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### ■ EMPLOYMENT

- 2001 to Present **Attorney, of counsel, Mesa Law LLC, formerly LAWSERVE, Founder, Manchester, NH** (immigration law)  
**USA Group International, Managing Director, Manchester, NH** (International problem solving)  
**Diplomatic Observer Program, Founder, organize diplomats to observe NH presidential primary campaign**  
**International Resource Group, Principal, international consulting joint venture, 2017**
- 2001 to 2012 **International Advisor, Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, National Defense University, Wash, DC**  
**Adjunct Professor, New England College, School of Public Policy, in International Affairs, Henniker, NH**  
**International Advisor, Western Hemisphere institute for Security Cooperation, Fort Benning, GA**  
**Partners for Peace, Co-Director, with Pentagon & UNH, for emergency preparedness & democracy exchange**  
**Young Rescuers USA, Founder, with 13 nations, organizing youth for annual emergency response competition**
- 1998 to 2001 **US Army, Senior Advisor, Pentagon, for global issues. Initiatives in: Panama** at the highest levels, to assure Carter-Torjillo Treaty compliance, transfer of Canal with 13 bases, 5,000 buildings, and redeployment of 4,000 US troops on time and on budget ■ **Balkan countries working with State Dept., FEMA, NATO and Partnership for Peace** for civil-military emergency planning & nation building initiatives
- 1994 to 1997 **US Ambassador to Belize, Central America, with policy initiatives on counter-narcotics, international crime, trade, education, military relationships, democracy building, environmental protection, and health care**  
**Including: Oversight of largest US military humanitarian exercise in Hemisphere** ■ major drug seizures ■ negotiated treaties for extradition and stolen cars ■ creation of American Business Council ■ Belize leadership in Haiti/UN peacekeeping ■ organized Pre-Summit of the Americas Strategy sessions as White House initiative .
- 1978 to 1994 **LAWSERVE, Manchester, NH, Founder, Principal Attorney.** Private law practice concentrating in civil litigation, administrative law, commercial transactions, small business start-up, and real estate
- 1974 to 1986 **Lawprint Publishing Co, Manchester, NH, Founder & Co-publisher** producing monthly Supreme Court case *Index* ■ ABA award-winning *NH Law Weekly* newspaper ■ NH's annual attorney deskbook
- 1977 **Executive Office of US Attorneys, Washington, DC, Assistant Director, Department of Justice, including tour as Special Assistant US Attorney, Miami, FL, to prosecute drug and gun running cases**
- 1971 to 1976 **New Hampshire Legal Assistance, Manchester, NH, Director.** Created and led state-wide legal services organization becoming largest NH law firm resolving more than 7,000 cases annually. Supervised 24 civil and criminal lawyers plus 50 support staff and department heads in 7 branch offices. Managed public defender service, research department, health and nutrition law office, paralegal program, consumer energy office, senior citizen law project, community legal education office, and legislative office ■ **Other duties:** fundraising; litigation; dealing with elected officials; development of program goals; staff training; community relations; hiring staff; legislative lobbying; speechmaking and management of budget raised from over 20 sources  
**Accomplishments include creation of:** ■ NH Public Defender to improve quality of justice ■ Consumer Advocate before NH Public Utilities Commission to lower rates and expand access ■ NH tenants *Warranty of Habitability* ■ uniform NH foodstamp standards ■ mental health and prison reform in NH
- 1970 to 1971 **Newark Legal Services Project, Director.** Led NJ's largest legal aid program during period of urban change
- 1967 to 1969 **Newark Legal Services Project, Newark, NJ, Reginald Heber Smith Fellow and staff attorney.** Assigned to inner city Central Ward following Newark riot; as first client, represented cab driver who sparked disturbance
- 1966 **US Department of State, Legal Advisor's Office, Washington, DC, Editor, Whiteman Digest of Int'l Law**
- 1965 & 1966 **Department of Navy, Washington, DC, Intern.** Analyst for POLARIS missile and nuclear submarine program
- 1965 **Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Washington, DC, volunteer aide**

■ **LANGUAGE:** Conversational Spanish

■ **BAR ADMISSIONS:** DC, 1968; NY, 1969; NH, 1971; US Supreme Court, 1972

■ **EDUCATION & ACADEMIC HONORS**

President's Medal, Hartwick College, for *Liberal Arts in Action*, Oneonta, NY 2011

