

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR MEMBERS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF LAW PRACTICE

Fifty years ago, the country's young lawyers began careers at a time of unprecedented turbulence. By the end of 1968, both Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy had been assassinated and the first manned spacecraft had orbited the moon. It was a historic era for civil rights, including the signing of the Fair Housing Act by President Lyndon B. Johnson and the Black Power protest at the summer Olympics in Mexico City — even in the midst of the country's prolonged involvement in the Vietnam War. All the while, people across the country listened to the Beatles, Otis Redding, and Simon & Garfunkel, and flocked to see record-breaking films including, "2001: Space Odyssey," "Funny Girl," and "The Love Bug."

As New Hampshire welcomed a new class of lawyers, the state was also changing. In September 1968, New Hampshire Supreme Court Chief Justice Frank R. Kenison broke ground on a new Supreme Court building in Concord and on December 31, the Supreme Court decided in favor of establishing a unified Bar for the Granite State.

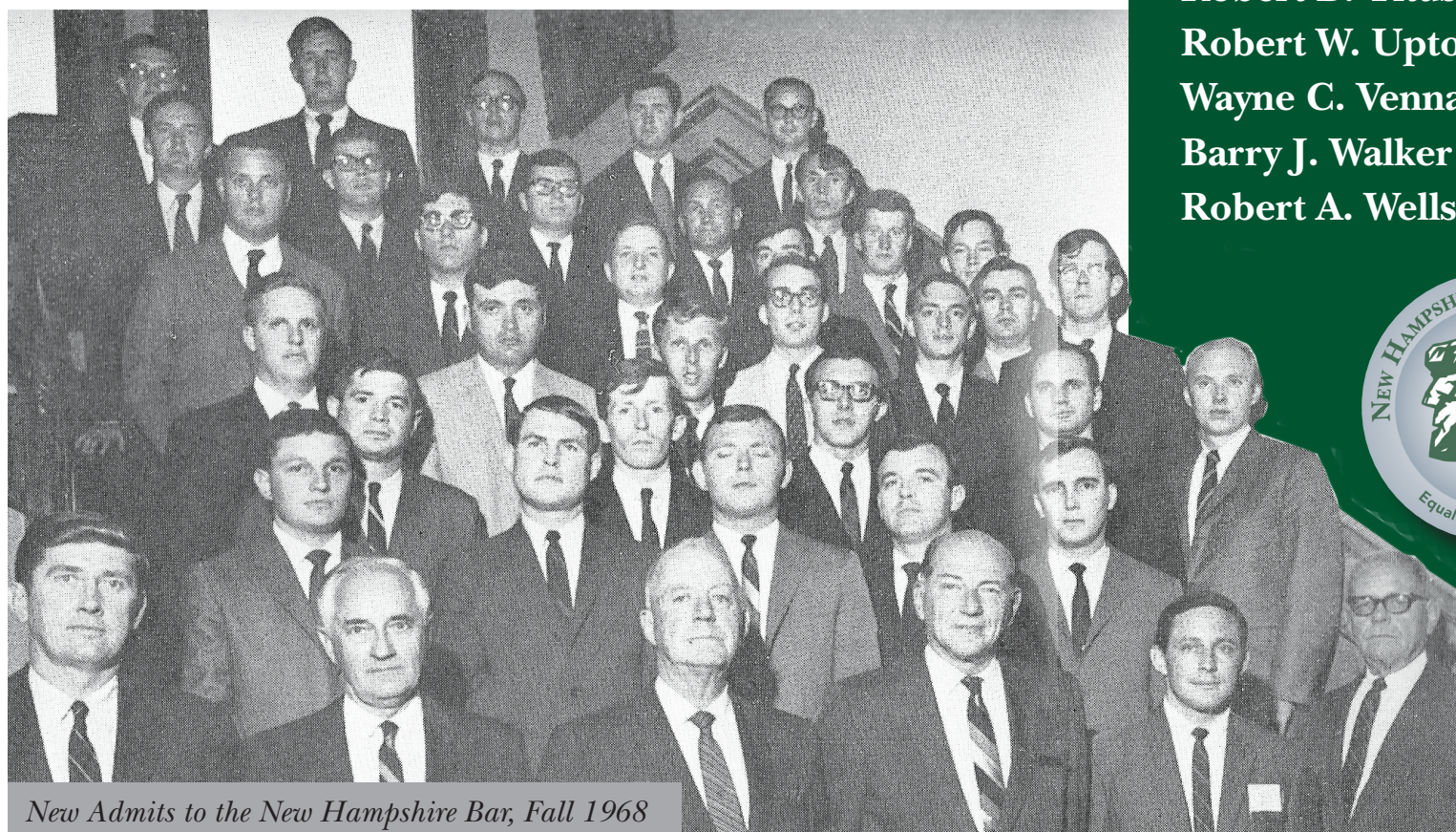
In the following pages, this special *Bar News* publication celebrates New Hampshire Bar members who are marking 50 years in law practice in 2018. They have graciously shared their stories and their advice for the next generation. You will undoubtedly note some common themes, such as the importance of civility and community. You will likely also detect genuine humility unaffected by their considerable competence.

On behalf of the New Hampshire Bar Association, congratulations!

Scott Harris, *President*,
New Hampshire Bar Association

NH Bar Members look back and share advice for the next generation.

Profiles are based on questionnaires sent earlier this year to New Hampshire Bar members marking 50 years of law practice, and those who responded are included. Responses have been edited for length and clarity.



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Nicholas R. Aeschliman

"Be Respectful and Friendly, and Listen to Your Clients"



Nicholas Aeschliman retired last December, after a long career of practice in Portsmouth and working part-time for the past six years.

"It is hard to comprehend that 50 years have gone by," he says. "I am looking forward to the next chapter in my life."

Aeschliman was born in Vandalia, Illinois. He grew up in Danvers, Massachusetts and Rye, New Hampshire. He graduated from Portsmouth High School, Harvard College and Georgetown University Law Center.

Aeschliman served in the Marine Corps Reserve, then transferred to the District of Columbia National Guard, where he attended OCS and became an officer. During his last year of law school, he was on active duty in the Capitol after the death of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I decided to become a lawyer because I had a great interest in how government and the laws had the potential of helping people, and I wanted to be involved in that," he says. "My early role models were President Kennedy, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Chief Justice Earl Warren and lawyers and judges who excelled in the law ..."

Aeschliman was a partner in several law firms, had a sole practice for 16 years, and most recently was of counsel in the firm of Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella. He practiced law in the areas of civil litigation, real estate, probate and estate planning.

He also served the Portsmouth community as a member of the Portsmouth City Council, Planning Board, and City Committee, which recommended the acquisition of the Portsmouth Hospital property for City Hall. He was chair of the Community Development Block Grant Committee, Portsmouth Charter Commission, and the City Council committee that oversaw the creation of the Portsmouth District Courthouse.

Aeschliman is proud to have represented clients in trials in the Superior, District and Probate Courts and in appeals to the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

"There were a couple of moments in my career that were particularly significant for me," Aeschliman says. "One of them was the case of *Burns v. Kline*, a pro bono case in which I represented tenants who were living in deplorable conditions.

"It was one of my first trials, which I lost, but on appeal the Supreme Court held in favor of my clients and established an implied warranty of habitability in all rental contracts. The other was a medical malpractice case in which, on behalf of my client, I persuaded the Supreme Court to extend the discovery rule, which tolls the statute of limitations, to include knowledge of the wrongful conduct of the defendant (*Brown v. Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital*)."

Aeschliman has been married to Lea (Hutchinson) for more than 52 years. They have two sons, Christopher and Matthew, who are married to Susan and Kathleen, respectively, and they have two grandchildren.

"We plan to spend the winter months in Longboat Key, Florida where we both enjoy playing tennis, kayaking, cultural activities and visiting with friends," he says. "We will continue to spend much of the summer at our island cottage in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. ...Our main residence will continue to be in Portsmouth. We intend to continue traveling and will enjoy more time with our family and friends."

Aeschliman advises new lawyers to: "Choose an area or areas of law that you enjoy. Acquire as much knowledge and experience as you can in those areas. Be respectful and friendly, and listen to your clients. Always do your best in representing your client."

Ralph A. Barbagallo, Jr.

Living the Dream Through A Lifetime of Law and Music



After 50 years of law practice, Ralph Barbagallo doesn't feel much different than he did at the beginning of his career. He is still working, with offices in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Barbagallo was born in Lawrence Massachusetts, graduated from Central Catholic High School, and then went on to St. Anselm College and Boston University Law School.

"I was drawn to those attorneys who both practiced law and participated in government, starting historically with John Adams and Abraham Lincoln," he says. "Then, in my law school years, [I admired] the Attorney General, later Senator Ed Brooke, on whose staff I served as a summer intern."

Barbagallo has been a solo practitioner throughout his career and began as a general practitioner. As the legal landscape began to change 25 years ago, he absorbed another attorney's practice and focused on personal injury law in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Barbagallo is a former member of the New Hampshire Association for Justice and has been Rockingham County Bar Association President twice and a current member of the board. He is presently a member of the Legislation Committee of the New Hampshire Bar Association.

Barbagallo has argued cases before both the New Hampshire and Massachusetts Supreme Courts. In a case of first impression, he defended a man accused of raping his wife during the Nisi period before a final divorce decree. The case was argued before the Massachusetts Supreme Court.

He also served on the Eastern District Judicial Nominating Committee in Massachusetts under Governor William Weld.

