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an informal update for friends of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation

I've met many good people...



Paul W. Chant, Chair

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There have been many trips from North Conway to Concord over the last 7 years, and some from my former home in Nashua before that. I joined the Bar Foundation Board in 1997. Now, as they say, it is time for me to go. Russ Hilliard has graciously agreed to chair the Foundation. We could not be in better hands.

Your Bar Foundation has changed significantly over my nine years. Independence from the Bar Association was sought and obtained. With new non-Association Board members has come energy, and special insight has come from members from the banking and charitable foundation communities. At the same time, the mutual support and respect necessary for the Association and Foundation to thrive and co-exist has never been better. I tip my cap to Jeannine McCoy, David Snyder, and Richard Uchida.

With spectacular cooperation, 26 years ago, the Association and the Foundation brought IOLTA into being. In 1996, income totaled \$836,400; this year, it will be close to \$2 million. Wow! IOLTA is philanthropy from local, regional and national banks. Never take this for granted—it is enormously important for funding legal services to the disadvantaged. Recently, one of our IOLTA leadership banks raised the interest rate substantially. This one change, from one bank, will generate over \$100,000 in additional interest income per year. This increase would not have occurred without the constant vigilance of Mary White and David Snyder. To Mary, who has championed and administered IOLTA through grand and lean times, on your 20th anniversary of service to the Foundation, a heartfelt "Thank You."

Access to Justice is at the core of the Foundation's mission. The Foundation was proud to financially support the research that launched Justice Broderick's NH Citizen's Commission. That initiative, in part, has led to the Supreme Court's strong push for greater access to the Courts, for unbundled legal services, greater Pro Bono involvement by lawyers, and toward an understanding that all branches of government, the Bar, and the citizenry must work together to make our system meaningful, respected, and accessible for all.

This year, our Program and Development committees worked to set a course for the Future of the Foundation. It is clear the Foundation must steadfastly support civil legal services for the disadvantaged. Our support for law-related education, innovation in court systems, procedures, and ADR mechanisms must remain strong.

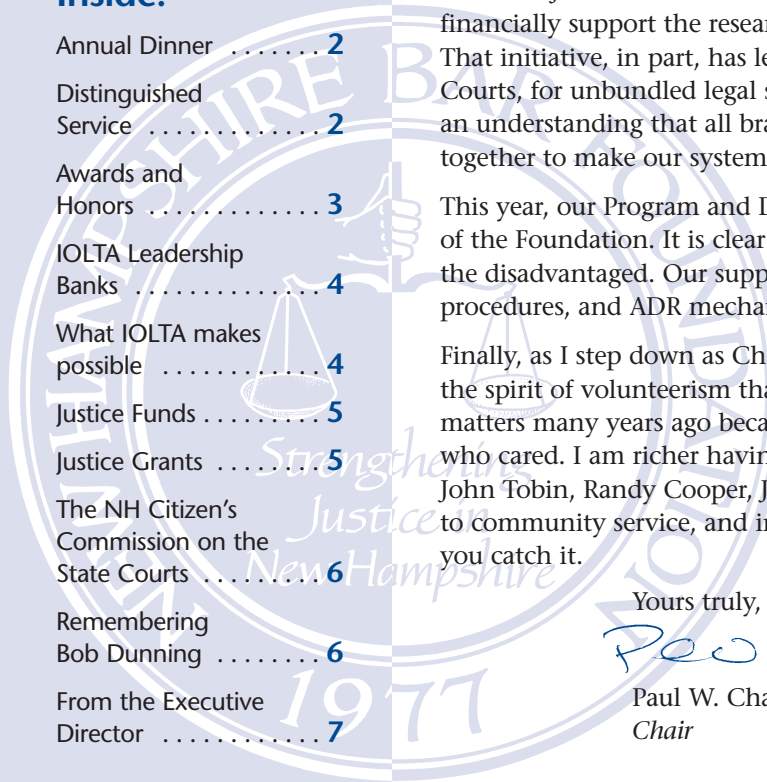
Finally, as I step down as Chair of this Foundation, I want to express my admiration for the spirit of volunteerism that exists in New Hampshire. I became involved in Foundation matters many years ago because I found it to be fulfilling. I still do. I met many good people who cared. I am richer having worked with Joe Kerrigan, Bruce Felmlly, Pat Hayes, Emily Rice, John Tobin, Randy Cooper, Jeannine McCoy, and too many others to list. Their commitment to community service, and in particular service to the legal community, is catching. Hope you catch it.

