

**BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE OF CAROLYN S. BRATT:  
KENTUCKY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - CIVIL RIGHTS HALL OF FAME**

Carolyn S. Bratt was born in Suffern, New York in 1943 and has made Kentucky her home for almost 30 years. Before moving to the Commonwealth, she

- graduated from State University of New York at Albany with a History major in 1965;
- taught Middle School in the Syracuse City School District, 1965-1974;
- graduated Magna cum Laude, Order of the Coif, Syracuse University College of Law in 1974;
- clerked for the Presiding Justice, New York Supreme Court, 1974-75.

Since moving to Kentucky in 1975, Carolyn Bratt has been on faculty in the College of Law at the University of Kentucky. As such, she:

- earned tenure in 1979;
- was promoted to Full Professor in 1984;
- was named Alumni Professor of Law in 1984; and
- became the W.L. Matthews Professor of Law in 1989.

As a lawyer, teacher, scholar and activist, Professor Bratt's contributions have had far-reaching effects on women in every walk of life in the Commonwealth. Myriad entries in her complete vita make this reality very clear. For example, she

- has taught "Women and the Law" for almost 30 years and published extensively in the area;
- has served as the Faculty Advisor for the Women's Law Caucus in the UK College of Law since its inception over two decades ago;
- served as the legal advisor to Governor John Y. Brown's Commission on Full Equality for Women;
- served as Governor Martha Layne Collins's Chair of the Governor's Commission on Women;
- was appointed by the Chief Justice to the Kentucky Supreme Court's Standing Committee on Gender Fairness;
- advised the state Taskforce on Comparable Worth in state government;
- was one of 4 lawyers nationally to serve on the AAUW (American Association of University Women) National Legal Advocacy Fund;
- is often called upon to give expert testimony before various Senate and House committees on issues relating to gender equity;
- has given over 300 speeches, presentations, and workshops to women's groups throughout the Commonwealth on wide-ranging topics relating to women's rights, legal issues and other concerns for women;
- continues to advise several members of the Kentucky General Assembly in the drafting of bills relating to various civil rights and gender equity issues at the state level, and
- has spoken at and consulted with over a dozen colleges and universities within Kentucky and across the country concerning efforts to alleviate sexism and achieve equal rights for women in higher education.

The most significant elements of Professor Bratt's biography are the many, many examples of leadership and achievement in her lifetime career as an advocate and beacon for the cause of civil rights, particularly the rights of women and girls in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.