On the side, Barbagallo has maintained a parallel career as a musician, singer, and songwriter.

"Early in my musical career, I played drums for Rock Icon Chuck Berry," he says. "I have been nominated as Swing Vocalist and Drummer of the year by the National Swing Awards.

"My band 'Rico Barr and The Jump 'n Jive Review' appears in the Disney movie *The Finest Hours*, starring Chris Pine and Stacy Affleck. We have three CDs and our music is available on iTunes and Amazon. The band has performed for both the New Hampshire Bar Foundation Annual Meeting and the Massachusetts Trial Lawyers Association."

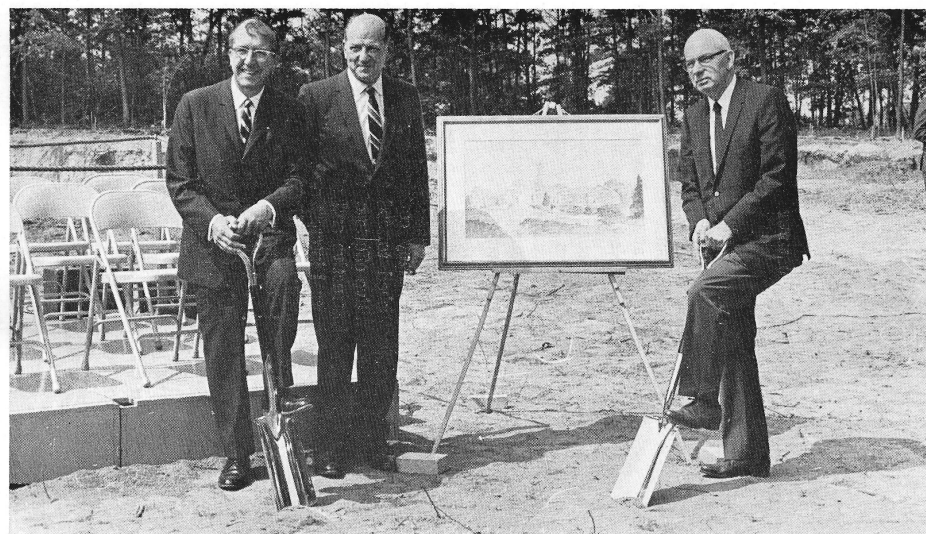
Barbagallo is on the Board of Directors of the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce and formerly was on the Board of Directors of the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra. He was elected to the Lawrence Charter Commission and later served as Chairman of the North Andover Charter Commission.

He has been married to his wife Marie for 45 years. They have two children: Anne Marie Brightman, a health care consultant, and Ralph A. Barbagallo III, who operates a company developing virtual reality. He has one granddaughter, Angiolina.

As for retirement, Barbagallo asks, "Why retire when you are living the dream?"

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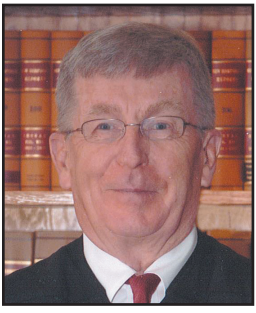
NEW HAMPSHIRE SUPREME COURT GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES



Participating in the groundbreaking ceremonies held on September 5, 1968, at the location of the new home for the New Hampshire Supreme Court in Concord, New Hampshire, were (l. to r.) Governor John W. King, Chief Justice Frank R. Kenison of the New Hampshire Supreme Court, and Chief Justice John H. Leahy of the New Hampshire Superior Court.

Hon. James J. Barry, Jr. (Ret.)

"Share Your Success with Family, Friends, and Colleagues."



When asked how he feels about reaching the 50-year mark, James Barry says, "I surprised myself that I made it! (I never expected to live this long.)"

Barry was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1942, and has lived in New Hampshire since his family moved to the state a year later. He graduated from St. Anselm College and Suffolk University Law School.

Barry is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, on active duty from 1968 to 1971, and in the active Reserve until 1977. Among his duty stations were: Quantico; Camp Lejeune; Danang, Vietnam; Okinawa; and, Camp Pendle-

ton.

After nine months of Infantry Officer Training, Barry was assigned to the Judge Advocate Division and served primarily as a prosecutor.

"As a young lawyer, I was fortunate to try far more significant cases without assistance than I would have in the civilian world," he says. "I was designated a Military Judge on March 17, 1971 in Vietnam and presided over trials in Vietnam and Okinawa.

"One of the more memorable cases involved prosecuting a Corporal, apprehended in 1970, who was charged with desertion upon his return from Korea in 1953 — he was convicted."

Growing up in Manchester, Barry was impressed with the independence that the lawyers he knew demonstrated. His most significant role model was the Hon. Martin F. Loughlin, who he says was "not only an able, dedicated jurist but a man dedicated to his family, his faith, his profession and was a true friend to all who knew him."

Barry says he is fortunate to have had the benefit of friendship, both personal and professional, of some truly great lawyers of the New Hampshire Bar, among them Dave Nixon, Jack Middleton, Mark Abramson and Steve Merrill.

He is most proud of serving on the New Hampshire Superior Court for 21 years with some of the brightest legal minds, including Chief Justice Walter L. Murphy; Judge Joseph A. DiClerico; Chief Justice Linda S. Dalianis; and Justices Phillip Hollman, Carol Ann Conboy and Larry Smukler.

"There are many memorable cases that I was privileged to preside over," he continues. "One that is particularly memorable is the *Great Lakes Aircraft Co. v. City of Claremont*. ...

"The jury returned a verdict on July 12 in the sum of \$5,250,000. The City naturally appealed [and] the transcript was 30,000 pages [in length]. The Supreme Court upheld the finding of liability, but reversed the damage award and returned the case for trial...It settled for an undisclosed amount."

In his community, Barry has been a member of the board of directors of the Farnum Center, which provides treatment for alcohol and drug addiction. He says service on the Board is important to him because of witnessing the ravaging effect of substance abuse on members of the profession, and society as well.

Barry was married to Mary Ann Broderick on June 24, 1967, and the couple enjoyed 35 years of marriage until her death on December 29, 2003. They have three children: Meighan, James III and Erin.

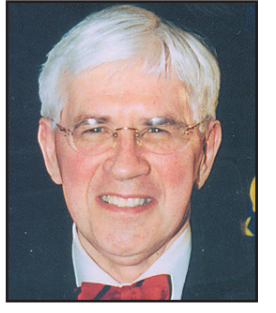
In retirement, Barry hopes to return to Ireland for an extended visit.

His advice to new lawyers is: "When due in Court: Be on time and be prepared.

Share your successes and good fortune with family, friends and colleagues and return some of that success in the form of pro bono work."

George C. Bruno

Promoting Justice through Fair Immigration



After 50 years of practice, George Bruno has created a legacy of advancing justice through the law — inside and outside of the office.

Bruno was born in Margaretville, New York, in the heart of the Catskill Mountains. He received a BA from Hartwick College, a JD from George Washington University, and a Reginald Heber Smith Fellowship from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Bruno says he became a lawyer to promote justice and to make a contribution to society. His first client was the cab-driver whose arrest sparked the Newark civil disturbances in the summer of 1967, when Bruno was working as a young storefront lawyer for Newark Legal Services Project in the city's Central Ward. It was perhaps an unlikely path to his later being appointed by President Bill Clinton as U.S. Ambassador to Belize, and a traveler and lecturer in over 50 countries.

Now, Ambassador Bruno practices global immigration law by "facilitating visas for families, employers, investors and asylees; and providing representation for immigrants being wrongfully deported," he says.

A significant milestone was arguing and winning a unanimous reversal of a lower court case before the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Philpott v. Essex County Welfare Board*. In Justice William O. Douglas' last opinion, the case of first impression established that social security benefits were immune from attachment by creditors. The case helped thousands of Americans on Social Security. Another memorable case involved securing green cards for an escaped, blind Chinese lawyer dissident and his family.

Along the way, Bruno worked with David Nixon, Kimon Zachos, and others.

"I did my part to help create the NH Public Defender; the NH Consumer Advocate; the NH Housing Finance Agency; the Tenants Bill of Rights and other important social legislation as the organizer and first director of NH Legal Assistance," he says. "With a partner, Bob Gilmore, I also created the NH Law Directory and Daybook and NH Law Weekly, which later became today's *NH Bar News*."

Bruno has served on numerous boards ("Isn't that what most lawyers do?" he says), including: the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center, Merrimack Zoning Board of Adjustment, the NH Appellate Board of the Department of Employment Security, the Advisory Board of the US Global Leadership Coalition, the NH Social Welfare Council, Advisory Board of the Concord Coalition, World Affairs Council of NH, Hartwick College Board of Trustees, and the Brotherhood of Temple Adath Yeshurun, among others.

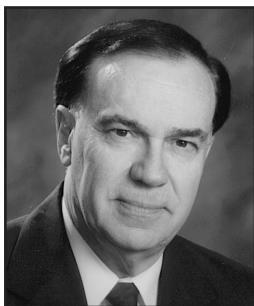
Bruno has been married to Rona Zlokower for 36 years, and together they have one daughter, Liza, who works for Tufts University.

In retirement, Bruno will continue to lecture extensively on immigration law and foreign policy. This year, along with his friend and partner, Bob McDaniel, of Meredith, Bruno has instituted two lawsuits in federal court seeking injunctive and habeas relief on behalf of clients being wrongfully deported by the Trump Administration. Other suits may follow.

