

Chuck Michaels

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William Michaels, 53, is an attorney (since 1978), activist, and writer living in Baltimore. He conducts a solo appellate practice, which also includes appellate brief writing for other attorneys, for cases in Maryland or Federal appeals courts.

Mr. Michaels has been involved in social justice concerns for more than 25 years. He has held regional and national positions (full time, 1982-1986, and part-time, 1987) devoted to these issues. From 1982 to 1986, he was full-time Coordinator of the Justice & Peace Office for the Baltimore Archdiocese, which included public presentations, designing and implementing educational programs on social issues, organizing events at local and regional levels, writing or presenting testimony, and liaison work with several local and national groups and committees.

Mr. Michaels' background in writing and media includes newspapers, radio, and television. From June, 1989 to October, 1991, he developed, produced, co-hosted, wrote, organized, and syndicated a weekly half-hour radio program, New Earth Radio, devoted to national and global peace-justice-environment issues. It aired in Baltimore on (former) WCVT. New Earth Radio included music, news, features, interviews, and special segments.

After the radio program, Mr. Michaels then developed, wrote, and produced a weekly cable television program, called WorldViews, produced at the Baltimore Cable Access studios, from 1994 to 1996. WorldViews had a similar format: news, features, interviews, movie reviews, commentary, and panel segments. It aired in other community cable stations including New York and Boston. In 1995 and 1996, WorldViews received Baltimore Cable Access Corporation's "Cameo" awards for excellence in programs produced at BCAC.

Mr. Michaels has clerked for a trial court judge and was the Editor and General Manager of a local newspaper. He also was a freelance writer and editor, including weekly columns for a metro paper and for a legal newspaper. His writing experience includes a position as Legal Editor at the Bureau of National Affairs (BNA), a position he took following his Coordinator position with the Baltimore Archdiocese. He left BNA in 1987 to start his legal research and solo appellate practice.

He co-founded (1985) and remains coordinator of a local chapter of a national peace/justice organization (Pax Christi). That chapter has conducted activities in the Baltimore area for 17 years. He is also a member of the Catholic Labor Committee. In May of 1993, Mr. Michaels was an organizer and coordinator of a weekend series of events at Goucher College to observe the 25th anniversary of the Catonsville 9, the seminal Vietnam war protest. He is on several boards and committees of local peace and justice organizations.

Educational Background: Brandeis University (magna cum laude, with additional honors in Politics) (1975). University of Maryland School of Law (1978). Held editorial positions at both the Law Review and Law Forum, receiving course credit for both.