Doctor of Laws, New England College, honorary degree, Henniker, NH, 2009

Doctor of Humane Letters, Hartwick College, honorary degree, Oneonta, NY, 1996, Commencement Speaker, 2016

Fellowship, Reginald Heber Smith Fellow, University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA, 1968

JD, George Washington University, Washington School, DC, 1967, with Award for Distinguished Service

AB, Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, 1964

■ **LEGAL HIGHLIGHT**

Successfully argued *Philpot v. Essex County Welfare Board*, 409 US 413 (1973) before **US Supreme Court** upholding right to receive Social Security benefits free from attachment by creditors. Landmark unanimous decision by Justice William O. Douglas overturned unanimous NJ Supreme Court ruling ■ Litigated cases in trial and appellate courts securing rights of consumers, women, minorities, tenants, juveniles, and institutionalized persons ■ First client-the cab driver who sparked the 1967 Newark racial disturbances ■ Represent Chinese human rights dissident Chen Guangcheng to secure his immigrant status in the US

■ **LECTURER & CONSULTANT – in the US and 51 Countries**

Consultant to International War Crimes Tribunal, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Sarajevo and Washington, DC, 2001

Consultant, Western Hemisphere Institute for Security & Cooperation, Ft Benning, GA, 2000-2002

Consultant, Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, Ft McNair, Washington, DC, 2002-2004

Consultant, to President Carter's *Justice Reorganization Project*, to establish National Institute of Justice, 1977

Consultant, to *Legal Services Corporation*, to improve the administration of justice, in 16 states; *Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law* in NJ and MS; *North Carolina Bar Assn*; *American Bar Assn*; *American Judicature Society*; *North Dakota Governor's Office and Federal Judicial Center*, 1973-84; *Department of Defense* to assure Panama Canal Treaty compliance, 1998

Visiting Attorney, *Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law*, Jackson, Mississippi, 1970 for school and voting rights cases

Lecturer, *US Dept. of State*, Washington, DC, on *human rights, and social reform in India* (Bombay, Arangabad, Calcutta, Dehra Dun, Banglore and New Delhi) 1979; 1989; on *foreign policy and American politics in Hong Kong and Japan* (Tokyo, Kyoto, Fukuoka, Osaka and Sapporo) 1981; on *elections and democratic reform in Brazil* (Sao Paulo, Porto Alegre, Rio De Janeiro, Recife and Brasilia) 1987; on *human rights and democracy in Pakistan* (Lahore, Islamabad, Peshawar and Karachi), 1989; on *political reform and human rights in Egypt* (Cairo and Alexandria) 1989, **Bulgaria** (Varna) on *Civil Protection*, 1999; *Recent Trends in US Foreign Policy in Indonesia* ( Jakarta, Bandung, Yogyakarta, Surabaya) 2002; *Changing Landscape of American Politics in Korea* (Seoul, Yousoung, Taegu, Daejeon, Pusan) 2002 ■ **Forums included:** NH Bar CLE, Dartmouth College, University of NH, University of Brasilia, Hong Kong University, Chamber of Commerce Leadership Forum (NH), State Legislatures in US and Brazil; Newspaper Publishers Assoc (Calcutta); Brazilian Center for Strategic Studies(Rio); Institute for Social and Political Studies (Sao Paulo); Karachi Rotary Club; Sind Muslim Law Center; Lahore Human Rights Conference; Egyptian National Center for Judiciary Studies (Cairo); Dehra Dun Panchayat (India); Challenge America, Inc (Washington, DC); Balkan States Civil Protection Council (Bucharest); EU Civil Emergency Forum (Stockholm); Inter-American Defense College (Ft McNair); NH Citizens Summit: Response to 9.11; University of Indonesia & Media Roundtable (Jakarta); Padjadjaran University (West Java); Gadjah Mada University (Yogyakarta); Airlangga University (Surabaya); Gwangju Political Reform Forum; Chungnam national University (Youngsoung); Daehan Political Science Society (Taegu); Pukyong National University (Busan); Ewha Woman's University (Seoul); Muhammad Ali Institute for Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution at University of Louisville (KY), see *Negotiating Peace in Difficult Times* 2001, <[www.Louisville.edu/a-s/lbt/bruno.pdf](http://www.Louisville.edu/a-s/lbt/bruno.pdf)>; NH Pease International Tradeport on NAFTA; Conducted Latin America Policy Roundtable with US House of Rep. International Relations Committee Staff; ■ **CLE Lecturer**, on immigration law, Orlando, FL, NH Bar Association ■ Granite State College on immigration, 2000-present ■ N Essex Com College on diplomacy 2018 ■ University of Cambodia, lecture on democracy 2018

