

STANLEY MAZAROFF



Mr. Mazaroff is a retired attorney and art historian. Mr. Mazaroff was a partner in the law firm of Venable, Baetjer and Howard from 1971 to the time of his retirement from that firm in 2001. He was recognized annually in *The Best Lawyers in America*. In an article published in *Baltimore Magazine* in November, 1998, Mr. Mazaroff was recognized and pictured as one of the thirty “Best Lawyers Bar None” In addition to his active legal practice, Mr. Mazaroff wrote a legal treatise entitled *Maryland Employment Law*, published by Lexis Publishing Company. He also served as an adjunct professor at Maryland Law School, where he taught

equal employment law. Following a course at Harvard Law School, Mr. Mazaroff also served under the auspices of the American Arbitration Association as an arbitrator and mediator of major employment cases in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

In 1956, upon graduating from high school, Mr. Mazaroff enrolled in the University of Maryland, where he became president of his class and president of the University’s honor society. In 1959, following the University’s admission of Black students, Mr. Mazaroff initiated and led a major civil rights project that successfully convinced the merchants in College Park (where the University was located) to provide fair and equal service to all students regardless of race.

In 1960, Mr. Mazaroff enrolled at Maryland Law School. At the end of the first year, he had the highest grades in his class. However, instead of returning to law school, Mr. Mazaroff answered President Kennedy’s call and volunteered to join the nation’s first group of Peace Corps volunteers. For two years, from 1961 to 1963, he served as a Volunteer Leader and resided in a small village in the Philippines where he taught English as a second language. A memoir that he wrote about his experience in the Peace Corps was published in a book entitled *Answering Kennedy’s Call*.

Following his service in the Peace Corps, Mr. Mazaroff returned to Maryland Law School and became Editor-in-Chief of the *Maryland Law Review*. Upon his graduation, he received the Sam Allen Memorial Award from the faculty of the law school for his “outstanding qualities of both leadership and scholarship.”

In 1965, shortly after graduating from law school, Mr. Mazaroff was drafted into the Army. Following basic training, he was elevated to Captain, became a tank commander and a member of the Judge Advocate Generals Corps. He served as a legal advisor to an Assistant Secretary of the Army in the Pentagon.

While working in the Pentagon, he obtained a Master-in-Law degree, with an emphasis on international law, from George Washington University Law School. Scholarly articles on international law written by Mr. Mazaroff were published in leading national law journals, including the Cornell Law Review, and the George Washington Law Review.

In 1968, Mr. Mazaroff was invited by United States Senator Joseph D. Tydings to join his congressional staff. He was assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he provided direction and legal advice pertaining to the selection of Supreme Court Justices. He was instrumental in the Senate's important decision to reject the nomination of Harold Carswell, a grossly unqualified segregationist. An article about the constitutional history of the U.S. Senate's role in selecting Supreme Court Justices written by Mr. Mazaroff was published in the Maryland Law Review and the Congressional Record.

After joining the law firm of Venable, Baetjer and Howard in 1971, Mr. Mazaroff chaired the firm's department on employment law. He also remained involved in many public service activities.

He served as Chairman of the Board of the Baltimore Urban League, Chairman of the Board of the Voluntary Council on Equal Opportunity, Chairman of the Baltimore Fair Election Campaign Practices Committee, Vice Chairman of the Governor's Employment and Training Council, and a member of Baltimore's Social Services Commission. He authored a book entitled "The Maryland Employer's Guide to Equal Employment Law." He also was actively involved in the cultural activities of Baltimore, serving as Vice President of the Contemporary Museum and a Trustee of the Walters Art Museum.

In 2001, Mr. Mazaroff retired from the active practice of law to pursue a career as an art historian. He enrolled as a full-time Special Student in the art history department of Johns Hopkins University. Over the course of five years, that included a semester in Florence Italy, he focused on and began to write papers about Italian Renaissance art that subsequently were published by the Walters Art Museum and the Frick Museum. Mr. Mazaroff also wrote two nationally praised books about art and cultural history that were published by the Johns Hopkins University Press. The first book published in 2010 is entitled Henry Walters and Bernard Berenson, Collector and Connoisseur. The second book published in 2018 is entitled A Paris Life, A Baltimore Treasure, The Remarkable Lives of George A. Lucas and his Art Collection. Mr. Mazaroff presently serves on the Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries Advisory Board, the Board of Governors of the Maryland Club, and as a legal advisor on diversity and inclusion.