# Video Index of Interview with Judge Harvey Bartle

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<td>Place and Date of Birth&lt;br&gt;Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1941.</td>
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<td>Place Where Grew Up&lt;br&gt;In the Philadelphia area.</td>
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<td>Parents’ Occupations&lt;br&gt;Father: Physician, Mother: Trained as Nurse but was a Homemaker</td>
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<td>Character of the Times During Bartle’s Childhood&lt;br&gt;Philadelphia suburbs were quieter and not quite as built up as it is now. No distinct memories of WWII having been born in 1941 he was approx. 4 years old when the war ended.</td>
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<td>Bartle’s Siblings, Their Occupations&lt;br&gt;Bartle had two brothers, two younger brothers. One of them served several terms as a county commissioner in Montgomery County. Other trained as a lawyer but later went into the Episcopal priesthood.</td>
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<td>Values Bartle’s Parents Instilled in Him&lt;br&gt;They were good examples to Bartle, they believed in hard work. They also went to church every Sunday.</td>
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<td>Political Issues Discussed with Parents&lt;br&gt;Bartle had lively discussions at the dinner table that centered around public affairs and politics and current issues of the day. His father had the news on in the car and his family received newspapers.</td>
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<td>Member of Sons of Revolution. Description of Organization and Bartle Family History&lt;br&gt;Bartle is not an active member of Sons of Revolution. Ancestor first Bartle came to US from the Rhineland in 1732 and Bartle had an ancestor who was in the Pennsylvania militia during the Revolution.</td>
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<td>Whether the Family History Instilled Legal Interest in Bartle&lt;br&gt;Tradition has been important to Bartle but he does look to future</td>
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<td>Issue in the General Pickett War Memorabilia Case&lt;br&gt;Antiques appraisers wrongly estimated the value of the Pickett’s descendant’s war memorabilia.</td>
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7.00 Whether Family History in the United States Impacted His Opinion on Recent Court Decision Involving Civil War Memorabilia
Bartle does not believe his family tradition affected the outcome of the Pickett Case. He explains that it was a jury decision.

7.46 Public Policy and Social Impacts of the Pickett Case
Bartle does not believe case involved broad new principles. Just affected the parties involved.

8.29 Bartle’s Opinions on Single Sex Education Since He Attended an All-Boys High School and All-Male College
Bartle believes there are benefits to a single-sex education but does not think all education should be single-sex.

10.45 The Political Climate Throughout Bartle’s High School Years
Bartle does not remember many political events affecting his high school experience. He does remember in his senior year the Sputnik was launched by the Russians. Bartle graduated before Vietnam but after Brown v. Board of Education which did not affect him either.

11.58 Bartle’s Heroes as a Child
Bartle had great respect for his father and his grandfather.

12.20 Any Teachers Affect His Decision to Attend Law School?
Bartle had no particular mentor who affected his decision to go to law school.

13.10 Why Bartle Chose Princeton University for College
Bartle visited the campus and was very impressed with it and the education that people could receive from it.

14.28 Bartle’s Opinions About Princeton Now That it is Co-Educational. It was a Single Sex School When Bartle Attended
When Bartle attended Princeton he felt single-sex was appropriate. Now he is happy it is co-educational.

15.23 How the Princeton Curriculum Has Changed Since Bartle Attended
The courses offered by Princeton have expanded.

16.35 Bartle’s Senior Thesis Topic While at Princeton University
Bartle wrote his thesis on Wendell Wilkie since Wilkie fascinated Bartle and spoke of one world in which people lived.

18.38 Bartle’s Favorite Subjects and Professors at Princeton University
Bartle majored in History. He also took courses in Religion. His mentors were in the History Department.
Bartle's Extracurricular Activities at Princeton University
He was a member of the Whig-Cliosophic society, a debating society.

Whether the Whig-Cliosophic Society Affected Bartle's Decision to Become a Lawyer
No.

Bartle's Admission Process to University of Pennsylvania Law School
He obtained the catalog and filled out the form, the admissions form. Also took the law boards

The Composition of the University of Pennsylvania Law School Class
Fewer electives, the school was smaller, less diverse.

Whether First Year of Law School was Difficult for Bartle
Yes.

Bartle's Favorite Courses and Professors at Penn Law
Federal courts taught by Professor Mishkin and criminal law taught by Professor Amsterdam.

Bartle's Extracurricular Activity at Penn Law
He was one of the Editors of the Law Review and also a member of the Hare Law Club which was a social club.

He clerked for Judge John Morgan Davis who was federal district court judge in this court; and who was also a graduate of the Penn Law School.

Bartle's Opinions on the Tensions Judges Feel Between Speedy Resolution of a Case and Thorough Adjudication
There is always a tension that exists between speedy resolution of a case and thoroughness. But “justice delayed is justice denied

Whether Federal Judges Hear both Criminal and Civil Cases
All federal judges hear both civil and criminal.

Bartle's Experience in the Army Reserves from 1966-1972 Between Clerking and Working in a Private Law Firm
Bartle was in the army reserves for 6 years, he did 6 months of active duty.

