

Cecilia Nedder Bethoney, JD
Plank Holder

Ms. Bethoney has been accused of being a jack-of-all-trades and a master of none. Her response is that she likes to try different things and that she welcomes a challenge.

Cecilia's parents always told her that she could succeed in anything that she put her mind to and worked hard to accomplish; provided that she was an excellent communicator and was considerate of those that she worked with and for. These are words that she has tried to live by.

Ms. Bethoney is a graduate of Boston University College of Management and Boston University Law School. Being very actively involved with Student Government throughout her years at the University was a great precursor to all that she has done in her life. Cecilia's efforts rewarded her with a listing in Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges and membership in BU's Scarlet Key honor society during her Junior Year. While at the Law School, Ms. Bethoney assisted in the research for a book on Contract Law. She was an intern on Congressman James Burke's Massachusetts staff for two summers.

Cecilia engaged in the practice of law for 38 years specializing mainly in Business Law and negotiations, with a sub-specialty in Estate Planning. Her legal endeavors and the needs of the clients led her into the fields of Commercial Real Estate Broker and Presenter of Business seminars from a legal viewpoint. Ms. Bethoney was a part-time Professor in the Para Legal Program at Massachusetts Bay Community College.

Boating has always been a primary interest of hers. In 1985, she joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary and a whole new world opened up for her. Some of the positions she has held follow: Instructor for the Public Education and Member Training programs; having gone through the qualification process she became a Coxswain and a Qualification Examiner - her favorite missions in my Auxiliary career; Legislative Liaison for her District and Eastern Area coordinator for the National Legislative Liaison Committee; National Division Chief and Liaison for the AUXLAMS Cadre and the LDC; Administrative Assistant to the District Commodore; Conference Planner; Assistant Legal Officer, Flotilla Public Affairs Officer; she also held a 100 ton Captain's license.

Cecilia's activity with the boating public led to a four-year stint as a radio talk show co-host on Maritime issues - great fun. She feels privileged to have been involved with the initial organization of the AUXLAMS cadre and to be a LAMS instructor. Teaching in the LAMS and AUXLAMS program is one of the most satisfying undertakings of her Auxiliary career.