

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**



PRESS RELEASE

**STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
ON THE PASSING OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DAVID H. SOUTER**

CONCORD (May 9, 2025) - The United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire mourns the passing of our United States Supreme Court Justice, David H. Souter, who died yesterday at the age of 85. We also express our deepest sympathy to his close friends and colleagues on the United States Supreme Court, the First Circuit Court of Appeals, and the New Hampshire Supreme and Superior Courts.

Although born in 1939 in Melrose, Massachusetts, Justice Souter moved to New Hampshire as a child and remained a lifelong resident. After graduating from Concord High School, he earned his undergraduate degree from Harvard University and his law degree from Harvard Law School. He then returned to New Hampshire to start his legal career. He began as an associate at the law firm of Orr and Reno in Concord. Shortly thereafter, in 1968 he accepted a position as an Assistant Attorney General of New Hampshire. He served as Warren B. Rudman's Deputy Attorney General, and in 1976, he became Attorney General of New Hampshire. In 1978, Governor Meldrim Thomson nominated him to serve as an Associate Justice of the Superior Court of New Hampshire and, in 1983, he was elevated to the Supreme Court of New Hampshire. On May 25, 1990, President George H. W. Bush nominated him to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Less than two months later, on July 23, 1990, President Bush nominated him to the United States Supreme Court, and he took his seat October 2, 1990. Justice Souter served 18 years on the Supreme Court. He retired at age 69 on June 29, 2009.

On news of Justice Souter's passing, Chief Judge McCafferty stated: "All of the District of New Hampshire judges and our entire court family are deeply saddened by the loss of Justice Souter. He was a brilliant jurist who has been an inspiration to members of the New Hampshire Bar throughout his career. Two of the judges on this court, Senior Judges Paul Barbadoro and Steven McAuliffe, worked alongside Justice Souter at the New Hampshire's Attorney General's Office. The lessons learned by those lucky enough to have worked directly with him have

been—and will continue to be—handed down to generations of New Hampshire attorneys, clerks and judges. All of us in the Rudman Courthouse have benefitted from the fact that Justice Souter took up residence here immediately after retirement. It was our good fortune to experience his intellect, kindness, and humility over these many years. To a person, we loved him. On behalf of the court, I extend our deepest sympathies to all who mourn the loss of this extraordinary man.”