

Mr. Grason Eckel  
Pat Smith for Attorney General  
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2/20/94

Dear Grason,

From the literature you sent, Smith gets our vote and we'll talk to others.

If he'd like to stop off returning from the western part of the state either March 3 or April 4, fine. But remember the convoluted hours I live from the sleep problems. I ~~am~~<sup>was</sup> to be abed by six, was a half hour late last night, was up at midnight, by which I mean was wide awake, and that time I was able to get another hour of sleep. And two days after April 6 I'll be 81 and I'm rather weak. So I need more sleep than I get. However, "il can wake me if you'd be stopping off after I'm abed and I'll probably be able to sleep a little longer after I return to sleep. But do let us know about what time you'd be here because it takes a little time for the heart to start pumping enough. I have to get up slowly.

About a third of the more than 200,000 words I did in the rough draft of the expose of Posner will be published as Case Open in about April by Carroll & Graf/Richard Gallen. I do not anticipate doing any more research on him or his book. A Lexis check shows he filed ~~no~~ cases it ~~lists~~. He boasts about lawyer experience he has never had. And I suspect what I cannot prove, that he used the case of the Mengele victims to get what he could make into a book without taking their case to court although he had good, solid precedents for it.

Coming here from the west it is best to leave I70 at what I believe is the first Frederick exit, near the "48" on the DOT map the State police give out. That puts you onto the eastbound lane of US40. Almost immediately there is a crossover that leads directly into one of the legs of Bowers Road. It soon goes both straight ahead, the other leg, and has a turn to the left, also Bowers Road. Take that a short distance to ~~Mark~~ Shookstown Road, where Bowers ends. Turn left onto Shookstown for about 4 or 5 city blocks to Old Receiver. Turn right on it for about two blocks. When you come to a poorly marked fork, veer to the left to avoid a dead end in a development. After you've veered left there are two houses on the right and then a patch of woods. Our woods. At the bottom of the short S-curve incline you'll see our number on the large mailbox at the end of the paved lane. If it is not covered with snow again!

I am aware of what ~~Tip~~ Tip O'Neill believed about the JFK assassination and why. He was never able to learn more or do anything because those of his staff who asked around were not aware that those of whom they asked questions theorized all kinds of conspiracies without doing any solid work. They thus could give nothing that could have been used in any realistic way by the Speaker. If he had wanted to.

Hope you can make it. Good luck in the campaign. Our best,

Harold

# **Pat Smith** for Attorney General

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2-18-94

Dear Mr. + Mrs. Weisberg,

I thought that you might be interested in some of the press clippings from our Campaign. I'm sorry that I couldn't be of more help in getting the background information on Gerald L. Posner. I called the Martindale-Hubbell Main office and they said they didn't have old Volumes. When I am finished with Pat's campaign I'll get back in touch

with you to see how I can help you  
with research, etc.

Take care and have a great '94

With best wishes,

Jason  
(410) 837-1994  
Campaign HQ

P.S. Pat is going to be  
in Allegany County on March 3rd  
and Garrett County on April 6th.

I'd like for him to stop by to  
meet you if possible. I'll

call ahead of time to see if  
it's OK. also, Pat is a former assistant  
to Tip O'Neil

# Eckel named campaign manager for Pat Smith



ECKEL

Pat Smith, a Democratic candidate for Maryland Attorney General in 1994, has chosen Grason Eckel, a member of the Democratic State Central Committee for Baltimore City, to be his statewide campaign manager.

Born and raised in Cambridge, Mr. Eckel graduated from Cambridge High School in 1974. In 1977 Mr. Eckel graduated from Penn State University with a B.A. in political science.

After graduating from Penn State, Mr. Eckel worked as a law clerk from 1977 to 1979 with the Office of the Public Defender in Baltimore City. He assisted then-Assistant Public Defender Edward J. Angeletti prepare felony cases in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

From 1979 to 1981 Mr. Eckel attended the Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C. While in law school Mr. Eckel was an intern on Capitol Hill with the

U.S. Senate Criminal Law Subcommittee, then chaired by Sen. Charles McC. Mathias Jr. (R-Md).

After law school, from 1982 to 1983, Mr. Eckel was hired by then-Attorney General Stephen H. Sachs to work as a legal assistant in the Consumer Protection Division and later in the Antitrust Division of the Attorney General's Office.

In 1983 Mr. Eckel left the Attorney General's Office to take a judicial clerkship with Judge Edward J. Angeletti of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. While serving as Judge Angeletti's law clerk, Mr. Eckel assisted the judge with civil and criminal cases, including two death penalty cases, one of which was State v. Booth, which eventually went to the Supreme Court of the United States.

