Caryn Devins Strickland earned her B.A., with highest distinction, from the University of Vermont, and her J.D., *magna cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*, from Duke University School of Law. After law school, Ms. Strickland served as a judicial law clerk for a state supreme court chief justice, a federal district judge, and a circuit judge on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. She was then selected for a prestigious Supreme Court Fellowship in a placement at the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. After her fellowship, she worked as an assistant federal public defender. She now serves indigent criminal defense clients in private practice.