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Cathy credits two of her teachers and her mother with giving her the confidence to accomplish any goal that she set. She graduated from Georgetown University with an A.B. in Government where she was the only black woman on the Cheerleading Squad. She received her J.D. from Harvard law School and later joined McDermott, Will & Emery in Chicago. She was promoted to Partner, becoming only the second black woman to achieve this position. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Harvard law Society and the Chicago Children's Choir, and is a former Vice President of the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau.

“The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.” – Vince Lombardi