

## **BAR FOUNDATION SELECTS ANTHONY A. MCMANUS AS HONORARY FELLOW**



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CONCORD, NH -- The New Hampshire Bar Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Attorney Anthony A. McManus as the 2007 Honorary Fellow. This honor is bestowed on individuals who have provided significant service and leadership to the New Hampshire Bar Foundation. McManus served as a Bar Foundation board member for thirteen years, 1988-2001, as treasurer (1991-1998), vice chair (1999-2000) and as chair (2000-2001). He is a Bar

Foundation Life Fellow and Justice Society Charter Member. McManus will be the guest of honor at the New Hampshire Bar Foundation Fellows and Donors Reception on February 15, 2007, 5-7 pm, at the Radisson Hotel/Center of NH, Curriers Room, Manchester, NH, at the end of the first day of the NH Bar Association's mid-year meeting. New Hampshire Bar Foundation Fellows and donors, Justice Society members, IOLTA Leadership Banks, and Justice Grant recipients are invited to this annual reception.

McManus has been actively involved in the legal community and has served many New Hampshire organizations throughout his career. A well-respected member of the Bar, McManus was born and raised in Dover, New Hampshire. He graduated from Georgetown University and took one year of studies at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. He earned his J.D. at Boston College Law School. In May 1991, he became the Executive Secretary of the Judicial Conduct Committee (JCC) which was established in 1973 to supervise the disciplinary process for judges. He is a member of the National Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel. McManus maintains a part-time law practice in Dover. Prior to joining the JCC, McManus practiced in the area of criminal, domestic relations, municipal, and appellate law. He currently limits his practice to real estate, wills, and contracts.

During his thirteen year tenure on the Bar Foundation board, McManus encouraged and participated in the formation of the Legal Advice and Referral Center (LARC) in response to new restrictions placed on legal services by the federally-funded Legal Services Corporation (LSC). NH Legal Assistance (NHLA) had been a recipient of LSC funds and the new restrictions

would have curtailed many legal services for their low-income clients. With the establishment of LARC, LSC funds remained available to New Hampshire through the new organization and the services of NHLA remained intact. “The remarkable thing is, board members from the Bar Foundation, the Bar Association, and NHLA got together for just two meetings to establish LARC,” says McManus, “there were no conflicts or hidden agendas; we all trusted each other. Other states also had to respond to this situation, and as I followed it elsewhere, I saw it took many months, numerous hearings, and lots of committee work for others to arrive at the same solution we found in about 10 hours.”

McManus also recalls the year the Bar Foundation had to cut funding to IOLTA grantees due to less-than-expected revenue from the IOLTA Program. He strongly encouraged the board to consider establishing an IOLTA reserve fund to cushion the program in the future. The reserve was created shortly thereafter and is closing in on reaching its goal of \$750,000. In addition, McManus was treasurer when the Bar Foundation’s endowment was established in 1993. The endowed funds, which support the Justice Grants Program, are currently valued at \$1 million, including cash and bequests. Each year a dozen or more nonprofits receive Justice Grants, thus expanding access to legal services and law-related education beyond the scope of the IOLTA Grants Program.

“While attending conferences as a representative of the Bar Foundation, I found that the New Hampshire Bar Foundation was held in high regard across the country. Many were very impressed by the fact that we receive high interest rates for IOLTA based entirely on the strength of our relationships with the banks. Our leadership in the areas of support and coordination of legal services is widely recognized. New Hampshire lawyers should be very proud of the Bar Foundation,” says McManus.

On personal note, McManus is a singer and composer. He’s a lifelong pianist and enjoys performing weekly at the Orchard Street Chop Shop, one of Dover’s new, upscale dining establishments. He’s sung with a number of choruses over the years, including a two-week singing tour of China, and has been in several performances with the NH Symphony Orchestra.

McManus is a member of the ABA, the NH and MA bars, and Strafford County Bar Association. He has appeared in NH and MA Federal District Courts and the US Supreme Court. He’s a former NHBA Board of Governor (1973-76 and 1986-91); two-term chair of both the NH Bar Ethics Committee and the Gender Equality Committee, a member of the Professional

Conduct Committee (1983-1991); and an incorporator of both NHLA and LARC.

McManus served as Public Defender in Boston from 1963 until he returned to New Hampshire in 1966. He worked with Eugene Nute in Farmington until he became Dover's City Attorney in 1967, where he served until 1973. His legal partnerships have included: McManus & Johnson, 1973-83; Burns, Bryant, Hinchey, Cox & Shea, 1983-85; McManus & Stiles late 80s; and Manus & Dolan in the early 90s.

He is past president of the board of Seacoast Hospice and former member of their Ethics Advisory Council. McManus was a member of NH House (1973-78, 1979-1981) and vice-chair of the NH House Judiciary for two terms. He's a former member of the boards of Child & Family Services of NH; NH Mental Health Association; Dover Day Care Center; Dover Group Home; St. Joseph's Parish Council; NH Symphony Orchestra, and former chair of the NH SIDS Advisory Council. He is presently a member of the Dover Planning Board (former representative to Strafford Regional Planning), member of the Board of Dover Main Street, and a director of the Pease Development Authority.

McManus joins a distinguished group of 30 former Honorary Fellows, including: Charles A. DeGrandpre 2006, Kevin Devine 2005, John Funk 2004, Hon. John T. Broderick, Jr. 2003, Jack B. Middleton 2002, David L. Nixon 2001, Joseph P. Millimet 2000, Frederic K. Upton 1999, Ernest L. Bell 1998, John R. McLane (D) 1997, Hon. William F. Batchelder 1997, Joseph M. Kerrigan 1996, William A. Grimes (D) 1996, N. Michael Plaut (D) 1995, Patti Blanchette 1995, Hon. David A. Brock 1994, Anne C. Zachos 1994, Kimon S. Zachos 1994, Richard F. Upton (D) 1993, Hon. Shane Devine (D) 1993, Arthur H. Nighswander 1992, Stanley M. Brown (D) 1992, Hon. Arthur E. Bean, Jr. 1991, Fred W. Hall, Jr. 1991, Hon. Louis C. Wyman (D) 1991, Hon. William F. Cann (D) 1991, Martin F. Loughlin 1990, Hon. Hugh H. Bownes (D) 1989, John J. Sheehan (D) 1989, John W. King (D) 1988.

The Bar Foundation has invested more than \$20 million in New Hampshire nonprofit organizations since 1977. Bar Foundation grants serve New Hampshire's most disadvantaged populations through support of direct legal services and law-related education programs. The Bar Foundation is the single largest financial supporter of civil legal aid in New Hampshire and the only foundation in the state whose sole mission is to ensure that "all people in New Hampshire, especially those with limited means, are able to understand and obtain meaningful access to the justice system."

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