Bruno's advice to new lawyers is: "The law, when used right, is a great tool to advance social justice. Don't be afraid to use it when you see an injustice."

Hon. Robert L. Cullinane (Ret.)

Richly Rewarded for Serving the Bench and Bar



Bob Cullinane grew up in Somersworth, where he attended local schools and started part-time work at the age of 16 as a reporter for the local newspaper. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1963 with a major in Government.

During his undergraduate years, he was captain of the UNH Debate team and served as a student intern in the Washington, D.C. office of the late New Hampshire U.S. Senator, Styles Bridges.

Following graduation from the Boston University School of Law in 1968, he began his legal career with a Dover law firm before returning to Somersworth where he started a law practice with his friend Clyde Coolidge.

Cullinane was appointed special justice of the Dover District Court in 1972 and as a full-time district court judge in 1986, a position he held until his retirement in December 2004.

He served as Somersworth City Attorney in the early 1970s and was active in many community groups. Cullinane was chairman of the Somersworth Charter Commission and served on the board of directors at the Somersworth

National Bank and the board of trustees at the Frisbie Memorial Hospital. He chaired the Governor's task force welfare committee and served on the Governor's Commission on Dispositional Guidelines for Juveniles, and on the New Hampshire Judicial Council.

Cullinane is a past president of the New Hampshire Judges Association and was on the Board of Governors for 12 years. He was a member of the Supreme Court Rules Committee for 20 years and served as a delegate to the Russian-American Rule of Law Consortium held in Russia in 2003. During retirement, he has done some appellate mediation for the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

Bob says he feels richly rewarded for having the privilege and opportunity to serve the New Hampshire Bar and Bench for so many years. He and his wife Ruth have been married for 54 years and divide their time between Somersworth and Sarasota, Florida. They enjoy travel and spending time with family and friends.

Philip R. Currier

Focus on "Family, Faith, Friends, Flowers and Fun"



Philip R. Currier has enjoyed all 50 years of his practice in Nashua and life at the center of the Pelham community.

Born in New Haven, Connecticut and raised in Pelham, New Hampshire, Currier graduated from the University of New Hampshire and then Boston College Law School in 1968.

Currier served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1962.

"Most of my tour was in Germany and I was stationed there when the Berlin Wall went up in August 1961," he says. "Those of us there then viewed it as a 'Hot War' not a 'Cold War'."

Currier became a lawyer because he had always liked politics and public affairs and had majored in Political Science at UNH.

"I had an uncle who was a lawyer in Lebanon, New Hampshire but was employed by the VA," he says. "Within a few months of joining the Nashua Bar I knew all the lawyers in Nashua, and many in Manchester and Concord."

"I hesitate to name any who were mentors during those early years for fear of missing some who were important."

Currier practiced with the firm of Smith, Welts and Currier for many years, followed by Currier, Zall and Shepherd, then with his daughter as Currier and Currier. For the last few years, he has been in solo practice as he "gradually eases the foot off the accelerator."

His extensive public service includes three decades as the Pelham School District Moderator and three terms in the NH House of Representatives, with one term as Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Currier was previously president of the Pelham Historical Society, Pelham Lions Club, and Hillsborough County Meals on Wheels program. He has served as Pelham Town Moderator since 1980 and, as an Eagle Scout, has long been active in Troop 25 activities.

Even closer to home, Currier and his wife, Priscilla, provided a ballpark to the Pelham Little League for two decades in the form of three fields on their family farm.

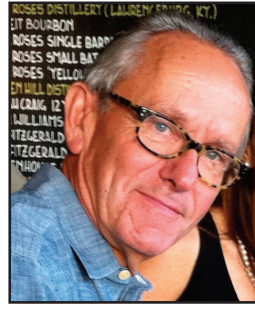
The couple will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary on December 5, 2018. They have two children: Michelle, now a doctor in Concord, New Hampshire, and Philip, a Computer Engineer. They have two grandchildren, Emma and Joseph.

While Currier insists that retirement isn't in his vocabulary, he does have some advice for the next generation of practitioners.

"Focus on service to your clients, to the legal profession and to your community and state, and give reduced focus to income," he says. "Remember the old poem with the title 'I shall not live in vain' and never forget the five Fs: *Family, Faith, Friends, Flowers and Fun.*"

J. Jefferson Davis

Treating Others with Civility and Respect



After a long, fulfilling career, J. Jefferson Davis doesn't have any regrets about leaving.

"I loved the work and the lawyers and bankers I had the pleasure of dealing with," he says. "I walked out the door my last day, said goodbye, and I haven't missed it at all."

"Retirement is a great life as long as you're healthy."

Davis was born in Passaic, New Jersey and then lived in Bristol, Rhode Island, and Berlin, New Hampshire. He attended Dartmouth College, the University of Michigan law school, and received an LLM in Taxation from Boston University.

Davis joined the ROTC at Dartmouth, and later became an MP in the Army.

"My first post after Military Police Officers Training was at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation; my last year of active duty was in Seoul, Korea, where I was a company commander, and for much of the year was the Provost Marshal for Yongsan Garrison in Seoul," he says.

Davis says his decision to become a lawyer had very little to do with wanting to be a lawyer.

"My draft board in Berlin had an insufficient pool of possible draftees who could pass the literacy requirements, so many college students were drafted out of their sophomore or junior years," he says.

His role model in the field of law was the man who hired him, Sherman D. Horton, Jr. "To the extent that I can be considered a good lawyer, [it] is mostly because of Sherm," Davis says. "He loved the law, but never got in the way of his clients."

"He truly was a counselor at law, and taught me how to be a good lawyer. He was a great teacher, a great jurist, and a great friend. I miss him."

Davis' first job as a lawyer was with Sullivan, Gregg and Horton. Later, he served on the New Hampshire Real Estate Commission and was a lecturer with Rivier College's paralegal program.

"What I am most proud of is the fact that I practiced for 40 years, and was, I believe, pretty well-respected, and, with a few exceptions I'm sure, thought of as a lawyer who knew what he was doing – and was always willing to take the time to discuss issues with lawyers who thought my input might be helpful," he says.

Davis helped his community by serving at the Nashua Children's Home, working for New Hampshire Legal Services, and teaching on real estate law issues.

He has one son, Jason Davis, with his first wife, Ellen Davis, and a grandson, Jake Davis.

"My second, current, and last wife is Beth H. Davis, a partner at Hamblett & Kerrigan, and she has two adult children, a daughter Jamie, and a son, Jonathan," Davis says. "Beth and I travel to see children in L.A., New York, and Portland, Oregon."

"My other major interest is cooking. It is much less frustrating than golf (which I gave up in college) and if you are moderately good at it, the results are much tastier than golf balls."

Davis says he would tell young lawyers, "Treat your clients and [other] attorneys with respect and civility. As Sherm Horton told me, 'It's a small state, so don't make any enemies you don't have to.'"

Charles G. Douglas, III

"To whom much is given, much is expected."

At 75, Chuck Douglas is pleased to still be practicing law after 50 years.

"I still enjoy practicing," he says.

Douglas was born and raised in the Philadelphia area and spent 10 years on a farm near Fort Washington. He started out at Wesleyan University, transferred to the University of Pennsylvania as a night student, and then finished up at the University of New Hampshire in 1965. He graduated from Boston University Law School in 1968.

Douglas enlisted in the NH Army National Guard in the summer of 1968 and served in the Guard for 23 years.

"I enjoyed my time in the military because I made a lot of friends around the state," he says. "It was a very different pace from being a judge or a lawyer and I have no regrets for the time I spent in the military."

Douglas worked at the McLane firm, now known as McLane Middleton, both before and after law school, and then went into private practice in 1970 with Harry Perkins.

In 1973 and 1974, he served in the executive branch of state government as legal counsel to Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr. and was appointed to be a Superior Court judge in 1974.

"In 1977, it was on to the New Hampshire Supreme Court," he says. "I served on the court until 1985, when I resigned to resume private practice in Concord."

"I was elected to Congress in 1988 and served until 1991, representing the Second Congressional District. I resumed private practice doing trial work in 1991. I am now the Chairman of the Governor's Judicial Selection Commission and the publisher of *The Bow Times* monthly newspaper."

Douglas says his most memorable case was *State v. Ball* in 1983, when the

Supreme Court discussed the primacy of the New Hampshire Constitution and "decided not to be a clone of the federal judiciary."

Douglas has long been involved in local service groups including the Rotary and the Bow Community Men's Club.

"I have had many marriages but my final marriage has been to a terrific woman, Debra Douglas, who is both accomplished and beautiful," he continues. "We have been together for over 20 years."

"While Debra and I never had children, we have essentially adopted a young man whose parents died over 10 years ago and we have treated him as our son. My own two boys are in their late 40s and have between them three grandchildren. Obviously, all three grandchildren are perfect."

Chuck has no plans for retirement. His advice to new lawyers would be to participate in the Bar and the community.

"Some of the greatest members of our Bar over the years have been people who give of their time and energy to Bar committees and serving in community groups raising money or working with people who need essentially a good lawyer for free," he says. "I am concerned that increasingly bar associations like other membership and social groups are not being embraced by the younger generation."

"There is a lot to be gained by putting down your phone and computer and interacting with people, even if you sometimes have to disagree with them. My mother always insisted 'those to whom much is given, much is expected.' And I think anyone who is a lawyer should be expected to do more than just practice and go home at night."