Yours truly,

Paul W. Chant
Chair

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Don't miss our 2006 Annual Dinner

Friends and colleagues will gather on May 11 at C.R. Sparks Event Center in Bedford for the New Hampshire Bar Foundation Annual Dinner. We hope you can join us in celebration of the collaborative efforts of all those who work toward strengthening justice in New Hampshire.

An exciting program

Highlights of our program include the presentation of the 2006 Frank Rowe Kenison and Robert E. Kirby Awards to Elliott Berry of New Hampshire Legal Assistance, and Mary Ann Dempsey of Wiggin & Nourie, respectively, in recognition of their accomplishments and contributions to the advancement of justice in New Hampshire.

Also, for the first time at our Annual Dinner, the Bar Foundation will demonstrate the importance of our strategic funding decisions through the experiences of those directly impacted. From an attorney working on life-changing advocacy work, to high school students learning about the justice system through participation in a law-related education program, presenters will address the significance of our grant programs from *their* perspective.

Right: State champions of the "We the People..." competition from Milford High School will demonstrate their advocacy skills.

Advocating for our children

Attorney Kay Drought from New Hampshire Legal Assistance will join us to describe the tremendous impact of the successful settlement of the 2003 federal lawsuit that has improved access to dental care for 60,000 New Hampshire children from low-income families. A parent whose children have benefited from this settlement will join us.

Recognizing our "next generation" of leaders

Milford High School students, state champions of "We the People...the Citizen and the Constitution" competition, will demonstrate their advocacy skills in a reenactment of the competition held in Concord in January 2006. This law-related education program, sponsored by the NH Bar Foundation, is the most extensive education program in the country teaching young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Don't miss it! Annual Dinner invitations were mailed in April. Please call the New Hampshire Bar Foundation today if you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend.



Appreciating Distinguished Service

With tremendous gratitude and admiration, we bid farewell to the following board members whose terms expire in June 2006.

Paul Chant, Chair. Through Paul's deft leadership, the social impact of the Foundation has broadened significantly. During Paul's tenure, we have diversified and strengthened the Board and developed stronger relationships with our IOLTA Leadership Banks. Paul practices law in the area of personal injury, construction, and commercial litigation, as well as workers compensation and medical malpractice at Cooper, Deans & Cargill, PA, in North Conway.

Bob Dunning, Building Committee Chair. Bob guided the Board through a thorough evaluation and decision to sell the Bar Center property at 112 Pleasant Street. He helped us to see the wisdom in removing the job of landlord from the sedulous agenda of the Foundation. Bob's encouragement and guidance will be missed; he passed away on March 1, 2006 (see page 6). Bob owned the Dunning Home Group, a residential building company, with his brother, Craig.

James Gleason. Jim served on the Bar Foundation's nominating committee and assisted the organization in reviewing its by-laws and selecting future leaders. Jim is the immediate past president of the NH Bar Association, and is a founding member of NH Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Gleason Law Office is located in Henniker.

Marilyn McNamara. Marilyn's experience in serving the legal needs of our most disadvantaged populations provided invaluable insight during many discussions and planning activities. Marilyn practices law as the executive director of the Legal Advice and Referral Center in Concord, which recently celebrated its 10th anniversary.

Emily Rice, Development Committee Chair. Emily served as a member of our board for seven years, and chair for two years — leading the board through a strategic planning process that resulted in a plan that was adopted by the Foundation board in January 2001. Emily co-chaired the Campaign for Legal Services with John Funk, raising over \$950,000 for civil legal services for the disadvantaged. Emily's law practice at Orr & Reno in Concord focuses on alternative dispute resolution, commercial litigation, election law, employment litigation, media, products liability, and professional liability defense.

