

GRETCHEN LEAH WITT

EDUCATION: **BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Boston, MA**
J.D. received May 1981

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE, Middlebury, VT
B.A. cum laude, received May 1977

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE: New Hampshire (1987), District of Columbia (1981); U.S. District Court, New Hampshire (1987), District of Columbia (1981); U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit (1981); 5th Circuit (1982), 1st Circuit (1987); U.S. Supreme Court (1985); Massachusetts-retired (1985-1999).

EMPLOYMENT: **1986 to Present** **U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE -- Concord, NH**
United States Attorney, AG and Court-appointed (6/1/01 to 12/14/01)
Chief, Civil Division (1991 to 5/31/01; 12/15/01 to present)
First Assistant (1993)
Assistant U.S. Attorney (1986 to 5/31/01; 12/15/01 to present)
As Civil Chief, is responsible for management and administration of all civil litigation and resources in District of New Hampshire. Handles all aspects of civil litigation and appeals in federal, state and local courts.

Received Director's Appreciation Award for Enhancing the Missions of the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys and the U.S. Attorneys' Offices, 1997. Received Environment and Natural Resources Division Certificate of Commendation, 1994.

Member, Attorney General's Advisory Committee, 2003 to 2005; Member, Civil Chiefs' Working Group, 1994 to present; Chair, Civil Chiefs' Working Group, 2002 to present; Member, U.S. Attorneys' Office Management Seminar Development Working Group, 1997-1998.

1982 to 1986 **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, TORTS BRANCH, CIVIL DIVISION -- Washington, DC**
Trial Attorney
Handled tort litigation, including medical malpractice and complex toxic torts, as primary attorney. Acted as second

chair and managing counsel, U.S. Trial Team, In re "Agent Orange" Products Liability Litigation, MDL No. 381. Managed massive discovery and a trial support team of up to 30 professionals and paraprofessionals. Received Civil Division Certificate of Appreciation for In re: Agent Orange, 1985.

1981 to 1982 **BRACEWELL & PATTERSON -- Washington, DC**
Associate

Professional Activities:

Member, Federal Court Advisory Committee (DNH), 2000 to present; Chair, FCAC Subcommittee on Local Rules (DNH), 2000 to present; Mediator, Title VII and Section 1983 Mediation Panel, U.S. District Court (DNH), 2000 to present; Member, Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Committee (DNH), 1991 to 1998

Secretary, New Hampshire Bar Association Board of Governors, 2005 to present Governor At Large, New Hampshire Bar Association Board of Governors, 1999 to 2002; 2002 to 2005; Merrimack County Governor, New Hampshire Bar Association Board of Governors, 1995 to 1997; Director, New Hampshire Bar Foundation, 1999 to 2004; Secretary, New Hampshire Bar Foundation, 2004-2005; Fellow, New Hampshire Bar Foundation, 1995 to present; Member, NHBA Outreach Task Force, 2000 to 2001; Member, CLE Committee, 1989 to present; Member, Committee on Gender Equality, 1992 to 1998.

Faculty for CLE:

Toxic Torts, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Attorney General's Advocacy Institute (AGAI), 1985; Personal Injury Practice, NH Bar Association (NHBA), 1989; Clean Air Act, NH Bar Association, 1991; Gender Issues and Negotiation, NHBA, 1993; Federal Practice Update: Life Under the New Rules and Plan, NHBA, 1994; New Directions in Federal Practice and Procedure, NHBA, 1994; Basic Trial Advocacy (Civil), AGAI, 1995; The New Federal Local Rules, NHBA, 1996; Federal Court Judicial Forum, NHBA, 1997; U.S. Attorneys' Office Management, AGAI, May, 1997, October, 1997, May, 1998, May 1999; Federal Practice Institute, NHBA, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004; Professional Responsibility Officer Conference, AGAI, 1997, 1999; Management Issues, AGAI, 2000; The Art of Discovery, NHBA, 2001; Ethics Advisors Conference, AGAI, 2002; Orientation for New U.S. Attorneys, AGAI, 3/02, 6/02, 2/05; Practical Skills, Ethics, NHBA, annually.