



Speaker Biographies

MODERATOR:

Catherine M. Ward, Esq., Co-Chair, Environmental, *Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young LLP*

Catherine Ward has spent much of her practice helping clients understand the complexities of regulations at the intersection of science and law. Her focus is on simplifying complex issues and multi-disciplinary projects into workable components, and then creating the necessary framework to accomplish her clients' goals. With experience as a chemist and environmental consultant, she brings a unique perspective to assist companies – who are navigating often conflicting legal scenarios – in identifying opportunities and advantages. Cathy also has over a decade of experience in owning and operating industrial real estate, which gave her an understanding of and appreciation for the practical implications of legal issues. Her goal in every representation is not only to solve the problem presented, but to identify and facilitate the most cost-effective and beneficial means of doing so.

Marty Small, Sr., Mayor, *Atlantic City*

Marty Small was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey on March 25, 1974 to the late Ms. Annette Ann Small. Marty is a lifelong resident of Atlantic City, where he was educated in the Atlantic City Public School System. An elementary school graduate of New Jersey Avenue School, a middle school graduate of Central Junior High School, and a High School Graduate of Atlantic City High School (1993).

In the summer of 1993 Marty enrolled in the EOF Program at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. He graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts in Communications. During his four year career, he was a stand out basketball player, winning consecutive N.J.A.C. titles in '95-'96, (New Jersey Athletic Conference) and participated in the NCAA Division III Tournament in three years going to one "Elite Eight," two "Sweet 16" and one E.C.A.C. Final (Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference). Marty had an outstanding career as a two-time all N.J.A.C., two-time all E.C.A.C., and two-time all Atlantic Region. Marty finished his career with 1,238 points and is the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's All Time Leading Rebounder.

Six days after graduating, Marty was signed to a professional basketball contract with the Atlantic City Seagulls (United States Basketball League). The Seagulls went on to win the 1998 United States Basketball League Championship that season. Afterwards, he worked as a Social Caseworker for the City of Atlantic City. Marty wanted to become active in the community and the easiest way was to give back through basketball. In December of 1998, he started The Elwood Roberts Midnight Basketball League of Atlantic City, in honor of the late great Elwood Roberts. The League targeted at risk adults and provided a competitive and structured recreational environment in the late night hours, a league that he facilitated for 8 years. In March of 1999 he received a promotion as the Safe Haven Program Coordinator, where he coordinated Youth and Senior Citizens programs.

In January of 2000 Marty accepted a position with the Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City as Youth Program Manager. Marty viewed this as a homecoming of sort; because he spent his entire childhood as a member of the Boys & Girls Club from age 6-19. Marty received two promotions while on staff at the Boys & Girls Club. He was Director of Health, Life Skills, and Recreation & Unit Director.

In April 2001 Marty was appointed to The Atlantic City Free Public Library Board of Trustees. In April 2002 Marty was elected to the Atlantic City Board of Education. He served as Vice President during his tenure.

On January 1, 2004 at age 29, Marty was sworn in as the Youngest Elected Councilman in the history of the City of Atlantic City. Marty served the 2nd Ward as Councilman for 16 Years and was going to start his 5th term January 1, 2020, Marty served as City Council President for the last 4 years. Marty achieved a life goal on October 3, 2019, by act of law, becoming acting Mayor for the City of Atlantic City. After a unanimous vote by The Atlantic City Democratic Committee and a unanimous vote by City Council, on October 15, 2019 Marty was selected as the 4th African American Mayor in the history of Atlantic City. Marty Loves Atlantic City, in fact, he has an Atlantic City Slogan and tells the world every chance he gets that "I'm Atlantic City Born, I'm Atlantic City Bred, and when I die, I'm going to be Atlantic City Dead." In addition to serving Mayor and City Councilman, Marty is a career Recreation Professional. Marty worked for the Atlantic City Board of Education as the Coordinator of Elementary Extra Curricular Activities for 11 years.

Marty has received various Community Service awards. He received the AtlantiCare Outstanding Leadership Award for the Greater Atlantic City Area, The African American Male Conference Community Service Award, and The IRC Council of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's Vera King Farris Award, The Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. Commitment to Youth Award, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority "It's Reigning Men Award", The Manhood Award from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, The Council of Black Faculty and Staff of the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Distinguished Alumni Award, The Bangladesh Association of South Jersey Appreciation Award, The Fellowship of Churches of Atlantic City & Vicinity Leadership Award. Marty has also been honored by several youth organizations such as The Boys & Girls Club of Atlantic City, The Atlantic City Dolphins, Xclusive Drill Team, Atlantic City Youth Exposure, Triple B Basketball League, In My Care Mentoring Program & Faceless Fashions. In May of 2016 Marty reached an educational milestone by obtaining his Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from Cheyney University of Pennsylvania. In October of 2016 Marty was inducted into The Stockton University Athletics Hall of Fame as a Basketball Player. In October of 2018 Marty was inducted into the Stockton University Athletics Hall of Fame again, this time his team who reached the Elite 8 during his Junior Year, the 1995-96 season was inducted. In February of 2020 Mayor Small was honored at the Tri-State Black History Awards.