Steve Scudder, Program Committee Chair. Steve skillfully led the program committee through a rigorous evaluation process with the goal of establishing funding priorities that would lead to the greatest social impact over the next decade. He also led the executive director search that resulted in the hiring of David Snyder in 2003. Steve serves as Committee Counsel for the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, headquartered in Chicago.

Acknowledging vision...and passion



Charles A. DeGrandpre

Honorary Fellow

This year, the New Hampshire Bar Foundation Board of Directors selected Charles A. DeGrandpre as the 2006 Honorary Fellow for his remarkable commitment to the Foundation for well over two decades.

During his tenure, Attorney DeGrandpre served as a member and chair of the IOLTA grants committee, as a member, vice-chair, and chairman of the board of directors, and throughout the

years championed "equal justice for all" with a contagious, unrelenting passion. Charlie was congratulated and recognized with an award and gift at the Fellows and Donors Reception in February 2006 for his exemplary service to the Bar Foundation and the citizens of New Hampshire.

Attorney DeGrandpre is a partner at McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton and senior director in the firm's Portsmouth office. He concentrates his practice in the areas of estate planning, trust and estate, and business law. He was recently recognized in "The Best Lawyers In America" in the area of trust and estate law. He is the author of a legal treatise entitled *Wills, Trusts and Gifts*, and co-author of a three-volume treatise, *New Hampshire Probate Law and Procedure*. He has also been active in civic and community programs throughout his career, with particular interest in children and youth services.

"For years, Charlie was the heart and soul of the Bar Foundation. He worked tirelessly to build the Foundation's endowment. Charlie oversaw the expansion and growth of the IOLTA program, which generated well over \$1.5 million in grants this year," said Paul W. Chant, Esq., chair of the NH Bar Foundation.



Elliott Berry

Frank Rowe Kenison Award

Attorney Elliott Berry of New Hampshire Legal Assistance is the recipient of the prestigious Frank Rowe Kenison Award, reserved for those whose contributions to the betterment of New Hampshire citizens through the administration of justice are significant.

Elliott Berry has drafted over a dozen bills that have been enacted into law, served on two legislative commissions and three commissions established by the governor,

and currently serves on the Judicial Selection Commission.

For the past 30 years, he has provided civil legal services for low-income families and individuals, and devoted special attention to the legal problems faced by homeless children.

Attorney Berry helped found the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, and among his accomplishments as one of its advisors, he has helped more than 50 New Hampshire tenant groups living in mobile home parks form a cooperative to purchase their homes and futures.

"Elliott has played an enormous role in developing and preserving affordable housing in our state. He is one of the most effective advocates I have ever known. He has a remarkable ability to persuade judges, legislators, and other decision makers to do the right thing. And even though he works incredibly hard on a wide range of advocacy issues, he also takes the time to train and mentor new advocates. They are uniformly amazed and inspired by his skill, dedication, and eloquence," said John Tobin, Jr., executive director of New Hampshire Legal Assistance.

Robert E. Kirby Award

Attorney Mary Ann Dempsey of Wiggin & Nourie was unanimously selected by a panel of judges to receive the distinguished Robert E. Kirby Award for 2006. Attorney Dempsey served as a law clerk and senior law clerk to the New Hampshire Superior Court prior to joining Wiggin & Nourie. She has since appeared before courts in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, including the NH Supreme Court, representing her clients during insurance, commercial, and appellate litigation. She has developed a significant practice of representing the insurance industry and insured individuals.



Mary Ann Dempsey

Fulfilling her passion for community service, Attorney Dempsey coaches the St. Joseph School Cross Country/Track and Field team, is an Advisory Board member for Child and Family Services, a member of the Boston College Club of New Hampshire, a volunteer at the New Horizon Soup Kitchen, and she is the NH State Representative to the Defense Research Institute.

"I know Mary Ann primarily by reason of being on the opposite side of quite a few personal injury cases with her. She is always competent, courteous, and civil. She is an excellent lawyer of the highest integrity..." writes Attorney David L. Nixon in support of the nomination. Attorney Richard McNamara adds, "In my view, in and out of the courtroom, she embodies all that the Kirby Award was meant to memorialize."

Support IOLTA Leadership Banks!

