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## **Biographical Data**

### **Ann Battrell, MSDH Chief Executive Officer American Dental Hygienists' Association**

Ann Battrell serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Chicago-based American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA). Battrell first joined the ADHA in 2000 as the Manager of Dental Hygiene Education. . She is the first registered dental hygienist and the first former ADHA president to serve in this position.

Battrell holds a certificate and bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from Northwestern University in Chicago. She earned a master's degree in dental hygiene from the University of Missouri—Kansas City, School of Dentistry in 2007. Battrell has held dental hygiene faculty positions at Northwestern University Dental School in Chicago and Palm Beach College in Palm Beach, Fla. While working as a dental hygiene clinician and educator, Battrell also advised a variety of dental corporations as a consultant.

As Chief Executive Officer, Battrell represents ADHA to governmental bodies, educational institutions, other related associations, foundations, and corporate partners.

As the largest association representing the professional interests of the more than 185,000 registered dental hygienists in the United States, ADHA operates an annual budget of more than \$8 million and has approximately 40 employees.

## *Dr. Leslie Edwina Grant*



Dr. Leslie E. Grant is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, graduating from high school in Gary, Indiana. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree, Cum Laude from Boston University. Dr. Grant obtained her Master of Speech Pathology and Audiology Degree from the University of Washington in Seattle. She has worked at the Washington State Cerebral Palsy Center, The Kennedy Hospital for Children in Boston and for the North Jersey Developmental Center in New Jersey, with physically challenged children.

Dr. Grant entered the University of Maryland Dental School in 1982 and received her Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree in 1986. She completed a General Practice Residency at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey (1987). Currently, Dr. Grant works for the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners as the Chief Dental Officer.

Some of her achievements include past service on the Maryland State Dental Association's Forensic Dentistry and Legislative Committees. She has volunteered on the Bright Smiles / Bright Futures Colgate Palmolive Van when it has traveled to Baltimore. Dr. Grant has previously given testimony several times before State Hearings and Legislative Committees regarding Medicaid Dentistry in Maryland, and to solicit access to dental care for underserved and uninsured residents. Dr. Grant has donated a day of gratis dentistry to "Healthcare for the Homeless" and served for six years on the Board of Directors of "HERO" (an HIV/AIDS services organization). In 1999, Dr. Grant led a dental mission to El Salvador. She returned for further mission work in 2002. An NAACP life member, Dr. Grant has also been a World Vision child sponsor since 1977. She is an Associate Member of Jack and Jill of America, and member of the Southern Poverty Law Center and the League of Women Voters. Her spiritual affiliations include Presbyterian Elder (1988-1992), and she is presently a member of Govans Presbyterian Church in Baltimore.

Dr. Grant participates in many professional dental affiliations. She is a member of the National Dental Association, The Academy of General Dentistry, The American Association of Women Dentists, The American Dental Association, the Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP) and The American Speech, Language, Hearing Association. Dr. Grant is a Fellow in both the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. She served as Secretary of the Maryland Dental Society for six years and as a delegate for six years. Dr. Grants' NDA activities include serving on the Reference Committee, Chairing the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and serving as Speaker of the House for five years. She was the President of the National Dental Association in 2006 and served as Legislative Chair from 2007 until 2012. She is also the past Chairman of the Board of OSAP. In 2006 she was named as one of the "One Hundred + Most Influential African Americans" by Ebony Magazine, and was named as one of Maryland's "Top 100 Women for 2015." Dr. Grant's son, Evan Bush, is a student at the University of Delaware.

# **Reneé A. McCoy-Collins, DDS, FACD, FICD**

## **Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer**

Dr. Renee A. McCoy-Collins is an accomplished Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon and healthcare management executive in the Washington, D.C. area. She serves as the Managing Member and Chief Executive Officer of three businesses which include a dental practice- Capitol Clinical Dental Services, PLLC, DBA Capitol Dental; a medical practice-Capitol Health Management Services, LLC and the RMC Foundation.