Whether Vietnam Influenced Bartle's Experience at the Army Reserves
No.
36.10 Why Bartle Chose to Join the Law Firm Dechert, Price and Rhoads After His Clerkship, How Dechert Has Changed Since Bartle Joined He was impressed with the people who were there.

40.55 How Bartle’s Public Sector Experiences Affected His Views of the Private Legal Sector He does not think it affected his views about the private sector.

43.38 Bartle Describes the Appointment Process for Insurance Commissioner One of Bartle’s partners approached him with the idea of serving as Insurance Commissioner. Bartle was a “young lawyer from Philadelphia” so fit their requirements.

45.45 The Role of an Insurance Commissioner Insurance commissioner is in charge of overseeing and regulating the insurance industry in Pennsylvania.

47.04 Bartle Describes Issue in Gender-Based Rate Discrimination Case A young male had filed an administrative proceeding claiming that it was illegal that he should be charged more for auto insurance than a similarly situated female. Bartle ruled that gender based discrimination should end. Supreme Court of Pennsylvania affirmed his decision.

49.09 Bartle’s Policy Interests (If Any) in Issuing an Order Prohibiting Gender-Based Rate Discrimination Bartle’s role was to follow the Law of Pennsylvania and I looked at the statute governing insurance rates and keeping in mind that Pennsylvania had an Equal Rights Amendment to the State Constitution.

50.58 Bartle Was Last Appointed Attorney General of Pennsylvania

51.08 Bartle Explains the Duties of an Attorney General The appointed Attorney General in Pennsylvania had all the lawyers in the various state agencies under his jurisdiction. Contrary to public perception the Attorney General of Pennsylvania at that time was primarily head of a large civil law department. There were some criminal law functions that we had.

53.15 Bartle Describes the Appointment Process to Become Attorney General One day a couple members of the Governor’s staff decided to have lunch with him and asked me if he was interested in becoming AG, the governor announced it in a new conference and then ultimately he was confirmed by the State Senate.
53.42 Bartle Explains “Lottery Fix” Case With Which He Was Involved as Attorney General
There was a criminal case and an individual who was involved with a television station in Pittsburgh where the lottery numbers were picked each night was involved in fixing the lottery by weighting the balls in the machine that would pop up with numbers on them.

55.27 Whether Bartle Had a Feeling of Social Responsibility Motivating Him to Pursue This Case
Just his responsibility as Attorney General of Pennsylvania to enforce the law.

55.47 Whether Bartle’s Was Asked His Political Views When He Was Appointed To Be a Federal District Court Judge
No.

57.28 Bartle Describes the “Curb Cut” Case in Which He Made a Judicial Holding
He compelled the City to install curb-cuts in any street where the city had contracted to resurface the street.

59.24 Whether Bartle Had Public Policy Concerns When He Decided the “Curb Cut” Case
He was following what he thought the law was.

59.40 Bartle Explains a Recent Philadelphia Housing Authority Case
The Case is Pending So Bartle’s Comments Were Limited

1.00.45 Whether Bartle’s Personal Feelings Affect His Judicial Decision-Making
Bartle says that every judge brings to the job personal experiences but should not disregard the law.

1.03.32 Bartle Describes a Disabled Widener Law Student’s Case With Which He Was Involved
The plaintiff had a disability and Bartle claimed that the law school had discriminated against her, I think in her dormitory accommodations. Some of the claims were dismissed before trial and when we got to trial the case was ultimately settled.

1.04.24 Bartle Explains The Issue in Rite Aid v. Houston, Another Case With Which He Has Been Involved
Case is pending so Bartle could not comment.

1.05.14 Bartle Explains The Issue in U.S. v. Any and All Radio Station Transmission Equipment
A Hispanic church was operating a small radio transmitter to broadcast religious programs primarily to its parishioners within a couple of miles of the church. It was unlicensed and the FCC ultimately seized their equipment. He required the government to return the radio equipment but granted an injunction to stop the broadcast from the church.

1.08.01 Whether Bartle Has Felt Political Pressure to Rule on a Case in a Certain Way
No, he has not.

1.11.30 Bartle’s Views on Judicial Discretion
Bartle look at the statutes, look at the Constitution, look at the Rules of Procedure and decide a case based on what the law is; the law is not always clear.

1.13.06 Bartle’s Opinions on Judicial Accountability and on Psychologists’ Comparisons of Adjudication to Athletic Contests
Bartle does feel judges are accountable but feels comparisons to athletic contests should be left to psychologists.

1.15.15 Whether Bartle Feels Judges Have An Obligation to their Community
Bartle does feel judges have obligations to their communities within limits.

1.16.38 Bartle’s Various Community Activities
Bartle is a member of the National Conference of Commissioners, he is a member of the Truman Scholarship selection committee, he is involved with the American Inns of Court is modeled after English Inns of Court.

1.18.32 Structure and Function of American Inns of Court

ADDS:
How Bartle Feels About A Judge’s Role in Equalizing the Playing Field in a Court Representation
Bartle explains that there is a case called Tabron v. Grace which allows courts to appoint legal counsel for parties without it. Beyond that Bartle does ask some questions to help clarify points but cannot do much more.