

TWO NH BAR MEMBERS SELECTED AS HONORARY FELLOWS FOR 2009

CONCORD, NH -- In recognition of long-term, active participation in advancing the mission of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation, Attorney Claudia C. Damon and Hon. J. Albert Lynch have been selected as the 2009 Honorary Fellows. "Both of these individuals are exemplary leaders who have contributed enormously to the highly worthy purpose and objectives of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation," said Hon. Philip S. Hollman, chair of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation.



Judge Lynch established one of the largest Justice Funds at the Bar Foundation, the *J. Albert and Mildred E. Lynch Fund*, to support education about property rights in a free society to enable lawyers, in particular, to have the research and resources necessary to be well-informed when working on cases involving zoning and other property issues.



Claudia Damon dedicated ten years of service as a member, and chair, of the NH Bar Foundation's IOLTA Grants Committee. Attorney Damon and Judge Lynch will be honored at the New Hampshire Bar Foundation's *Fellows & Donors Reception* on February 5, 2009, at the Bedford Village Inn.

"I am honored to have been selected as an Honorary Fellow for doing work that I really enjoy with people I enjoy and respect," said Attorney Damon upon hearing the news. "The IOLTA Grants Committee members do important work conscientiously, keeping in mind the mission of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation to make access to justice possible for those who can't afford to pay an attorney to help them." Attorney Damon served two five-year terms (1998-2008) on the NH Bar Foundation's IOLTA Grants Committee. During her tenure, she evaluated more than 200 grant proposals from myriad organizations seeking to ensure greater access to the justice system for New Hampshire's most disadvantaged residents. In 2006, Attorney Damon was presented *Athena Award* by the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce in recognition of "excellence in her profession, serving the community meaningfully, and assisting women in realizing their leadership potential." Attorney Damon practices in all areas of environmental law with a focus on environmental and regulatory litigation and the representation of clients in a wide range of matters before state and federal agencies, at the law firm of McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, P.A., in Concord.

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With a long career in real estate law, Judge Lynch retired in 1992 after 37.5 years on the bench as justice of the Pelham District Court. He continued in private practice until 1995, and still has an active interest in the law. “I am honored to be selected as an Honorary Fellow and to have had the pleasure of being involved with the New Hampshire Bar Foundation,” Judge Lynch stated. In addition to establishing the *J. Albert and Mildred E. Lynch Fund* in 1998, Judge Lynch participated in the establishment of the Lawyers Assistance Program to help attorneys dealing with addiction, and was a motivating force behind the oral Legal History Project, which grew into a series of 50 videotaped interviews with senior members of the New Hampshire Bar. This unique series of recordings has been referred to in the media as a “national treasure” and is available on loan from the New Hampshire Bar Foundation.

The New Hampshire Bar Foundation is dedicated to promoting philanthropy to support civil legal aid for disadvantaged New Hampshire residents and public education about the law and the courts.

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