William R. Drescher

Cutting Back to 60 Hours a Week

After five decades of practicing law, William Drescher says he's cut back to 60 hours a week.

"My creditors picket my office whenever I mention the word 'retirement!'" he says of his plan to continue working.

Born in New York City, Drescher attended public school and then graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a BA in 1964. He attended law school at Boston University and graduated in 1968.

While in college, Drescher earned money driving a charter bus in New York City.

"Best job I ever had!" he says.

He also worked for Humble Oil Company (Exxon) in Philadelphia before law school. His work experience in Philadelphia exposed him to numerous attorneys involved in business transactions and he perceived it to be a better way of making a living than working for a corporation, he says.

After law school, he worked for a firm in Nashua for one year then moved to Milford. He became a partner at Enright, Lizotte and Drescher from 1969 to 1980, then opened a solo practice in 1980 in Milford and later Drescher & Dokmo, PA (Dokmo is retired), from 1990 to 2018.



Drescher was a Special Justice (1976-1999) and then Justice (1999-2002) in Milford District Court.

He has been married to Carol for 44 years.

"I was from NYC (the Bronx and, therefore a Yankee fan)," he says. "Carol was from Boston (and therefore a Red Sox fan)."

"When we got married I had to sign a paper agreeing that any children of the marriage had to be raised as Red Sox fans. (They all are! Pats fans, too). To keep the peace, I eventually converted to being a Red Sox fan also which, in those days, required me to seek professional help to become a masochist. However, it is much easier now that the curse is lifted."

Together, they have five children. He feels his most significant achievement has been "supporting his family without going into bankruptcy!"

In the community, he coached youth soccer and basketball for many years while his wife coached the baseball teams.

To new lawyers, Drescher advises: "Work Hard. Learn something new every day. Serve your clients. Respect your colleagues and the profession. Tell the truth."

Roger L. Gauthier

Five decades of marriage and law

Roger L. Gauthier is a Concord native, but was raised in Nashua. He then attended St. Anselm College in Manchester and the Catholic University of America – Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C. While in college, Gauthier was chosen as law review student material editor.

Gauthier received a direct commission to the U.S. Navy JAG Corp. He was a Military Judge in Charlestown, South Carolina, and at the Portsmouth and New Hampshire Naval Prison.

James Connor influenced Gauthier to become a lawyer. Gauthier later became Assistant U.S. Attorney in Concord and then Assistant County Attorney for Hillsborough County. Then, he went into private practice with Lenny Velishka and Lucille Kozlowski. He is not practicing law at present.

Gauthier and his wife recently celebrated 50 years of marriage; they have four children and 10 grandchildren.

Gauthier's advice to new lawyers is to read "The Art of Cross-Examination," by New York attorney Francis Welman.



Laura J. Kahn

A Champion for Women's Rights

As the state's first female litigator, Laura Kahn used her law degree as a tool to create social justice.

"My role models will always be my incomparable parents, who gave me a strong moral compass and taught me the value of tolerance, kindness, civility, honesty, charity and hard work," she says.

Kahn was born in New York City and educated in New Jersey.

"My undergraduate degree was in Political Science and when I consulted the 'Want Ads' in the newspaper prior to graduation, there were no positions listed for Political Scientists, so attending law school seemed like a better avenue to employment," she says.

Kahn worked at New Hampshire Legal Assistance in the Manchester office and was a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellow. She also worked for the NHLA as managing attorney in the Nashua office.

Kahn opened her own office as a sole practitioner in 1975, despite being told that a female litigator could never make it on her own. She became a senior partner at Kahn and Brown in Nashua (1975-1988), specializing in Family Law. Before the Legislature enabled restraining orders to prevent domestic violence, she frequently used criminal warrants and complaints as a Justice of the Peace to prosecute abusers. At the time, there was no other remedy available to abused women.

During the beginning years of the feminist movement in New Hampshire, Kahn spoke across the state about the legal rights of women. During that time, she was engaged by the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year to write a document entitled, "The Legal Status of Homemakers in New Hampshire," which was published in June 1977.

The purpose of these efforts, according to former Congresswoman Martha Griffiths, Chair of the Commission's Committee on Homemakers, was "to make recommendations for reform in areas where homemakers are inequitably treated, and to inform the public about little known aspects of domestic relations law."

Kahn also recalled creating a welcoming environment for women in Nashua with her "best friend to this day," Linda Dalianis, who recently retired as Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

"I hope that my career was defined by championing and advancing the cause of women's education and rights in our state," she says. "I was, amazingly, the 41st woman ever admitted to the practice of law in New Hampshire and, some have said, the first female litigator."

Kahn has been happily married to David Freedman (he kept his "maiden" name) for 37 years and is the proud stepmother of three "powerful, accomplished and amazing" women: Deborah, Rebekah and Abigail.

"I've been retired from the practice of law since 1988 and, thereafter, I owned a restaurant for two years and was Director of Operations at a local golf course for six years when I finally decided to really retire," says Kahn. "Since then, we have traveled the world (we just returned from Antarctica) and relocated to Florida where we are perpetual students at Florida Atlantic University."

On reaching this 50-year milestone, Kahn says she has nothing but the most positive memories of her career in law, although she no longer practices.

"New lawyers should be aware daily of the need to practice with collegiality and civility" she advises. "They need to challenge the culture of hostility, unnecessary aggression and rancor."

"In other words, they should try to be better people than members of Congress and reality TV personalities."



Rodney E. Gould

"Don't take anything too seriously"

Rodney Gould is still practicing law full-time.

He was born in Boston and says he always wanted to be a lawyer. His role models were Barbara Jordan and Barbara Bush.

Gould worked at Covington and Burling in Washington, D.C., practicing in the areas of antitrust and federal regulatory law. At the Federal Trade Commission in Boston, he dealt with antitrust law and consumer protection. He also worked at Rubin Hay & Gould and later with Smith Duggan Buell & Rufo, where he practiced Travel Law.

Gould's most notable case was the Achille Lauro litigation (Klinghoffer case).

"I defended the tour operator for the cruise and sued the PLO as a third party defendant," he says.

In the community, he was involved with the Museum of Fine Arts and other committees.

Gould has been married for 50 years; he and his wife have two daughters and four grand-children.

To new lawyers, he says, "Don't take anything too seriously."



John H. Henn

A Champion for Planned Parenthood

John Henn is staying active after 50 years of practicing law and climbing all of New Hampshire's high peaks.

"Currently, I am mostly sitting as an arbitrator, while doing a small amount of pro-bono legal work," he says. "The legal work is done as a member of the Massachusetts bar, as I am an inactive member of the NH bar, which I joined basically because I live part time in Sandwich and love New Hampshire — especially the mountains: I have climbed all 48 4000-footers more than twice."

Henn was born in Appleton, Wisconsin, raised in Evanston, Illinois, and went to law school at Harvard University.

"My senior year of high school was 1963-64 and graduate school seemed better than getting drafted ... law school was a default choice as I did not want to go on to get a PhD in history and scramble for a teaching job," he says.

After law school (and a year in London), Henn became a Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court law clerk and then an associate and later a partner with Foley Hoag LLP (formerly Foley, Hoag & Eliot), in Boston.

"I practiced for money in business litigation (including public market securities litigation); practiced pro bono for the ACLU of Mass., and especially for Planned Parenthood League of Mass.," he says. "Apart



from my once being president of the board of the ACLU of MA, the only legal achievements I'll be remembered for are probably my many cases for PPLM, including arguing *Bellotti v. Baird*, 443 U.S. 622 (1979).

"That case, and the many cases affirming or (in the lower courts) following it, as well as the NH statute codifying the law, had to do with a constitutional *right* of unmarried minors seeking abortion to 'bypass' parental notice. Specifically, the right specifies that a judge (not any other government official) could allow such by-pass by applying specific standards (not any personal standards or values). Privilege has nothing to do with it. *Compare 138 A.3d 496, 511 et seq.*"

In addition to his work with Planned Parenthood, Henn has worked with a local, nonprofit "community development corporation" that develops and manages affordable housing, and provides free job training (biomedical and IT) for qualified individuals.

Henn met his wife, Catherine Campbell Henn, in law school. She was the first, and long-time, general counsel for The Boston Globe, as well as the first female vice president for its publicly held owner, Affiliated Publications, Inc., prior to the latter merging into New York Times Corp in the 1990s. Henn's son is a co-founder of the environmental nonprofit, 350.org.

"My advice to a new lawyer would be: select good role models, and work with mentoring older lawyers," he says.

Laurence E. Kelly

A Lifetime of Law and Equine Pursuits

Five decades after legal studies brought him from his midwestern roots to New England, Laurence E. Kelly is long retired and "glad to be alive."

Kelly was born and raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He graduated from St. Patrick's High School and attended the State University of Iowa, majoring in economics. Kelly graduated from Boston University Law School.

He is also a veteran, having been in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed in California and Hawaii.

Kelly says he became a lawyer because he "thought he might be good at it." He started his career at Bossie & Kelly in 1970, practicing personal injury and municipal law until he retired in 2000.

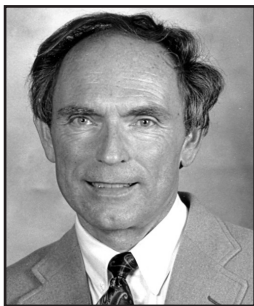
"I had a few miscellaneous verdicts in hard cases in personal injury and in employment law," he says of memorable cases.