The residents of New Hampshire are fortunate to have visionary bank leaders spearheading the growth of the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts Program. The strong commitment to the New Hampshire communities they serve is evident by the willingness of Leadership Banks to set the interest on IOLTA accounts to yield 2% or higher, exceed the bank's standard NOW account rate, and waive routine service charges. Thanks to the 14 banks located throughout New Hampshire currently participating at this level, the New

Hampshire Bar Foundation was

able to award more than \$1.5 million dollars to support civil legal assistance for those struggling to overcome poverty, discrimination and abuse, in addition to funding law-related education programs for students, seniors, and the general population. Bravo to the IOLTA Leadership Banks!



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For more information on the IOLTA Program—as a banking leader, lawyer, or firm—please call Mary White at the Foundation office.

What IOLTA makes possible...

Eighteen organizations applied to the New Hampshire Bar Foundation in March 2005 requesting nearly \$2 million in funding for many worthwhile programs. The Foundation awarded more than \$1.5 million in grants among ten of the eighteen organizations that applied to the grant program.

IOLTA grants provided funding for the following organizations and projects:

Civil Practice Clinic at Franklin Pierce Law Center, which provides a direct representation of indigent clients in a wide variety of civil legal matters, while also training law students to handle the legal needs of this population.

Law School Loan Assistance Program to help New Hampshire's legal services organizations recruit and retain promising new lawyers through loan repayment assistance.

Legal Advice & Referral Center, which offers legal advice, pro se assistance, and referral services to thousands of eligible low-income clients.

NHBA Reduced Fee Referral Program, which developed an "advice line" panel of attorneys to provide service to families and individuals of modest means.

New Hampshire Legal Assistance, which provides civil legal services to disadvantaged individuals and families throughout New Hampshire.

New Hampshire Pro Bono Referral Program, which works to address the most critical challenges facing clients: access to legal services and pro bono delivery.

DOVE Project of the Pro Bono Referral Program to provide free expedited legal representation for low-income victims of domestic violence and serve as a clearinghouse for inquiries about legal resources.

Support Center at Burch House, which provides legal representation to low-income domestic and sexual violence victims in the North Country.

Voices Against Violence, which manages an Emergency Legal Fund to provide legal counsel for victims of domestic and sexual violence. This IOLTA grant also supported direct services and education about the rights of victims—through the Court Advocacy Program.

New Hampshire Bar Association Law-Related Education "Mock Trial Competition," "A Lawyer and Judge in Every School," and "We the People...The Citizen and the Constitution" law-related education programs.

Justice Funds: Inspired philanthropy that helps enhance access to justice

Justice funds support a variety of initiatives, and may be established for a particular cause, or in honor or memory of an individual. Any person who wishes to establish or contribute to a charitable fund for the advancement of justice may participate. Family, friends and colleagues often continue giving to established funds to help them grow over time. For more information contact David Snyder. The Foundation provides stewardship for the following funds:

Advancement of Justice Fund and Richard P. Dunfey Fund supports access to justice for low-income people, public education about the law, and other projects which improve the administration of justice.

William A. Baker Fund supports pro bono legal assistance for disadvantaged people in New Hampshire.

Hon. William F. Batchelder Fund supports legal services for low-income and other disadvantaged people in New Hampshire.

Stanley M. and Thalia M. Brown Fund supports public education about the law, with an emphasis on educating the NH legislature about the justice system in New Hampshire.

Vickie Bunnell Memorial Fund supports access to justice for low-income people, public education about the law, and other projects which improve the administration of justice in the North Country with a special focus on the prevention of violence in the family and community.

Judge Richard F. Cooper Fund benefits disadvantaged children and youth in the Rochester, NH area.

Hon. William A. Grimes Fund supports judicial education.

Justice William A. Grimes Award for Judicial Professionalism supports an annual award to a judicial member of the New Hampshire

Bar Association who best reflects the highest standards of integrity, legal knowledge and ability, judicial temperament, diligence, and compassion.

Robert E. Kirby Award Fund supports an annual award to an attorney under 35 who demonstrates civility, integrity and excellence in the practice of the law.

J. Albert and Mildred E. Lynch Fund supports educational efforts about the importance of property rights in a free society.