After Mr. Eckel's clerkship with Judge Angeletti ended, he was hired by the Maryland Gen-

eral Assembly's Department of Legislative Reference. From 1986 to 1988 Mr. Eckel worked in Annapolis as a Legislative Analyst and bill drafter. In 1988 Mr. Eckel was hired by Baltimore City Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke and worked as a legislative assistant with the Office of Legislative Counsel in the City Solicitor's Office at City Hall. During that time Mr. Eckel also worked with the Baltimore City Equal Employment Office reviewing contracts and applications for certification of minority and women's enterprises.

During the 1989 General Assembly session Mr. Eckel

worked as a Legislative Assistant to Sen. Julian L. Lapides (D-Baltimore City). In 1990, after the 1989 General Assembly session ended, Mr. Eckel returned to the Office of the Public Defender in Baltimore City to work as a legal assistant with the felony division.

In 1990, Mr. Eckel was elected to the Democratic State Central Committee for Baltimore City's 46th legislative district. He ran on the Democratic ticket headed by Sen. American Joe Miedusiewski. Also, in 1990, Mr. Eckel was elected to be the Sergeant-at-Arms for the Baltimore City delegation of the Democratic State Central Committee. He is a member of the Maryland Democratic Party's Finance Committee, Delegate Selection Committee, and Issues and Legislation Committee.

Mr. Eckel ran, and was on the 3rd Congressional District ballot with Sen. Barbara Mikulski and Congressman Ben Cardin, to be a delegate to the 1992 Democratic National Convention for then-Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton.

Mr. Eckel attended the 1992 Democratic National Convention as an assistant to then Maryland Democratic Party Chairman Nathan Landow.

Mr. Eckel has worked in a number of political campaigns. He is also the legislative coordinator for Amnesty International Group 430 in Baltimore City, is a member of the Maryland Victim Assistance Network, and is a member of the Southeastern District Police/Community Relations Council in Baltimore City. Mr. Eckel also is a consultant to the Center for the Study of Harassment of African-Americans in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Eckel has traveled throughout most of the United States, and has visited the Dominican Republic, Canada, England, France, Germany and Russia.

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"a major Democratic contender"

Richard Tapscott, *Washington Post* (4/1/93)

"The progressive candidate of the 1990s"

C. Fraser Smith, *The Sun* (3/31/93)

"a credible statewide candidate"

Bruce Bortz, *The Maryland Report* (4/5/93)

## HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

- \* Recognized political spokesperson, advocate and organizer.
- \* Management expertise developed with 22 years of experience.
- \* Network of colleagues throughout the State of Maryland, on Capitol Hill, and in private corporate government relations offices.
- \* A quick study who has mastered and litigated cases in the fields of criminal law, medicine, finance, products liability, hazardous waste, insurance, taxes, employment and sexual discrimination.
- \* 17 years experience in the legislative process (federal and state) dealing with government and regulatory officials in both the public and private sectors.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1/84 to Present

Attorney, Patrick J. Smith & Associates, Rockville, MD; issue and result oriented practice representing individuals, small businesses and non-profits. Extensive litigation, arbitration, negotiation and lobbying experience.

5/90 to 6/91

Special Counsel, U.S. Sentencing Commission Alternatives to Imprisonment Project: Liaison to House and Senate, Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Parole Board, National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, States of NY, MI, NC, SC, GA, OK; Facilitator Advisory Committee meetings; Press contact; staff director.

1/80 to 6/83

Attorney, Wolf & Smith, P.A., Bethesda, MD; General litigator representing juveniles, criminal defendants and civil plaintiffs before state and federal courts, as well as, publicly held corporations before State and Federal tax courts.

11/78 to 12/79

Attorney, Kenary, Tietz & Hogan, Rockville, MD; General litigation

1/76 to 12/78

Staff Assistant, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. Floor Liaison managing press and lobbyist access to Members of Congress. Obtained an in-depth understanding of the legislative process.



8/70 to 1/76                    Magistrate, District Court of Lowell, MA. Supervised clerical staff of twelve, eight bailiffs, student interns, and budget submissions. Conducted preliminary and probable cause hearings and assigned cases to Judges for trial.

#### POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

6/91 to 5/92    Tsongas for President Campaign  
\* Chairman, Maryland and Delaware primaries  
\* National press spokesperson conducting interviews and appearing on live television.  
\* Surrogate speaker at more than 50 events.

7/92                    Delegate, Democratic National Convention, Majority leader, Maryland delegation. Appointed the delegation Chairman, Honorary Chairman and five pledged elected official delegates. Resolved floor dispute that earned the acclaim of Senator Sarbanes and the Maryland delegation.

1/90 to present Member, Judicial Selections Committee, Montgomery County Democratic Lawyers

8/92 to 11/92    Clinton/Gore Campaign Surrogate Speaker  
\* Represented the campaign throughout the state.  
\* Baltimore "Round Table Discussion Group" Town Hall Meeting, topic: "Election'92 - What Lies Beyond?"