Outside of his practice, Kelly bred and raised horses up and down the east coast.

"My community activities mostly revolved around that avocation," he says.

Kelly and his wife, Barbara, have been married for 56 years and have two sons and a daughter. They have traveled extensively together across the country and beyond.

Kelly's advice to young lawyers is: "Try to have enough regular activities to keep busy before you retire."



Alan Linder

A Legacy of Public Service

Alan Linder spent more than four decades with legal assistance services in Pennsylvania and New Hampshire, helping advance civil rights in many groundbreaking class action cases.

Linder was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1965 and from Duquesne Law School in 1968.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970 and was assigned to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, where he provided legal services to enlisted service members in civil matters. From 1971 to 1979, he worked for a legal services program in Pennsylvania.

"In February 1980, I began work at New Hampshire Legal Assistance where I continued to represent low-income persons and organizations in civil matters," he says "My legal services practice in both PA and NH included working on civil rights cases.

"Many of these cases involved class action lawsuits filed in the state and federal courts. The cases included jail and prison litigation involving unconstitutional conditions of confinement and the lack of adequate rehabilitative programs and services, including medical care and mental health treatment."

Linder also advised low-income clients on public benefits matters, unemployment compensation, public and subsidized housing, and child support enforcement, among other issues; and represented victims of domestic and sexual violence. Much of his practice took place before the Public Utilities Commissions in both PA and NH, where he represented low-income customers and organizations involving electric, natural gas and telecommunications matters."

Among his most memorable cases was the Fiandaca case – a class action filed in 1983 on behalf of female state prisoners. Ultimately, the Judge ruled that the state violated the women's rights to equal protection of the laws by failing to provide them with conditions of confinement similar to that provided to male state prisoners. While at NHLA, Linder was appointed to represent inmates of the Men's Prison in a class action suit against the warden and others to remedy unconstitutional conditions of confinement. Federal and state courts issued orders and approved settlement agreements to remedy these conditions. In other notable cases, Linder represented former shoe industry workers to secure job retraining, families of disabled children receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and advocacy that ultimately led to the establishment of special programs for low-income electric, gas and telephone customers by the Public Utilities Commission. In 2013, Linder received the NH Bar Association's Outstanding Service in Public Sector/Public Interest Law Award. Since his retirement from NHLA in 2014, he has continued to do work for NHLA on a part-time, pro bono basis.

Linder is married to Barbara Linder. They have two children: Jennie Linder Cunningham, and Ben Linder.

"My plans for retirement include spending more time with my family, doing some oil painting and reading," he says. "To new lawyers, I would say, 'Always be truthful and honest.'"



Howard B. Lane, Jr.

Still Going Strong



After five decades practicing law, Howard Lane, Jr. is wondering where the time went.

"I'm still going strong after all these years, with no plans for retirement," he says.

Lane was born and raised in Keene, New Hampshire and graduated from Amherst College and Boston University School of Law.

He decided to become a lawyer chiefly because his father was a lawyer from 1929 until his death in 1981.

"The profession was ingrained into me," Lane says.

Lane was special justice of the Keene District Court from 1984 until 2012 and served on the Keene City Council. He also served on the Board of Directors of Cheshire County Savings Bank and of CFX Bank; he was a delegate to the 17th New Hampshire Constitutional Convention.

Lane is married and has two children and two stepchildren.

Michael C. Moyers

"It's not too late to correct your error"

Michael Moyers was a Nashville native who ended up in New England through service as a Navy JAG Corps member.

Moyers was born in Nashville, Tennessee and educated in Nashville's public schools. He traveled to East Tennessee to attend Maryville College, and then went back to Nashville to Vanderbilt Law School.

As a Navy JAG in Boston, Moyers had "all the usual military attorney experience, plus appearances in the Court of Military Appeals [and] a presentation to Boston City Council," he says.

Moyers also defended for a criminal jury trial in Middlesex Superior Court in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

He says a "lack of any discernable career skills after college" and an "inexpensive graduate degree" contributed to his decision to become a lawyer. His role model was Atticus Finch from "To Kill a Mockingbird."



Moyers was a general practitioner with Cleveland, Waters & Bass in Concord for 43 years, retiring in 2015, and volunteered for more than 30 years with the Capital Regional Development Council as an officer, director and counsel.

"As for how I feel about reaching the 50-year milestone, I am grateful for my parents' genes and to advances in medical science," he says.

Moyers has one wife and two children, "all of whom have come to tolerate my idiosyncrasies," he says.

With his usual touch of humor, Moyers says his plans for retirement include, "Respond[ing] to fewer questionnaires."

In the same vein, Moyers tells new lawyers: "It's not too late to correct your error."

Stephen H. Oleskey

Part of a Profession With Deep and Illustrious Roots



Nationally recognized for his lifetime commitment to pro bono cases, Stephen Howes Oleskey is still practicing law — and giving back.

The Concord native became interested in the law at an early age, thanks to his mother, who was a secretary in the Merrimack County Superior Court.

"She often described exciting cases occurring at the Courthouse," Oleskey says. "I also went to listen to arguments before the New Hampshire Supreme Court..."

"I was in awe of the judges of the Supreme Court, particularly [of] its long-time distinguished Chief Justice, Frank Kenison. I decided when I was 13 that I'd like to become a trial lawyer... and pointed myself in that direction from then until I graduated from law school in 1968."

He notes that he graduated from Wesleyan University and New York University School of Law at the urging of the late Kimon Zachos, whose support was crucial.

Then, he joined the Boston law firm Hale and Dorr, particularly because of its history of pro bono work. Oleskey became a civil litigator and ultimately a partner at the firm, where he was part of many notable cases before his retirement in 2013.

He acted as one of the counsel to the City of Boston in the Boston School Committee/NAACP school desegregation litigation. He also served as one of the counsel to the Town of Mashpee in Federal Court litigation brought by the Mashpee Tribe in an unsuccessful effort to invoke the 1798 Trade and Nonintercourse Act to undo existing land title in Mashpee.

And, starting in 2004, Oleskey co-lead WilmerHale's pro bono representation of six Guantánamo Bay prisoners who were born in Algeria and living in Bosnia on 9/11.

"Despite being ordered released by the Bosnian courts for lack of evidence following their arrests in October 2001 on charges of plotting to blow up the US Embassy in Sarajevo, the men were seized by U.S. forces in Boston and sent to the newly opened Guantánamo Bay Prison," he says. "The six men had no legal counsel until we flew into Guantánamo Bay in December 2004 having brought an action in habeas corpus for the men in July in Federal District Court in Washington, D.C."

"In the subsequent habeas trial before the same judge who had dismissed the case in 2005, the Court found that the Government had not met its burden of showing grounds for continued detention as to five of the six men. He therefore ordered them released immediately; the sixth prisoner was later released while his appeal was pending. Today, two of the men are living with their families in Bosnia, two in France and the last two in Algeria."

For this representation, as well as for 40 years of actively supporting legal services for the poor in Massachusetts, Oleskey was honored to receive the American Bar Association Lifetime Pro Bono Award in 2009. Currently, he is a weekly mentor to new lawyers who have recently graduated from the University of Massachusetts Law School.

Oleskey has been married since 1985 to Judith Tick, a college teacher, writer and scholar of American music. They each have one child by previous marriages.

To young lawyers he says: "Being a lawyer is more than simply holding down a job. We are ... a profession... with deep and illustrious roots. You need to conduct yourself at all times with honor and dignity."

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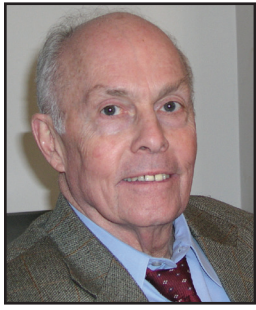
Remember When...



Principals at the luncheon in honor of the newly-admitted members of the New Hampshire Bar held at the New Hampshire Highway Hotel on September 5, 1968, in conjunction with the two-day "New Lawyers Seminar" sponsored by the Association's Committee On Junior Bar Activities were (seated, l. to r.) Hon. Hugh H. Bownes, Judge, United States District Court for New Hampshire, Hon. Frank R. Kenison, Chief Justice, New Hampshire Supreme Court, His Excellency, Governor John W. King, of Goffstown, and Hon. John H. Leahy of Claremont, Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Superior Court, and (standing, l. to r.) Secretary-Treasurer David L. Nixon, of New Boston, President John E. Gormley, of Lancaster, and Edward R. Thornton, Jr., of Manchester, Chairman of the Association's Committee On Junior Bar Activities.

Richard R. Peppe

From Night School to Private Practice



After nearly four decades running his own practice, Richard Peppe closed his Suncook office in 2015.

"I suppose most people have mixed emotions about any 50-year anniversary: some satisfaction and some regrets," he says. "I am still working out of my home in Derry, NH."

Peppe was born in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and graduated from East Bridgewater High School. He went on to Tufts College and graduated in 1961.

Peppe joined the Air Force and was stationed in Maryland. He became a first lieutenant and was discharged in 1964. He started law school classes in the evenings at American University, and finished his law school education at Suffolk's evening division in 1967.

Peppe says he can't really remember when he thought of being a lawyer.

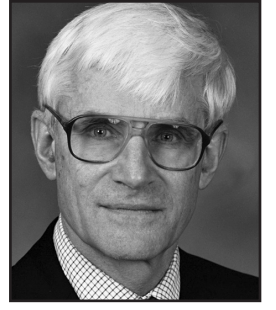
"I remember telling a teacher that I might want to be a lawyer when I was in junior high," he says.

