

Richard Benjamin Boddie*

Biography and Vitae

Richard B. Boddie is the President and Founder of The Motivators, a professional speakers bureau out of Huntington Beach, California, is also an adjunct professor in political science at Coastline Community College in Fountain Valley, California, in addition to being the Vice President and Grievance and Negotiations Chair for the Coast Community College Association (the part-time faculty union for the Coast Community College District), and an Independent Associate with LEGAL SHIELD [which was previously Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. (NYSE)], and a well known raconteur and ideologue.

Dick was born in Elmira, New York and raised in "upstate N.Y." in Rochester, the son, grandson, and great grandson of Baptist ministers. He has the honor and distinction of having been the first black youth in Rochester to ever have achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, in 1954. Shortly thereafter, he also became the first black to head any Order of the Arrow (the elite honor brotherhood of BSA campers) Chapter in the U.S.A., serving as Lodge Chief of the Ty-Ohni Lodge in Otetiana Council there.

Years later, he became the first African American to be a bank executive and loan officer in that city's history, which was also the home of two other great American individual liberty activists: committed women's suffragette, Susan B. Anthony, and the dynamic eloquent internationally known Abolitionist orator, Frederick Douglass, Richard Boddie's spiritual exemplar and mentor

As both a former Democrat and former Republican in politics, Boddie is quite well known for his political activism over the years, having been the President of the S.B.A. (Student Bar Association) while at Syracuse University College of Law, was a ardent anti Vietnam War activist at the same time, local PBS television host, and was a community organizer in the early 60s; an aide for then Congressman Frank Horton, and an executive with the National Center for Dispute Settlement of the American Arbitration Association in the 70s; known as a dynamic orator and motivational speaker, and a political activist into the 80s; in addition to his having been the road manager and a chief fund raiser for the 1984 Libertarian Party Presidential candidate, a position that he himself sought from 1990 to 1991 for the 1992 U.S. Presidential election year. Richard B. Boddie ran for U.S. Senate in California in 1992 and again in 1994, and ran for the House of Representatives seat in the 46th District of California in 2000.

Dick Boddie has served as Chair the Orange County Libertarian Party from 1996 through 1998, and was the Press Secretary for the Steve Kubby for Governor campaign in California in 1998.

Boddie has been affiliated with a whole host of other groups, companies, various

institutions and associations, past and present: such as "Citizen Advocate," a Public Broadcasting Corporation (PBS) sponsored weekly television ombudsman program on WCNY-TV in Syracuse, N.Y., Lincoln Rochester Trust Company, Eastman Kodak Company, New York Life Insurance Company, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Xerox Corporation, the National Center For Dispute Settlement (an affiliate of the American Arbitration Association), he was the inaugural Director of Admissions at the new Chapman University School of Law when it opened in Orange County in 1995, hosted a weekly talk radio show "Black To White" on WAXC-AM in Rochester for six years, and was also a New York State Administrative Hearing Officer for the N.Y. Division of Youth for years.

Richard Benjamin Boddie is a graduate of Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA, and he holds a law degree from Syracuse University. Richard resides in Huntington Beach, California, having lived in "The O.C." (Orange County) since 1977. He was married to his late wife, Ann, from July 1963 to November 9, 2009, and is now happily married to Shirley L. Ory-Boddie. "Opa" has three grown daughters, two sons in law, and five grandsons. No girls in this generation, having had three and no boys in the prior one.

* Btw, the family name "Boddie" (derived from the owners of the Rose Hill Plantation in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, is pronounced "body" in the Jacob Benjamin Boddie (Dick's grandfather) clan line....

