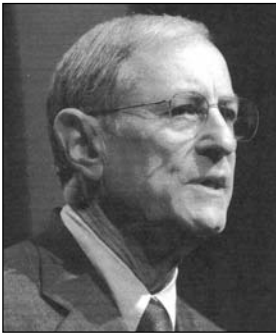


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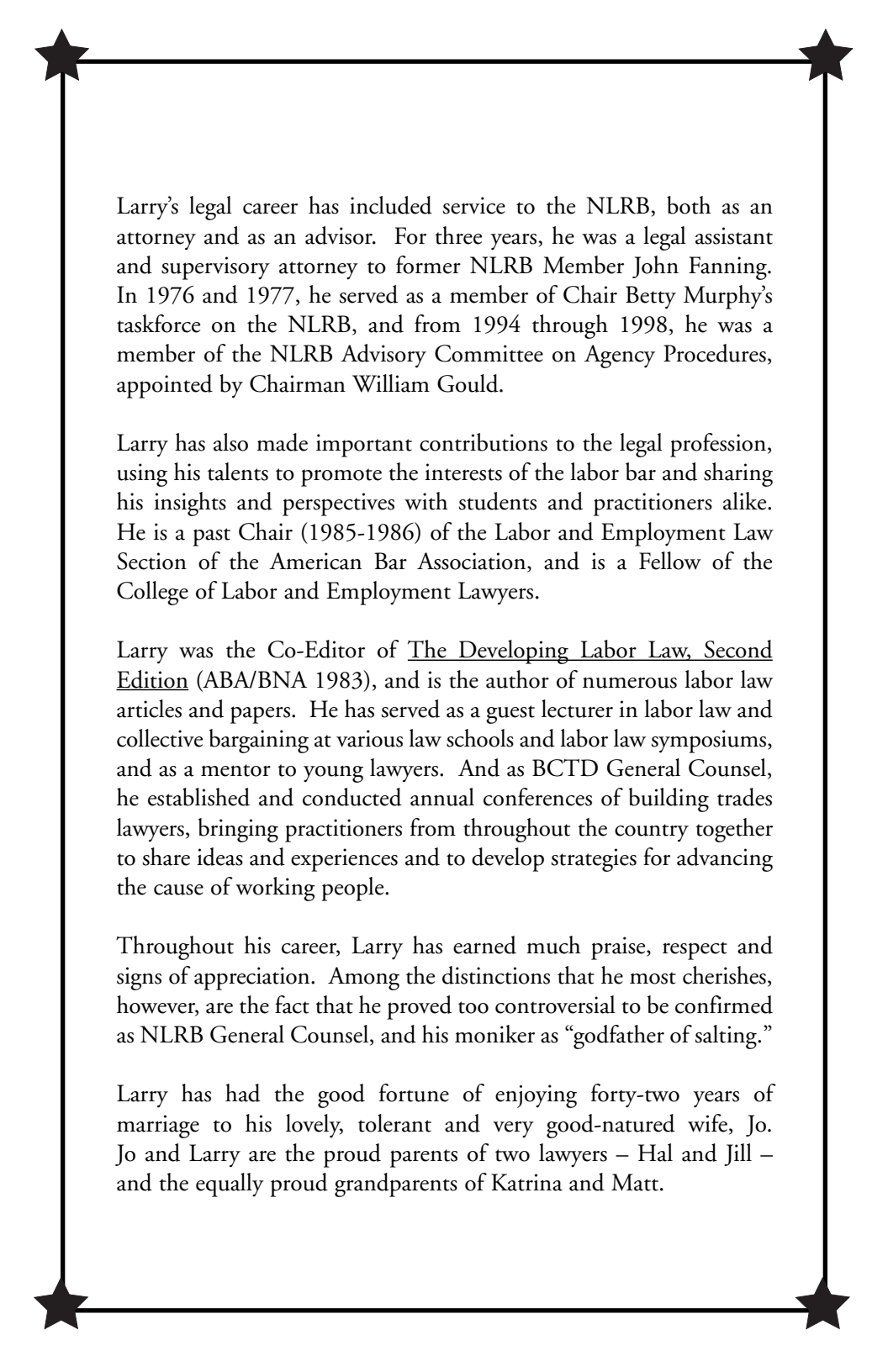
## Laurence J. Cohen



Larry is the senior partner of Sherman, Dunn, Cohen, Leifer & Yellig, a Washington, DC firm that has represented labor unions since 1947. During his thirty-eight years with the firm, Larry has served as the General Counsel of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, and the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers.

When he relinquished his title of BCTD General Counsel in 2004, Larry had served in that capacity for 24 years, longer than any of his predecessors. He is now in his 25th year as IBEW General Counsel.

Larry has played a significant role in shaping labor law, to preserve and expand the rights of workers to organize and bargain collectively. As BCTD General Counsel, he coordinated the formulation of national litigation policy for building trades unions. On behalf of all of his clients, he has practiced before the NLRB, the U.S. Courts of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. In addition to lending his wise counsel on a large number of briefs filed with the Supreme Court, Larry has successfully argued four cases on behalf of the IBEW: *Florida Power & Light v. IBEW* (1974), *IBEW v. Foust* (1978), *Metropolitan Edison v. NLRB* (1983), and *IBEW Local 340 v. NLRB* (1987).



Larry's legal career has included service to the NLRB, both as an attorney and as an advisor. For three years, he was a legal assistant and supervisory attorney to former NLRB Member John Fanning. In 1976 and 1977, he served as a member of Chair Betty Murphy's taskforce on the NLRB, and from 1994 through 1998, he was a member of the NLRB Advisory Committee on Agency Procedures, appointed by Chairman William Gould.

Larry has also made important contributions to the legal profession, using his talents to promote the interests of the labor bar and sharing his insights and perspectives with students and practitioners alike. He is a past Chair (1985-1986) of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the American Bar Association, and is a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

Larry was the Co-Editor of The Developing Labor Law, Second Edition (ABA/BNA 1983), and is the author of numerous labor law articles and papers. He has served as a guest lecturer in labor law and collective bargaining at various law schools and labor law symposiums, and as a mentor to young lawyers. And as BCTD General Counsel, he established and conducted annual conferences of building trades lawyers, bringing practitioners from throughout the country together to share ideas and experiences and to develop strategies for advancing the cause of working people.

Throughout his career, Larry has earned much praise, respect and signs of appreciation. Among the distinctions that he most cherishes, however, are the fact that he proved too controversial to be confirmed as NLRB General Counsel, and his moniker as "godfather of salting."

Larry has had the good fortune of enjoying forty-two years of marriage to his lovely, tolerant and very good-natured wife, Jo. Jo and Larry are the proud parents of two lawyers – Hal and Jill – and the equally proud grandparents of Katrina and Matt.