

**Professional Experience**

**Senior Associate Justice** 2010- Present

**Associate Justice** 1989- 2010

NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPERIOR COURT

- Extensive experience conducting thousands of judicial proceedings, evaluating volumes of evidence, and producing fair and impartial decisions.
- Demonstrated capacity for analyzing pertinent and significant facts and issues related to complex commercial, land use, tort, tax, employment, and contract disputes.
- Established precedent making decisions that have been upheld by State Supreme Court.
- Extensive administrative experience as supervisory judge of two county courthouses.

**Assistant Attorney General** 1985-1989

**Chief of Criminal Bureau** 1988-1989

NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

- Responsible for all homicide prosecutions and criminal appeals in New Hampshire affording extensive trial and appellate experience.

**Judicial Law Clerk** 1984-1985

NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT

- Researched and drafted opinions for publication by New Hampshire Supreme Court.

**Sample Decisions**

(Additional examples available upon request)

Tuttle v. N.H. Med. Malpractice Joint Underwriting Assoc., 159 NH 627 (2010)

Statute requiring JUA to transfer \$110 million to State's general fund violated due process and impairment of contract clauses of N.H. Constitution. Affirmed.

Everitt v. General Electric Co., 159 NH 232. (2009)

Existence of internal policy setting forth procedures to deal with an impaired employee does not, standing alone, create duty of care to public. Affirmed.

In the Matter of the Liquidation of Home Ins., 154 NH 472 (2006)

Decided that: 1) liquidator had statutory authority to enter into agreement with insureds and reinsureds of Home under which these entities would receive payments in exchange for filing reinsurance claims against Home; 2) the agreement was necessary to maximize recovery of Home's assets; and 3) the agreement was fair and reasonable. Affirmed.

Behrens v. S.P. Construction Co., 153 NH 498 (2006)

Parties' contract was unenforceable and specific performance denied because there had been no "meeting of the minds". Affirmed.

Swain v. Employers Mutual Casualty Co., 150 NH 574. (2004)

Statute did not require employer to provide uninsured motorist coverage for non-owned vehicles to the same extent as it provides liability coverage. Affirmed.

### Professional Affiliations and Outreach

**Chair:** NEW HAMPSHIRE RUSSIAN AMERICAN RULE OF LAW CONSORTIUM 1998–2010

- Presented at conferences in Russia 14 times on various topics, including judicial ethics, criminal procedure, and jury trial management; organized first conference on Alternative Dispute Resolution in Vologda, Russia; planned numerous conferences in N. H. for Russian judges and lawyers.

**Chair** 2009–Present

**Committee Member** 2007–Present

NEW HAMPSHIRE JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Research and write opinions on judicial ethics in response to queries from N. H. judges.

**Trustee:** NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT SOCIETY 1998–Present

**Member:** NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION 1984–Present

- Served on several NHBA committees and presented at numerous CLE programs.

#### Member

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION 2011–Present

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION 2011–Present

### Publications

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR JOURNAL, 44/#2

The New Hampshire–Vologda Rule of Law Partnership: Witness at a New Russian Revolution 2003

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR NEWS

- *Don't Court Disaster: A Judge's View of Discovery* 2005
- *Confidence of the People Essential to Independent Judiciary* 2002
- *Never Be Mean to a Mother and Other Trial Technique Tips* 2002
- *Impeachment Simplified* 1999
- *10 Common Erroneous Evidentiary Arguments* 1998
- *The Guarantee of a Free Press Versus the Right to a Fair Trial* 1991

### Awards and Honors

**Daniel Webster International Lawyer of the Year:** N.H. BAR ASSOCIATION 2010

**Woman of Achievement Award:** GIRLS, INC 2008

**Lawyer of the Year:** MERRIMACK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 2005

**Athena Award for Professional Excellence, Community Service, and Assistance to Women in Reaching Leadership Potential:**

GREATER CONCORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2004

**Justice William A. Grimes Award for Judicial Professionalism:** N.H. BAR ASSOC. 2003

**Sidway Award for Community Service:** CONCORD REG. VISITING NURSES ASSOC. 2000

### Education

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL, **Juris Doctor**, cum laude 1983

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, **Doctoral student**, United States History 1979–1980

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, **M.A.**, United States History 1975

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, **B.A.**, History 1970