2020 was a big political year as Marty helped defeat a Change of Government Referendum by winning 80% of the vote, the democratic primary with 65% of the vote and over 70% of the vote to secure another year in the Mayors office. 2021 continued to be a Big Political year, with a full four year term at stake as Mayor Small won the 2021 Democratic Primary with 81% of the Vote, and The General Election in November of 2021 with 70% of The Vote. On January 1, 2022 Mayor Marty Small Sr. was sworn in for a full four year term at Historic Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall, The Home of his political mentor the late great former Senator, Assemblyman & Mayor of The GREAT City of Atlantic City, Jim Whelan. Mayor Small, had his inaugural gala on Saturday June 4, 2022 at Harrah's Casino Resort. The Gala titled "Together We Rise" was hosted by 9 Time Grammy Award Winning Artist Mary J. Blige was a fundraiser for youth organizations. Mayor Small raised \$611,130 and minus the expenses was able to give \$400,000 back to the youth of The GREAT City of Atlantic City.

Marty credits his life lessons and experiences for preparing him for to succeed and lives by a quote from the Late Great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "The Ultimate Measure of a Man is not where he stands at moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of Challenge and Controversy." Marty is married to Dr. La'Quetta Small, Superintendent of Atlantic City Schools. They have two children, Jada, 14 & Marty Jr. 12. He shares a special relationship with his aunt Gloria Small, who helped raise him. He credits his success to his late mother Annette Small and his late Great Aunt Lucille Curley.

Lauren H. Moore, Jr., Executive Director, Atlantic County Economic Alliance

Lauren H. Moore, Jr. is currently the President of the Atlantic County Economic Alliance (ACEA). The ACEA's core mission is to drive economic growth in Atlantic County through strategic planning and public-private partnerships that attract, retain and support a diversity of businesses and industries, create quality jobs and lower property taxes.

As President of the ACEA, Mr. Moore leads economic development efforts for the Atlantic County region and maintains a broad range of responsibilities. These include working with state, local and federal business assistance and incentive programs; assisting businesses in commercial real estate site selection services; advising and guiding companies on regulatory and permitting matters; developing and encouraging domestic and foreign-based firms to invest in Atlantic County; and promoting and marketing Atlantic County as a place to live, work and do business.

Mr. Moore previously worked as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Business Action Center (BAC) where he reported to the Lieutenant Governor and oversaw all units of the BAC including Business Advocacy, Planning Advocacy, Small Business Advocacy, the Call Center and the Office of International Business Development and Protocol.

Mr. Moore has more than 30 years of professional experience, holding numerous management positions in government. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science from Stockton University and is a licensed New Jersey professional planner and member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

Pete J. Byron, Mayor, City of Wildwood

I am the Mayor of the City of Wildwood, overseeing the Department of Public Works. I was previously Deputy Mayor/Commissioner of Revenue and Finance in the City of Wildwood. My duties as Commissioner included; economic development and redevelopment, contract negotiations, prepare and report revenue expenditures, formulate goals and strategies to mobilize debt, oversees a 24 million dollar budget, ensure that departments do not overspend, meet budgetary requirements.

I also worked for the NJ Department of Community Affairs/Bureau of Housing Services for 6 years as a Rental Housing Development Specialist. My duties included coordination and supervising new construction and rehabilitation projects from application through construction completion. I also conducted feasibility studies of developer's proposals by analyzing operating costs, cost estimates, work teams, available financing, tenant eligibility and other factors relevant to feasibility.

I put my expertise to further use in serving my community as the Chairman of the West Wildwood Planning & Zoning Board, as well as my love for sports and competition by serving as the Chairman of the Wildwood Recreation Commission.

I am a top-producing real estate expert for over 30 years in the highly competitive South Jersey Market. I have a keen knowledge in finance, planning, coordination and implementation of real estate development in high-end and mid-level markets.

I have been involved in every aspect of a real estate transaction including, but not limited to, performing sophisticated property analysis, determining the financial feasibility of projects, structuring loan packages acceptable to owners/lenders as well as selling and/or leasing of properties.

I understand the importance of marketing and public relations.

My friends and colleagues know me as an outside of the box thinker with boundless energy who believes that we are

only limited by the elasticity of our mind. I also understand the importance of teamwork, networking and the development of all sources of revenue to offset operating costs.

Joe Molineaux, Economic Development Manager, *County of Cape May*

Joe Molineaux manages the Economic Development activities for Cape May County. A lifelong resident of South Jersey, Joe's past work experience includes founder and primary consultant of Biz Mx, LLC as well as a former Director of the Small Business Development Center at Stockton University serving Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland Counties. For more than twenty-five years, Joe has been an active part of Southern New Jersey's community and business outreach, and economic development activities, assisting in the development of thousands of business plans, strategies, and helping to facilitate millions of dollars in lending to help businesses grow.

Along with economic development, consulting for businesses and nonprofits in the areas of management, marketing, money and media, Joe Molineaux is a business writer, whose columns "Business Currents" and "Business Beats" reached over one hundred thousand readers each week. Joe is the creator, executive producer and host of South Jersey Business with Joe Molineaux airing weekly on Comcast and has created, produced, and hosted weekly business radio programs including Business Beats Radio on commercial radio and M4 Small Biz Radio on WLFR 91.7 FM at Stockton University.