** 1986 to Dec. 1989 Partner  
Albany, New York 12207 1985- Assoc ,1984 Clerk

**Rensselaer County County Attorney's Office** June to Dec. 1983

Troy, New York 12180

(Clinic Credit)

**Legal Aid Society**  
Albany, New York

June to Sept 1982  
(Vol & Clinic Credit)

#### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE**

##### **Smith's Farms**

Family owned and operated dairy farm  
Nassau, New York 12123

1980 to present

##### **Nassau Merchandising Corp.**

Family owned and operated retail hardware store  
Nassau, New York 12123

1980 to 1997

#### **ACTIVITIES AND HONORS**

UN International Day of Older Persons, 2008 Co Chair,  
CoNGO Comm on Ageing, NY  
New York State Division for Women 1996-2003  
UN International Year of Older Person (IYOP)  
New York State - Steering Committee. 1999  
Political Science Honors, Siena College, 1981-1982  
P.T.K. Honor Society, Jr. College of Albany, 1979  
Third Judicial Dist, NYS. Judicial Nomination Delegate.  
Rensselaer County Coalition Against Abuse, 1996-present  
Judicial Review Committee, Albany Co. Bar Assoc. 1987-1989  
Legal Aid Pro Bono Panel, 1985-1991  
Albany County Domestic Violence Committee, 1984-1985  
Women's Law Caucus, Albany Law School  
Domestic Violence Advocate, 1981-1984

#### **LICENSES/ADMISSIONS**

New York State Bar--Admitted January, 1985, Third Dept.NY USA  
Special Admission to Practice--June 1983, Third Dept.NY USA  
U.S. Dist. Court, Northern District of N.Y.--Admitted 1991

#### **ASSOCIATIONS**

International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, 2002-present  
State Society on Aging, NY - Board Member 2007-Present  
NY State Coalition Against Elder Abuse - 2006- present  
National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, 1999  
Lawyers for Elder Abuse Prevention of NY (LEAP-NY) 1999-2003 (Founder)  
Italian American Bar Association - Secretary 2002-2004  
American Lung Association Advisory Committee, 1986-1987  
Schodack Business Association, Director, 1993- 1999