Dr. McCoy-Collins is a graduate of the Howard University Dental School where she was the first female to graduate as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. She was the first dentist to be in the National Association of Public Hospitals Physician Leadership Program, as a fellow at the New York University School of Government. She is a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. Dr. McCoy-Collins has had extensive experience as a healthcare management executive in addition to establishing and managing three companies. Dr. McCoy-Collins has held a number of distinguished leadership positions including: Director of Dental Residency Programs at Howard University Hospital; Chairperson for the Department of Dentistry for the District of Columbia Public Benefits Corporation; Interim Chief Operating Officer at DC general Hospital; and Associate Chief Medical Officer for Quality and Management at DC General Hospital. She served as President of the Medical and Dental Staff at Howard University and DC General Hospitals that each had over 200 physicians.

Along with Dr. McCoy-Collins' achievements, she has always had a special concern for the medically underserved population in the District of Columbia. She has initiated a number of strategic programs to improve access to both medical and dental care for low income populations. She has worked with the poverty agency for the District to develop new multi-specialty health centers in depressed areas of the District of Columbia. She has worked to ensure these programs have all included healthcare residency education in medicine, dentistry and HIT technology.

At present, Dr. McCoy-Collins is the Chairperson of the District of Columbia Board of Dentistry serving the district since 2010. As such, she is a Member of the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) serving as Liaison for the

DC Board of Dentistry and Member of the Program and Strategic Planning Committee. She also serves as Examiner ICFE, Vice Chairperson of the Quality Assurance Committee, Member of the Ad Hoc Committee and Ad Hoc Steering Committee of The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA).

**Kathleen T. O'Loughlin, D.M.D., M.P.H.**  
**Executive Director and Chief**  
**Operating Officer**

Dr. Kathleen O'Loughlin is Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the American Dental Association. Prior to joining the ADA, Kathy served as the Chief Dental Officer for United Health Group, and President and CEO of Delta Dental of MA.

Kathy practiced dentistry for over 20 years in Medford and Winchester, MA, while serving as an assistant clinical professor at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in the Department of General Dentistry as a course director. She received her bachelor's degree cum laude from Boston University in 1974 and her doctorate from Tufts University summa cum laude in 1981. In 1998, Dr. O'Loughlin received a master's degree in Public Health and Health Care Management from Harvard University. She became Trustee of Tufts University in 2006 and is a member of the Audit and Academic committees.

Kathy is currently a Board member of the Association Forum of Chicagoland and the Sprague Institute. Kathy is a member of several dental organizations and has received numerous awards.



Dr. John O’Keefe holds the position of Director, Knowledge Networks with the Canadian Dental Association. In this role he is responsible for the development of JCDA Oasis ([www.jcdaoasis.ca](http://www.jcdaoasis.ca)) as a clinical decision support system for the dental office, and the publication of the Journal of the Canadian Dental Association and CDA Essentials magazine.

He graduated as a dentist from the University of Dublin, Ireland, in 1980, and obtained a research-based M.Dent.Sc. degree from the same university in 1990. He is licensed to practice dentistry in Ontario. He has taught at both the University of Toronto and the McGill University dental schools. He has an MBA from Concordia University in Montreal.

Dr. O’Keefe has been chair of the communications committee of the FDI World Dental Federation and also president of the American Association of Dental Editors. He is currently a member of the board of AboutFace and is the 2014-16 Chair of the Board of OSAP (Organization for Safety, Asepsis & Prevention).

He has Honorary Fellowship of a number of dental honour societies, and Honorary Membership of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, the Newfoundland & Labrador Dental Association, and the Finnish Dental Society Apollonia.

He also sings with his church choir and Atlantic Voices Choir of Ottawa and is a baseball and history buff.

## **Katherine Weno Bio**

Katherine Weno, D.D.S., J.D., is the Director of the Division of Oral Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta Georgia. In her position at CDC, Dr. Weno directs the Division's work in oral health surveillance and research, provides leadership on oral health best practices and policy, and collaborates with state oral health programs through 21 cooperative agreements. Prior to joining CDC in October of 2014, Dr. Weno was the state Dental Director in Kansas, and has also worked as a Medicaid attorney in Kansas City Missouri. A native Iowan, Dr. Weno received both her dental and law degrees from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, and maintains dental and legal licenses in Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.