Peppe started his career at Simplex Wire and Cable Company in Massachusetts in 1968 working for another lawyer on marketing problems. Later, he was transferred to New Hampshire. "I went to work for the Manchester Federal Savings and Loan in 1971 doing title work," he says. "In 1976 I opened an office... I closed my office in Suncook in 2015."

Peppe has developed Parkinsonism and plans to stay near home during retirement.

John C. Ransmeier

A Trusted Advisor and Community Advocate



John Ransmeier is still practicing law after five decades.

The "50-year milestone" reminds him that he has less time ahead of him to do other things, "which is troubling," he says. The practice keeps him engaged with friends at the office, and clients, which is healthy.

Ransmeier was born in Charlottesville, Virginia. His parents moved to Hanover when his father became an economics professor at Dartmouth and he was just a toddler. The family moved to Hopkinton when John was in fifth grade, and his dad became a lawyer practicing in Concord.

Ransmeier went to St. Paul's School, Amherst College, and the University of Michigan Law School. While practicing in New Hampshire, he attended classes at Boston University Law School and graduated with a Master's Degree in Tax.

After receiving draft deferments that allowed him to complete college and law school, he served for a couple of years in the U.S. Army, including a tour of about a year in Vietnam. He was attached to a military police battalion and processed paperwork for disciplinary matters, including discharges; he experienced no combat nor any real danger.

"I started my career in the Sulloway office where my father had been a partner for many years," he says. "I became a partner there, but in 1979 my father and I, with Larry Spellman and Larry Smith, decided to start our own smaller firm ... that office (Ransmeier & Spellman) has been my professional home ever since."

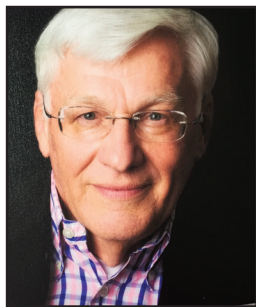
Ransmeier's practice for many years has focused on estate and trust, probate and tax work, but in many ways, he says he is a general practitioner at heart.

"The most significant thing to me about my career is the role I have played in the office in which I work which I believe provides a satisfying employment home to lawyers and staff, and a place where clients find trusted legal advisors," he says.

Ransmeier has also been active in the Concord community, including service as a board member and chair for the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce; as a trustee of the Concord Public Library; and for many years, as a member of the board of the Concord Public Library Foundation.

Ransmeier is married to Judy, whose passion is docent work at the Currier Museum, and "keeping her husband and family in line," he says. Together, they have a daughter Johanna, who is a mother of two girls and is a Chinese History Professor at the University of Chicago; a daughter Abigail, mother of two girls, and an architect; and a son Peter, who is a father of two and family practitioner at the Dartmouth Hitchcock clinic in Concord.

To new lawyers, his advice is: "Reconcile yourself to the fact that this is a difficult job, and you need to work hard to learn how to do it well. And you need to keep learning, since the profession is changing faster than ever, day by day."



Jon S. Richardson

Seeing the Law as a Force for Change

"Considering the alternative," says Jon Richardson, "I am very pleased to hit the 50-year mark, although I was lucky to have retired from active practice in 2000 so [I feel] no real impact at this time."

Richardson was born and raised in Hanover and graduated from Harvard College, followed by Harvard Law School in 1968.

Richardson says he came of age in the early Kennedy years and it was easy to see the law as a force for positive change in society.

"At Harvard College I lucked into a freshman seminar on the Supreme Court, the 10 members of which all became lawyers or even judges," he says. "I was attracted to the prospect of a law career and ultimately I saw it as an intellectual activity which allowed a decent standard of living."

He thinks the practice of law has become a little less "genteel" than it was in 1968.

Richardson had a brief apprenticeship in Boston and then joined the Sheehan, Phinney, Bass & Green firm in Manchester where he worked closely with Bill Green as New Hampshire caught the economic development wave from Boston. With his other partners, he eventually established a multi-pronged M&A practice based on bank holding companies, hospitals and securities law.

"My public company experience led to my leaving private practice in 1996 and joining the corporate world, first as Special Counsel to Healthsource, Inc., and ultimately as General Counsel to Oxford Health Plans in Connecticut where I retired in 2000," he says. "As a corporate lawyer I never felt the

need for notoriety, in fact, the opposite, as much of my time was spent trying to avoid problems or to facilitate private transactions which were intended as 'win-win' events."

As for his involvement in his community, Richardson was pleased to be a long-term trustee and treasurer of the school his sons attended, the Derryfield School. He was also a trustee of the Elliot Hospital in Manchester for some time.

Richardson is married to "the young gal" from Berlin (Peggy Hearn)" whom he met at 4-H Camp and married in 1965. Their sons, Jon and James, both graduated from Harvard College and went on to graduate degrees and productive careers, and Richardson now has four grandsons.

Richardson has always had an avocation for selling rare books, a vice not uncommon to lawyers, "probably because we spend so much time in libraries," he says.

"Starting in 2000, I was able to indulge this more and have developed a fairly solid worldwide client base for books by and about Virginia Woolf and the Bloomsbury Group," he says. "We work closely with libraries to enhance their special collections areas and issue catalogs which keeps the 'little gray cells' active."

"Beyond that we travel to Europe and to Florida in the winters now that we don't ski."

Richardson remembers that his keys to successful practice were serving his clients by being available, responsive, and creative and, hopefully, retaining a sense of humor.

"The latter point is admittedly difficult," he says.

Remember When... September 24, 1968: 60 Minutes debuts on CBS

Stillman D. Rogers

"The Mysterious Science of the Law" Shapes a Career

Stillman David Rogers' career in the law has been "an amazing combination of people, events, intellectual challenge and personal growth far greater than I expected at the outset," he says.

A Dover High School graduate, Rogers left studies at Harvard College in 1958 for a six-month stint at USMA/West Point. He enlisted in the Army when he left West Point, but active service was deferred when he returned to Harvard and joined ROTC. Rogers graduated in 1962 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

He served in Verona, Italy as Commanding officer of the 57th APU and in a variety of other functions. Rogers was honorably discharged June 30, 1968. In the meantime, he began law School at American University as a night student and graduated in 1968.

"As an undergraduate at Harvard, I took a General Ed course taught by Mark DeWolfe Howe, Jr. entitled *The Mysterious Science of the Law*," he says. "It was a course on the historical development of Anglo-Saxon law and the course excited me ...I found [it] compelling, exciting and something that I wanted to do with my life."

Rogers' practiced for 10 years with Faulkner, Plaut, Hanna and Zimmerman in Keene and then served as Clerk of Superior Court for Cheshire County for 23 years. He retired in 2001.

As a private practitioner, Rogers was notably involved in the so-called Mink Case in U.S. Federal Court in Concord. The multi-party, multi-state case centered on the contamination of food and feed products with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and was possibly the first trial of the major ecological pollutant.

As Clerk of Court, he managed many prominent cases, including the first trial of a Catholic priest for sexual abuse of minors.

In 2006, Rogers was appointed for six months as Cheshire County Commissioner for District 3, and then elected to a four-year term. And, his legacy of public service also reaches beyond the Monadnock Region.

"In 1973, I was appointed by the President of the United States to be a member of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy," he says. "As a Board member, I was able to participate in the integration of women as cadets at the academy. ... While some Board members advocated a watered-down program for women, I worked with other members to ensure that the women's experience was as close as possible to that of [men]."

Additionally, Rogers served on the NH Judicial Council and the board of the NH Bar Association, where he worked with Attorney Ernest Bell, Jr. and the NH Supreme Court to establish the Lawyer's Assistance Committee. As a member of the Southern NH Legal Assistance program in the 1970s, he helped found "the fledgling public defender office for Hillsborough County which soon morphed into the statewide NH Public Defender program," he says.

He currently serves as a member of the Advisory Council of the Superior Court Drug Court Diversion program.

Married to writer Barbara Radcliffe since 1967, Rogers' family includes three children — a son, who died in infancy, and daughters Juliette Radcliffe Rogers and Lura Rogers Seavey — and two grandchildren.

"In the 1980s, [Barbara] enticed me into joining her as a writer," he says. "Together, and separately, we have written more than three dozen books."

Speaking from experience, Rogers advises new lawyers to become involved in the NH Bar Association and consider public office.

"Find a couple of senior lawyers and befriend them — use them as mentors and don't be shy about asking questions," he says. "Become involved in your community in causes that you believe in."



John M. A. Rolli

*From Railway Owner to Fire Chief,
Branching out Beyond Law*

John Rolli has had a wide variety of experiences since he left life as a lawyer in 1982.

Rolli says his father and his father's lawyer/friend made the decision for him to enter law and his role models were community leaders such as attorneys Jean-Louis Blais of Berlin, Luigi J. Castello of Woodsville, and Fred Harrigan of Colebrook.

His life started in New Bedford, Massachusetts, and he graduated from Villanova Law School. He has also attended Northeastern University in Boston, Florida Keys Community College in Key West, and Brevard County Community College, Division of Fire Science.

Rolli was a solo practitioner in Littleton and served on the Judicial Council, the New Hampshire Bar Association Board of Governors, the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the board of Editors of *NH Law Weekly*. He was also on the board of directors of NH Legal Assistance and was elected to a term as Grafton County Attorney.

