

(1) First class with as many as $\frac{1}{3}$ women. One of my early memories is how we all supported each other in our learning. We were not competitive but collaborative.

(2) Impact of Shirley Bysiewicz. As was her habit, she asked me to carpool with her to school. I learned so much about discrimination, women's history and perseverance from her. My second year was difficult for several reasons, but Shirley kept encouraging me and assuring me I could succeed.

(3) Discrimination - I took employment law with Wendy Susco before there was even a textbook - only a paperback Mitchell. I watched one professor refuse to grant an extension on a paper to a female classmate who had been sick with a high fever for 2 weeks; however, he gave an extension to a male student who had World Series tickets.

(4) Blizzard of 1978. I waited at the back door for my husband, who dragged in covered with snow (the car was stuck in a snowdrift a mile away). We spent three days there, as the governor had closed the state, sleeping in the teachers' lounge. Maintenance workers opened the grill for us in the cafeteria so we were well-fed. Dean Blumberg cross-country skied over to make sure we were okay.

My classmates are among the finest people I know. They are part of the reason UConn now has a great reputation.

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