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Sonya believes that her experiences at Copiague High School shaped her life. She served as Vice President of the Class of 1984, Vice President of the Student Council, and participated in Cheerleading and Gymnastics. Mrs. Lawrence attended Temple University earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She worked as a Cardiomyopathic Nurse specialist as part of the Cardiac Transplant Team at Temple University Hospital serving patients awaiting cardiac transplantation. There Sonya encountered many patients who were experiencing legal difficulties associated with the high cost of their medical care. Her interest in the law was sparked, and Sonya enrolled in law school and received her Juris Doctor Degree from the Temple University of Law in Philadelphia. She has been admitted to the Pennsylvania and New Jersey State Bars. She resides with her husband in Philadelphia where she serves as a Judicial Law Clerk in the U.S. district Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She will join the Healthcare Department of Pepper Hamilton, LLP in their Philadelphia Office. Mrs. Lawrence volunteers her time to various civic and professional groups including the Philadelphia area Minority Job Fair, the Barristers Association of Philadelphia and the Christian Stronghold Baptist Church College and Career Baptist Ministry.

“Those who have not learned to do for themselves and have to depend fully on others never obtain the full complement of their rights and privileges. Educate yourself and gain freedom.” – Dr. Carter G. Woodson