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Delegation Member, good will mission to **Taiwan** and **Quemoy** as a guest of the ROC government, 1986

Delegation Member, Presidential Appointee, representing USA to transfer Panama Canal, 2000

**Fact Finding Missions:** to East and West Jerusalem, **Israel**, 1989, to DMZ, **Korea**, 2002, sponsored by State Department

Delegation Member, US election observation missions to **Romania** (1990) and **Pakistan** (1992) sponsored by National Democratic Institute, Washington, DC; **Kosovo** (2002) sponsored by Council of Europe

Leader, in forums on trade, military, human rights and environmental in **Sweden, Bulgaria, Haiti, Uruguay, Bolivia, Panama, Guatemala, San Salvador and Honduras**; **over 45 countries:** The Americas, EU, CIS, Asia, and Middle East

Guest of **Emir of Qatar**, participant in Conference on Trade and Development, 2005

Lecturer, produced forum for State Department to brief foreign media on the presidential campaign in the February, 2000 NH Primary; broadcast on C-SPAN; for Granite State College, on diplomacy, 2007

**Founder and Director**, Diplomatic Observer Mission to the 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016 NH Presidential Primaries  
**Partners for Peace-University of NH**, Co-Director: managed emergency preparedness exercise for Pentagon with Pakistan, Belarus, Georgia, Macedonia, Latvia, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan, 2001-2013

## ■ PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**Founder and Past Chair**, Section on International Law, NH Bar Association, 2004-present

**Chair**, NH Appellate Board (Department of Employment Security), part-time, quasi-judicial office, appointed by Governor Hugh Gallen, 1981 to 1984; first leader of newly formed state agency, organizing, then ruling on 100s of cases each year

**Vice Chair**, Merrimack Zoning Board, 1980-83 tackling problems of land use and development in major NH town

**Certified Mediator**, NH Superior Court, US District Court for New Hampshire, 2004-present; AAA, 2005-present

## ■ PUBLICATIONS & LECTURES

- *NH Law Weekly*, Founder, co-Publisher and editor, 1976-1980
- "Landlord-tenant Law: Proposals for Reform," *Rutgers Law Journal* (Camden), April 1970
- "Rent Abatement: A Reasonable Remedy for Aggrieved Tenants," *Seton Hall Law Review*, Spring, 1971
- "In Defense of the Poor," *NH Bar Journal*, Fall, 1972
- "Right to Counsel in Civil Contempt Cases," *NH Bar Journal*, Spring, 1974
- "Study of Courts of Limited Jurisdiction," *Report of the American Judicature Society*, 1976 (co-author)
- *Annual Report on International Crime*, US Department of State, 1995, 1996, 1997
- "The Military as Champion of Human Rights: The US Experience," *Democracy, Human Rights & Rule of Law: Essays*, co-author, Butterworths, New Delhi, India Publishing Company, 2000
- *Nuevo Rol para las Fuerza Armadas: Fortaleciendo la Democracia y Proteccion de los Derechos Humanos*, *Military Review*, 1/01
- *Life, Liberty & Pursuit of Happiness After 9.11*, *American Studies Journal*, University Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 6/02
- Op-ed series re relations between India and Pakistan: *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Times*, *Boston Herald*, *Financial Times*, *Miami Herald*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Union Leader* and others, 1998-present
- NH Bar Legal Educ series, 2016 on *Immigration Law*; & 2004 on *What Every Practitioner Should Know about International Law*
- Bruno, *What if the Pilgrims Needed Visas?* 13 *Bender's Immigration Bull.* 1153 (2008) Lecture at Monadnock Lyceum: [nhpr.org](http://nhpr.org)
- Bruno, *Give me your Tired, your Poor, your Huddled Masses, Yearning to Breathe Free...or Perhaps Not*, Lecture at 2011Amos Fortune Summer Forum, Jaffrey, NH; <http://ambassadorsperspectives.wordpress.com/>
- Bruno, *Build the Dang Fence?: The Need for Immigration Reform*, Granite State College, Concord, NH, 2012-13
- Bruno, US Immigration: *Overcoming the Sgt Schultz Effect*, Granite State College, Concord, NH, 2015
- Bruno, US Immigration, *Keep Out – Give Me your Tired, your Poor –NOT*, Granite State College, 2016
- Bruno, US Immigration, *What About that Wall?*, Granite State College, 2017
- Bruno, US Immigration, *Immigration in the Trump Era*, Granite State College, 2018

