Hon. David W. Ruoff has been an Associate Justice in the New Hampshire Superior Court since February 2016. Before his judicial appointment, he was a partner at Howard & Ruoff, PLLC in Manchester and focused his practice on criminal and civil litigation. He earned his BA in Philosophy from the University of New Hampshire in 1991 and his JD from Franklin Pierce Law Center (now UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law) in 1996.

Judge Ruoff was the president-elect of the New Hampshire Bar Association for the 2015-2016 year until his judicial appointment. He has served on the Professional Conduct Committee, Access to Justice Commission, the New Hampshire Judicial Council, and formerly served on the Federal Court's Complex and Major Crimes CJA Panel. He is a founding member of the National Association of State Court's Rural Justice Initiative. He has been an adjunct professor at the UNH Franklin Pierce Law School for over 25 years, teaching advanced trial advocacy and evidence. He is currently the supervisory justice in the Rockingham County Superior Court and also serves on the New Hampshire Board of Bar Examiners. Prior to becoming a lawyer, he was a licensed electrician, bartender, and philosopher.