

LESLIE C. NIXON ELECTED TO IOLTA GRANTS COMMITTEE

CONCORD, NH - Trial attorney, Leslie C. Nixon of the Manchester law firm of Nixon, Raiche, Manning, Vogelmann & Leach, was elected by a majority of voters in the recent Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Grants Committee election process. Nixon will begin her five-year term August 1, 2006, joining other committee members, New Hampshire attorneys Patti Blanchette (Portsmouth), Hon. James H. Leary (Nashua), Michael Fuerst (Claremont), and IOTLA Grants Committee Chair, Claudia C. Damon (Concord). Upon hearing of her election, Nixon said, "I am very happy and pleased to learn my fellow Bar members had the confidence to give me this opportunity to serve on the IOLTA Grants Committee. I look forward to serving our profession and the New Hampshire citizens who are in need and deserving of help in gaining access to justice through grants from the New Hampshire Bar Foundation."



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The New Hampshire Bar Foundation's IOLTA Grants Program funds free and low-cost civil legal services for New Hampshire residents striving to overcome poverty, abuse, and discrimination, along with educational programs for students and the public regarding the law and the courts. On an annual basis, the five members of the IOLTA Grants Committee review an average of 24 grant applications from New Hampshire nonprofit organizations to determine which organizations are addressing the most critical civil legal issues facing our residents and are best equipped to have a significant impact on the populations they serve. The IOLTA Grants Committee makes recommendations for funding to the New Hampshire Bar Foundation Board of Directors whose fiduciary duty includes stewardship of grant programs. Funding in the most recent IOLTA Grants cycle topped \$1.7 million dollars.

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.nhbarfnd.org or by calling (603) 224-6942.