#### CIVIC ACTIVITIES

1993                    ACCI Pro Bono Service Award  
1990-92                Chairman - Networking Committee, Rockville Common Ownership Association  
1989-92                President - Americana Centre Condominium, Inc.  
1985-92                Executive Board - Vietnam Veterans Institute  
1991-92                Executive Committee - Rockville Town Center Business Association  
1990-92                Commissioner - St. Bartholomew's CYO Instructional Basketball League  
1990-92                Board of Directors - St. Bartholomew's CYO.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Present                Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland  
1992                    Pro Bono Service Award  
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1989-90                Chairman, Mentor Program for New Practitioners on CLE  
1986                    Chairman, Standing Committee on CLE  
1983-85                President's Special Committee on CLE  
1980-85                Standing Committee on CLE  
1984                    Chairman, Lawyer Referral Service  
1983                    Chairman, District Court Night Program  
1981-82                Chairman, Legislation Committee  
1981                    Chairman, District Court Night Program

#### EDUCATION

BA	Merrimack College, Andover, MA	1970
	Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA	1971 - 1973
J.D.	The Potomac School of Law, Wash., D.C.	1978

## THE POLITICAL GAME

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1993

# Will Mr. Smith go to Annapolis?

By C. Fraser Smith  
Staff Writer

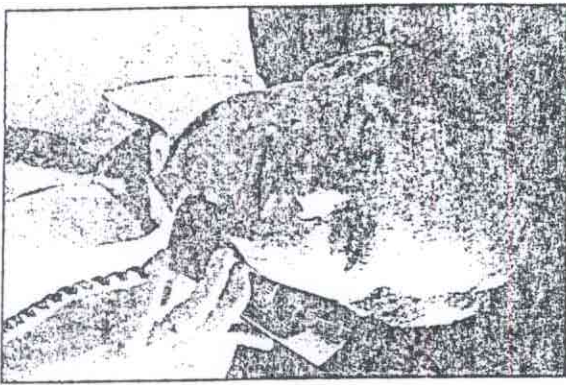
In the fall of 1991, Pat Smith raced around Maryland trying people to support a presidential candidacy that might well have been thought of as the second coming of Michael S. Dukakis.

As campaign manager for Paul Tsongas, Mr. Smith says, "It was very difficult in the beginning to sell another Greek from Massachusetts."

Before his audiences had suggested that prospect, Mr. Smith would ask them to read an 83-page economic treatise by Mr. Tsongas. The booklet came in a cardboard-like cover that only added to its likely reception as a campaign "yawner," to borrow Mr. Smith's characterization. Mr. Tsongas and his Maryland campaign manager went on to promise voters the equivalent of cold showers and root canals.

But in Maryland they didn't wince or yawn. Many read the booklet. Some of them signed on as candidates for the Democratic nominating convention committed to Mr. Tsongas. And the former senator from Massachusetts won the Maryland presidential primary by 41 percent to 34 percent over Bill Clinton with three others trailing badly.

Then Mr. Tsongas, too, became an also-ran.  
Mr. Smith, who has lived and



Pat Smith, who managed the Tsongas presidential campaign in Maryland, wants to be this state's attorney general.

practiced law in Montgomery County since 1978, now wants to be attorney general of Maryland. Other Democratic candidates in the race include Eleanor Carey, the former deputy attorney general. The incumbent, J. Joseph Curran Jr., has said he will run for governor.

The 45-year-old son of a Massachusetts state legislator, Mr. Smith thinks he can achieve a continuation of the Tsongas campaign. When he spoke for the presidential

candidate last year, he would ask, "Do you want a middle-class tax cut or do you want a job that will last?" He will be asking the question somewhat differently now — and urging voters to be as open-minded about this race as they were about Mr. Tsongas.

The progressive candidate of the 1990s, the person who takes advantage of a craving for new ideas that sustained Mr. Tsongas for a time, will look for ways to make the attorney general part of an economic and job development team, he says.

Attorneys general do not usually concern themselves with their state's economy — but they should, says Mr. Smith.

As government's general counsel, the attorney general should think of himself as someone who can compel state departments to provide answers for businessmen who might locate their companies in Maryland.

Businesses, he says, want "to go where things can be worked out." And, in general, he thinks businesses are not out to "ravage and pollute and rape and rampage the environment."

If there is potential for conflict between the attorney general's regulatory duties and his role as an economic developer, Mr. Smith says, the team he envisions would try to help businesses avoid prosecution, looking for technological solutions and ways of financing

them. He thinks the connections between his view of the job and the traditional crime-fighting view are clear.

"Poverty is violence," he says. Without jobs, without a strong job base, a state has less money to strengthen its public education program, for example. And, he says, states can no longer afford to have an attorney general who is not part of the drive for jobs.

"We will continue to have problems until we have leadership that will expand the economic pie. We've got a great state to market. What you need to be is aggressive," he says. He thinks the Maryland voter will warm to new ideas about the attorney general's role.

"If we don't bring back real jobs, violence from poverty will just get worse," Mr. Smith says. "The worse it gets, the harder it is to solve."

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