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## **JAMIE N. HAGE ELECTED TO IOLTA GRANTS COMMITTEE**

CONCORD, NH – Attorney Jamie N. Hage, a partner in the law firm of Nixon Peabody LLP of Manchester, NH, and Boston, MA, was elected by a majority of voters in the recent Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Grants Committee election process. Hage is a member of his Nixon Peabody’s Intellectual Property and Business litigation practice groups and serves on the firm’s Pro Bono Committee. All New Hampshire attorneys who participate in the IOLTA Program were eligible to vote. Three hundred and ninety-six attorneys cast their ballots by the July 31 deadline. Hage will begin his five-year term in August, 2007, joining other committee members, attorneys Michael Fuerst of Buckley & Zopf in Claremont; Leslie C. Nixon of Nixon, Raiche, Vogelman, Barry & Slawsky in Manchester; Hon. James H. Leary of the Nashua District Court; and IOTLA Grants Committee Chair, Claudia C. Damon of McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton in Concord.



*Jamie N. Hage*

Hage responded enthusiastically to the election news, stating, “I consider it a privilege and an honor to serve on the IOLTA Grants Committee of the NH Bar Foundation to support civil legal services for the disadvantaged and educational programming about the law for students and the non-legal community. I think attorneys in this state have a proud history of giving back to their communities. With attorney contributions made through the IOLTA Program, and the NH Bar Foundation IOLTA and Justice Grant programs, the vision of equal representation for all residents, despite their ability to pay, is closer to becoming a reality. The IOLTA Grants Committee is instrumental in the process of supporting nonprofit organizations serving New Hampshire residents through its role in reviewing grant applications and making funding recommendations to the Board of Directors of NH Bar Foundation, the single largest financial supporter civil legal services and law-related educational programming in New Hampshire.”

The New Hampshire Bar Foundation’s IOLTA Grants Committee reviews approximately two dozen grant applications from New Hampshire nonprofits annually. Organizations providing free or reduced-fee civil legal services to disadvantaged residents or law-related educational

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programming for students and the general public are eligible to apply. The Committee reviews grant proposals and makes funding recommendations to the board of directors of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation. Funding for FY 2008 IOLTA Grants topped \$1.73 million, distributed among twelve New Hampshire organizations.

Since 1977, the New Hampshire Bar Foundation has provided more than \$20 million dollars to New Hampshire nonprofit organizations serving New Hampshire citizens. More information about the New Hampshire Bar Foundation Justice Grants and IOLTA Grants programs is available online at [www.nhbarfoundation.org](http://www.nhbarfoundation.org) or by calling the program director at (603)715-3253.

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