Rolli was a founding member of the Littleton Industrial Development Corporation, helping to create an industrial park and bringing in new industry at a time when shoe factories were closing. Today, Littleton is the home of 15 industries employing over 1000 workers.

"I haven't practiced law since 1982, when I left to run the Mt Washington Cog Railway and the North Stratford short line freight railroad," he says. "I was a Bethlehem Village District Commissioner, and most significantly, Bethlehem's last serving Fence Viewer!"

"After owning the Cog Railway, I moved to Key West where I owned a cab company, became volunteer fire chief and president of the property owners' association on Sugarloaf Key and then president of the Monroe County Fire Chiefs' Association ... I also served on several boards in city and county government."

His New Hampshire experience didn't prepare him for the bizarre world of the Key West judicial system, where his company was involved in protracted litigation, he says. One example: an opposing attorney was caught sneaking into an empty office adjoining the one where Rolli was meeting with his attorney and eavesdropping with his ear to the wall.

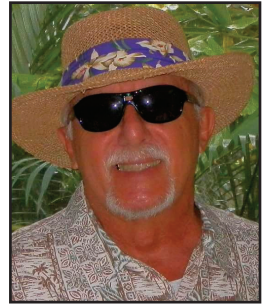
Rolli is most proud of his service as a volunteer firefighter for 37 years.

"Nothing else you can do compares with being directly involved in saving a human life," he says.

Rolli has been married to his wife Anna since 1967.

"Have I reached the 50-year milestone so soon? Seems only a few years back I was studying for the bar at the old Supreme Court building with fellow exam-takers Chuck Douglas and Dick Hampe, and being coached by law clerk Joe DiClerico, and attending Charlie DeGrandpre's Bar review course," says Rolli. "To young lawyers I would say: Get out of your law office and become involved in your community."

"Use your legal talent to help its betterment. In these days due to everyone cocooning themselves at home buried in electronic gadgetry, volunteer, non-profit, and service organizations are withering away for lack of membership. Your involvement in youth sports, Lions, Rotary, scouts and other such organizations will make you a better lawyer and a better person."



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Donald W. Stever, Jr.

A Career Shaping Environmental Law

Donald Stever is proud to have had a very rewarding career as an environmental lawyer and litigator, which started when he was a new staff attorney in the NH Attorney General's Office.

"Warren Rudman asked me if I would be willing to focus on environmental law and be promoted to Assistant Attorney General," he says. "I am still practicing law, albeit part-time, and am preparing to do complex environmental dispute mediations.

Stever was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania and raised in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. He earned his BA (cum laude) from Lehigh University and received his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Stever's numerous positions have included: chief of both the Pollution Control Section and Environmental Defense Section in the Environmental & Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice; professor of environmental law at Pace University School of Law, and visiting professor of environmental studies at Dartmouth College; and partner at Sidley & Austin, K&L Gates LLP, and Dewey Ballantine, LLP, all in New York.

Stever also shared a number of memorable cases and achievements.

"I was in charge of much major enforcement and defensive litigation, including appellate litigation, for EPA and other federal agencies, involving environmental issues during this period," he says of his time at the Department of Justice. "One case I am proud of was my successful oral argument in the Tenth Circuit that resulted in the court's rejection to a challenge to mandatory emission inspection of motor vehicles."

In *re Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station*, Stever represented New Hampshire in a nuclear power plant licensing proceeding; he also successfully advocated for the construction of fish ladders to enable the return of Atlantic



Salmon to the upper Connecticut River. And, in *Sibson v. Special Board*, he represented the State in a landmark wetlands protection case before the NH Supreme Court.

While at Dartmouth, Stever authored a book: "Seabrook and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission: The Licensing of a Nuclear Power Plant." At Pace Law School, Stever co-founded the first law school master's degree in environmental law.

In private law practice, Stever chaired the Board of Directors of the Environmental Law Institute, representing the United States in meetings to discuss the development of environmental regulatory programs in Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Romania. He also represented the United Nations in meetings with Chinese government officials.

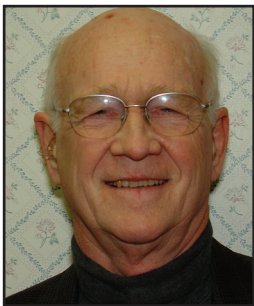
In 1968, Stever married Betsy Jean Seaman (divorced 1975) with whom he has a daughter, Heather, and two teen-aged grandsons. In 1976, he married Margo Taft. They have two children: David, a lawyer, and James, owner and, (with his wife) operator of Generation Farm. They have one granddaughter, David's daughter, Cassandra. Stever assisted his son in establishing Generation Farm, an organic farm that produces organic salad greens, microgreens and flowers in East Concord, New Hampshire.

Following his semi-retirement earlier this year, Stever says he has no particular plans other than to keep busy "while giving myself a bit more time for relaxation and trips back to Concord to visit Generation Farm."

To new lawyers, he advises: "Try to find a niche within the practice of law that suits your interest and your strengths ... Notwithstanding what your professors might have told you, law school does not really prepare you for the reality you will face in the practice of law."

Robert B. Titus

Step up to Give Back



Robert B. Titus chose to become a lawyer because "it just felt like the right profession." Five decades later, he is retired from practicing law, but still engages in some law-related activities, such as serving as arbitrator on securities law claims.

Titus was born in Hanover, New Hampshire and raised in Laconia. He attended Yale College and Yale Law School. Titus cites Ron Snow of Orr & Reno as

a role model.

Titus became an associate and then a partner at Day, Berry & Howard, in Hartford, Connecticut, from 1968 to 1983. Later, he was the Deputy Banking Commissioner for the State of Connecticut, from 1993 to 1995, and served as a mediator and arbitrator from 1996 to 2014, a position which he particularly enjoyed.

Titus also taught law at Western New England College School of Law in Springfield, Massachusetts, from 1983 to 1993 and again from 1995 to 1997.

"I was active in many service projects on a Pro Bono basis, and have been a long-time member of Rotary," Titus says.

Titus married Margaret H. Hallowell in 1964. They have a daughter, Abigail Johnson, who lives in Weston, Mass. and a son, Jeremy, who lives in Durham, Connecticut. They have three grandchildren.

His advice to young lawyers is: "Be willing to undertake pro bono efforts."

Robert W. Upton, II

Proud and Blessed to be a Bar member



Robert Upton says reaching the 50-year milestone is "pretty amazing." He is fully retired and no longer practicing law.

Upton was born in Pennsylvania during World War II.

"After the war, my father returned to Concord to practice law with his father," he says.

Upton was raised in Concord, attended Concord public schools, and then graduated from Dartmouth College in 1965. In 1968, he graduated from Boston University Law School, and served in the New Hampshire National Guard from that year until 1974.

My grandfather, father and two uncles were all lawyers," Upton says. "I saw how much they enjoyed what they were doing and decided early on that it was what I wanted to do."

Upton's first job was with the McLane firm in Manchester. He worked primarily with Stanley Brown on personal injury cases — "a great learning opportunity!" he says.

"After about six years, my grandfather, after whom I was named, died and I returned to the Upton firm in Concord where I practiced until my retirement," Upton says.

As a younger lawyer, Upton had a general practice with no particular focus. Over time, municipal law became his primary interest, especially defending tax abatement appeals by utilities.

"I have always felt incredibly proud and blessed to be a member of the N.H. Bar Association," Upton says. "The lawyers I worked with and against were the best! Great people and really good lawyers! It was a privilege to know and work with them."

Upton has three grown children from his first marriage and two adopted daughters from China from his second.

"I look forward to watching my children and grandchildren grow and have the same great opportunities and lives that I have been blessed to experience," Upton says.

His advice for new lawyers is find an area of the law that's interesting and "then sit back and enjoy the ride!"

Remember When...

December 24, 1968

*Apollo 8 is the first manned spacecraft to orbit the moon.
Apollo 8 captured the first pictures of earth from deep space.*

Wayne C. Vennard, Jr.

"Get involved in Your Community."

When asked how he feels about reaching the 50-year mark, Wayne Vennard says, "As we say in Kansas, it is good to still be on the right side of the grass."

Vennard was born in Exeter and raised in Portsmouth. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1965 with a B.A. in political science and then Boston University School of Law in 1968 with a JD. He later graduated from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking in 1987 and received a master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas in 1997.

After passing the NH Bar exam in 1968, Vennard entered the U.S. Air Force as a captain with a four-year tour of duty. His first assignment was Wurtsmith AFB in Oscoda, Michigan. He volunteered for Vietnam and was sent to Korat Royal Thai AFB in Thailand for one year.

"I was awarded the Air Force commendation medal for my Thai service," Vennard says. "I enjoyed my time in the Air Force."

"We had a lot of interesting trial work. Eventually I became a trial judge. My four years in the AF was a very good personal and professional experience."

When he was a first-year law student, Vennard had the opportunity to attend a seminar with New Hampshire Supreme Court Chief Justice Frank Kenison.

"Of course, his superb reputation preceded him," he says "It was a great honor to be in the same classroom with this kind man who took time from his busy schedule to meet with law students."

"This was a significant experience for me."

In 1975, Vennard joined the enforcement and compliance division of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington, D.C. The OCC was the primary regulator of national banks.

"The head of compliance was Robert Serino, another significant person in my career," he says. "After dealing with problem banks for seven years in Washington, I accepted a position with the OCC Midwestern Office in Kansas City, MO."

