

The State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
Christopher T. Sununu, Governor

A Commendation

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION
150th ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the organization currently known as New Hampshire Bar Association (NHBA) was founded on July 2, 1873, and on December 31, 1968 and in a temporary order, the New Hampshire Supreme Court established a unified Bar; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 1972, the New Hampshire Supreme Court found that the NHBA had "prospered and grown in stature" under the temporary unification order and ordered the Bar Association to continue "as a unified bar without limitation of time, under the court's continuing jurisdiction"; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 and 1993, the Supreme Court noted that "the history of the unified bar since its creation is one of impressive accomplishment and service to the public and lawyers of our State"; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Bar Association serves its member attorneys by providing resources and tools that assist attorneys in their work, fosters communication and idea exchange through NH Bar News and other communications, provides attorneys with a number of volunteer service opportunities through programs such as the NHBA Lawyer Referral Service, Lawline, NH Free Legal Answers, and NHBA Board, and helps attorneys stay educated and connected through Continuing Legal Education (CLE) offerings, the NHBA Leadership Academy, and many membership and networking opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Bar Association serves the New Hampshire court system by providing vital attorney regulatory functions under the direction of the judicial branch, assuring that the courts can maintain fair and impartial review authority as the final arbiter in such matters; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Bar Association serves the general public by providing legal referrals through the NHBA Lawyer Referral Service and the NH Free Legal Answers programs, creating and providing a variety of Law Related Education resources to grades K-12, designing and implementing programs and events to help the public understand, trust, and access the justice system, and encouraging attorneys to donate their time and services to pro bono activities and legal aid providers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby commend the **NEW HAMPSHIRE BAR ASSOCIATION** on celebrating your **150th ANNIVERSARY** in 2023, and thank it for its accomplishments and ongoing service to the public, courts, and lawyers of our state.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of New Hampshire to be affixed this 19th day of December, 2022.

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