## ■ NEWS COMMENTARY & ANALYSIS

**Co-Host and Producer**, FOCUS - NEW HAMPSHIRE, half-hour weekly newsmaker program, WMUR-TV, Manchester, ABC affiliate with signal throughout NH, to Boston, MA and southern Maine, 1990

**Co-host and Producer**, NH Speaks, WGIR, NH's largest am talk show, 1992; morning Political Roundtable, 2009-13

**Produced Op-ed Series** on India-Pakistan conflict in *Miami Herald*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Washington Times*, *Boston Herald*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Christian Science Monitor* and others, 2000-12

**Media Commentary ongoing** on politics and foreign policy in *NY Times*, *WSJ*, *CNN*, *National Journal*, *Al-jazeera-TV* (English)  
<http://www.mefedia.com/entry/inside-story-development-or-democracy-14april08-pt-1/8507550/>

## ■ CIVIC ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

ABA Award for Excellence in Journalism (1978) ■ NH Social Welfare Council, President (1981-84) ■ NH, NY & DC Bars (1971-present) ■ Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center Board, President (1988-94) ■ Downtown Manchester Business Council, Board Member (1990-94) ■ ForCHILDREN, Treasurer, Board of Directors (1998-2006) ■ Hartwick College Board of Trustees (1999-2002) ■ *Franklin Delano Roosevelt NH Democrat of Year Award* (1995) ■ Commencement speaker, Hartwick College (2016) ■ *Award for Courage* by Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (1998) ■ *Award for Service*, America-India Association of NH (2004) ■ Delivered Opening Convocation, NE College (2009) ■ <http://delcounty.com/local/education/story/Hartwick-Alumnus-to-Receive-Presidents-Award-for-Liberal-Arts-in-Practice-2011-05-10> ■ 2013 NH Bar Assn Award, *Daniel Webster International Lawyer of the Year* ■ Present Boards: -US Global Leadership Coalition NH Advisory Bd, DC ■ Concord Coalition Advisory Bd ■ World Affairs Council/NH ■ No Labels Advisory Bd, DC



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George Bruno has worked with, lectured or travelled in over 50 Countries and territories:

### **The Americas**

Canada	Mexico	Dominican Republic
Belize	Honduras	Haiti
El Salvador	Cayman Islands	Bolivia
Guatemala	Panama	Costa Rica
Venezuela	Brasil	Barbados
Uruguay	Argentina	US Virgin Islands
Puerto Rico*	Bermuda	Bahamas
Colombia	Jamaica	Cuba

### **Western Europe**

UK	France	Italy & Sicily
Switzerland	Sweden	Germany
Austria	Netherlands	Belgium (NATO)
Latvia (US program)	Norway	Denmark
Spain	Portugal	Greece

### **Russia and Commonwealth of Independent States**

Croatia	Romania	Kazakhstan (US program)
Albania	Serbia (Kosovo)	Georgia (US program)
Slovakia	Slovenia	Tajikistan (US program)
Russia	Bulgaria	Macedonia (US program)
Bosnia	Belarus	Uzbekistan (US program)

### **Asia**

India	Pakistan	China (Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Macao)
Taiwan, Quemoy	S. Korea	Thailand
Indonesia	N. Korea	Japan
Cambodia	Vietnam	

### **Middle East**

Israel	Egypt	Qatar
Turkey		