Vennard took early retirement from the OCC in 1995. He was appointed Kansas Director of Taxation and to the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals, and retired again in 2000.

In his Kansas community, Vennard served six years on the Prairie Village city council and nine years on the Johnson County Mental Health Board, including three as chair. He also served as a treasurer for his state representative and senator and is currently treasurer for a Johnson County Commissioner and the Kansas Crisis Intervention Team, which provides training for police, involving mental issues and conflicts.



He has been married to Nancy (Reis) since 1972 — "the best decision I ever made" — and the couple has two adult children, he says.

As for retirement, Vennard says: "We just moved to a home on a defunct golf course here in PV. That should keep us busy for a while. We also plan on continuing to travel. Tempus fugit. I cannot believe it has been fifty years since I joined the NHBA."

He urges new lawyers to get involved.

"There are always a number of boards and worthwhile committees that need enthusiastic young folks," Vennard says. "Needless to say, it serves as a way to get one's name out and about your community."

Barry J. Walker

Helped His Fellow Vets

Barry Walker was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, raised in Norwich, and attended high school in Hanover, New Hampshire. He went on to Boston University for his college years and then graduated from BU Law School.

"I am pleased and happy to be alive and healthy [upon reaching this milestone]," says Walker. "I am now retired, but I practiced law until I retired 20 years ago."

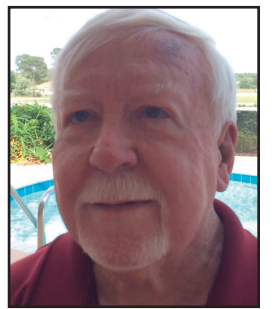
Although he was in the military during the Vietnam War, Walker never served outside of the United States.

After law school, Walker was employed by, and then became a partner in, a small general practice law firm in Newport, New Hampshire.

In 1975, Walker accepted a position as a staff attorney with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Manchester, and was later appointed District Counsel for the VA in New Hampshire. He retired in 1999.

Walker married his wife Sharon in 1985. They have no children. They moved to Florida in 2001 and plan to remain there.

"Life is good in retirement," says Walker. "We travel, hike, bike, canoe and supervise our three, rescued Great Pyrenees."



Robert A. Wells

Lifelong McLane Lawyer with Farming Roots

Robert Wells has spent almost five decades practicing at McLane Middleton, but cut his teeth as a Navy JAG in the Big Apple.

After graduating from Michigan Law School in 1967, Wells was accepted to be a Navy JAG and spent his days in New York City, where he prosecuted and defended sailors and marines in Special and General Courts Martial.

"At the end of my brief tenure I served as Military Judge" he says. "The JAG corps was a great opportunity to start practicing law with many experienced attorneys there to guide you."

Although he ended up on the East Coast, Wells still has deep roots in Missouri.

Wells was born in Louisiana, Missouri, and raised in the village of Paynesville on his family's farm, which he still helps operate. He attended DePauw University, majoring in French and Political Science with a concentration in African Studies, and then traveled to Senegal on *Operations Crossroads Africa*.

Following his stint in the JAG Corps, Wells settled into a career at McLane Middleton, where he was expected to work in every aspect of the law.

"You responded to whatever the partner asked you to do," he says. "And I believe to this day that makes me a better lawyer than if I had concentrated just in one field."

When he was a litigator, Wells worked with colleague Jack Middleton on a number of Title IX and Title VII matters, filing what was the first Title IX action in the country for the Manchester Teachers Association, and relating to equal access to high school sports for women. The duo also represented the plaintiff in *Sweeney vs. Keene State College*, which was the first successful case involving gender discrimination in promotion — a case which went to the U.S. Supreme Court twice.

Wells says his many role models include his JAG commanding officer, Captain Carl Lundin, and at McLane Middleton, Harriet Mansfield, John Mc-



Lane, Jack Middleton, Charlie DeGrandpre, and Peter Guenther, among others. His assistant Brenda Beer, "made certain my practice has been successful," he says.

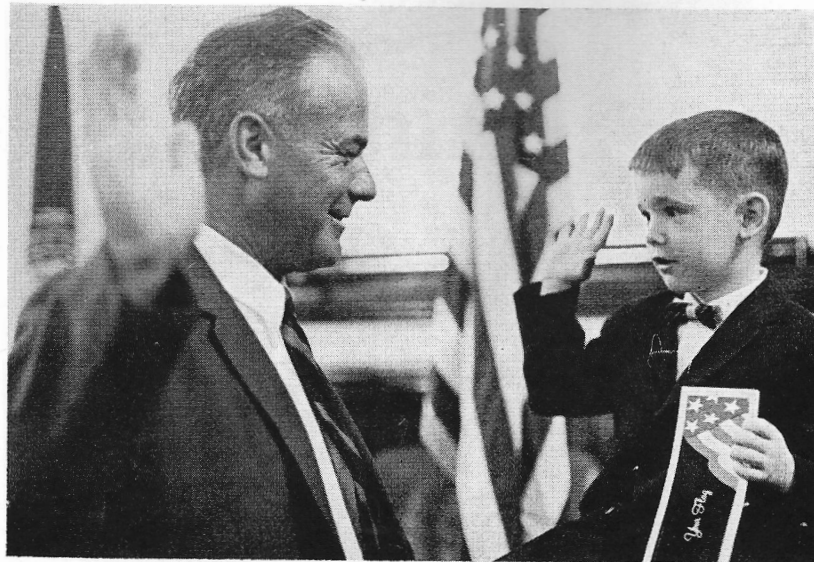
Wells and his wife, Binney Kitchel, married since 1968, operate a farm in Hopkinton, which is "just enough work to keep us out of trouble," he notes.

Their son, Ted, an elementary school teacher, and his wife Anna, plus grandchildren Coley and Thea, recently moved next door and help with the farm's operations. Daughter Hylah, an emergency room physician assistant, is married to Chris, and they have two children, Binney and Will.

When he was a young father, Wells helped establish the Hopkinton Youth Sports Association, and has since volunteered for many town committees. His leadership in conservation issues has included service at the Society for the Protection of NH Forests and The Nature Conservancy. Further afield, he has been an advisor to the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund at the NH Charitable Foundation and a member of the board of the Office of the Public Guardian for many years, not to mention involvement with the NH Bar Association's Trust and Estate Law Section and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Wells also found time to volunteer for the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire.

Wells has no plans to retire and his advice to young lawyers is: "Know the law that you are practicing. Pay attention to detail. Respond promptly to clients and your co-workers. Be positive about work and life. Take time for family and try to balance work/play to the extent possible. Give back to your community more than you take from it. Make the practice of law a fun experience for you and those with whom you work."

Remember When...



Hillsborough County Superior Court Clerk Carl O. Randall of Manchester is here shown swearing in Arthur J. Ferretti, Jr., of Manchester, as a new citizen at Naturalization Ceremonies held in the Hillsborough County Superior Court in Nashua on September 5, 1968. Participating in the Naturalization program were Hon. Charles J. Flynn of Nashua, Associate Justice of the New Hampshire Superior Court, Harrison E. Smith, Esq., of Nashua, who represented the Nashua Bar Association, and Secretary-Treasurer David L. Nixon, of New Boston, for the New Hampshire Bar Association.

The NH Bar Association recognizes the following members as they reach the milestone of 50 years of law practice.

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Barry J. Walker
Robert A. Wells

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Thirty-three of the thirty-six applicants who passed the 1968 New Hampshire Bar examination were admitted to the Bar of New Hampshire on September 6, 1968, at ceremonies in the New Hampshire Supreme Court Chambers. Here shown with (front row, l. to r.) Association's Secretary-Treasurer David L. Nixon of New Boston, Board of Bar Examiners Chairman Arthur H. Nighswander of Laconia, Association President John E. Gormley, of Lancaster, Chief Justice Frank R. Kenison of the New Hampshire Supreme Court, Junior Bar Activities Committee Chairman Edward R. Thornton, Jr., of Manchester, and Supreme Court Clerk George O. Shovan of Concord, are (second row, l. to r.) Philip R. Currier, Pelham; Jeffrey H. Mazerolle, Nashua; Laurence E. Kelly, Dover; Stillman D. Rogers, Dover; Roger L. Gauthier, Nashua; (third row, l. to r.) Jeremy A. Kapstein, Manchester; James J. Barry, Jr., Manchester; John M. A. Rolli, Bethlehem; Wayne M. Connor, Nashua; Ray A. Meyer, Concord; (fourth row, l. to r.) William S. Hall, Concord; Wayne C. Vennard, Jr., Portsmouth; Nicholas R. Aeschliman, Portsmouth; Charles G. Douglas, III, Hopkinton; Howard B. Lane, Jr., Keene; Dennis L. Hallisey, Merrimack; (fifth row, l. to r.) William R. Drescher, Amherst; Joseph C. Krolikowski, Manchester; Richard A. Hampe, Lee; Michael J. Gothreau, Berlin; Robert E. Arthur, Jr., Hanover; Robert L. Cullinane, Somersworth (sixth row, l. to r.) William W. Danenbarger, Goffstown; Lewis J. Ross, Manchester; Peter F. Kearns, Manchester; Leonard P. Shapiro, Nashua; Michael E. Gould, Portsmouth; Robert W. Upton, II, Concord; (Top row, l. to r.) Joseph F. Daschbach, Sunapee; William H. Kelley, Manchester; Barry J. Walker, New London; Robert P. Ahern, Laconia.