A. J. McDonough Family Fund supports efforts to address the legal needs of New Hampshire's senior citizens, with an emphasis on projects that provide information, education, and advice about health care and nursing home alternatives, legal rights, and asset protection.

Voluntary Prevention Fund supports efforts to promote ethics and professionalism and to prevent misconduct by members of the NH Bar Association.

Justice Grants: Supporting innovative initiatives and programs

Justice Grants are made possible through the generous contributions of Bar Foundation members, Foundation Fellows, and Justice Society members.

Centennial Senior Center—\$1,997

This grant helps the LEARN Program at the Centennial Senior Center to create a "Medicaid Awareness" project aimed at raising public awareness and educate seniors about recent changes to the Medicaid program's nursing home coverage.

Children's Alliance of New Hampshire—\$2,100

This grant supports the printing of the 2006 Children's Agenda. Dissemination of this agenda will: promote public education on key issues ranging from children's rights to consumer protection; educate the legislature about legal issues as they impact children and families; and benefit low income families and children by improving public policy and access to services.

City Year of New Hampshire—\$2,000

This grant supports a Mock Trial program for the Academy of Learning and Technology (ALT) in Nashua for year one of a three-year strategic plan of implementing a Mock Trial program.

Strafford County Family Reception Center—\$1,452

The Reception Center serves as a support mechanism for families of those who are incarcerated. This grant supports a six-issue newsletter that will cover relevant topics and resources most pertinent to this population.

Franklin Pierce Law Center—Public Interest Coalition—\$2,000

This grant supports Pierce Law's Public Interest Coalition, a student organization that sponsors fellowships to help increase access to legal services for disadvantaged people. PIC students work as unpaid summer interns with nonprofit organizations providing direct client representation.

Lawyers Assistance Program & Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers—\$2,245

Support, up to amount of the grant award, for consultant expenses involved in the review and recommendations for merging the two programs.

New Hampshire Citizen's Alliance—\$5,000

This grant helped the Citizen's Alliance to identify and train leaders within immigrant communities who can represent and communicate with their community members regarding their rights and responsibilities under the law.

New Hampshire Bar Association's Pro Bono Program—\$733

Partial funding of a training program for Pro Bono attorneys dealing with changes in the law regarding family matters.

New Hampshire Legal Assistance—\$2,000

This grant supports the development and delivery of an educational forum in the North



As Brigette Siff Holmes, director of the Social Justice Institute at FPLC looks on, Erin Callahan, law student and co-chair of the Public Interest Coalition at Franklin Pierce Law Center, accepts a Justice Grant award from David Snyder, executive director of the NH Bar Foundation.

Country on federal and state fair housing law, to promote access to housing for low-income and elderly people in this region.

New Hampshire Supreme Court—\$3,000

This grant supports the John W. King Memorial Lecture Series, which featured guest speaker, Congressman Tom Lantos, addressing "Human Rights: America's Legacy in International Relations." The lecture series enhances public understanding of the role the law plays nationally and internationally.

Total FY 2006 Justice Grants: \$22,527

New Hampshire Citizen's Commission on the State Courts

Among the 430 foundations in New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Bar Foundation is the only one whose mission is to ensure equal justice for all. Practical access to the court system, direct access to legal advice and representation (regardless of income, age, gender, or nationality); and sufficient knowledge of the law and the courts are fundamental elements of an equitable system. To ensure a future of greater access for everyone, the advancement of knowledge regarding civil legal matters and an understanding of the barriers to obtaining justice experienced by New Hampshire citizens is necessary.

Through strategic philanthropic funding decisions, the New Hampshire Bar Foundation seeks to address the root causes of inequity, give a voice to the disadvantaged, and impact social change in New Hampshire. By supporting New Hampshire nonprofit organizations in their efforts to reach deeper into the communities they serve, and improve service delivery methods, every dollar the Foundation invests is multiplied by overall effectiveness.

When Chief Justice Broderick appointed the NH Citizen's Commission on the State Courts last spring and charged them with the task of investigating public perceptions about the courts and making recommendations for improvement, 105 commissioners immediately developed a plan to gather the necessary information. To attain reliable feedback on how New Hampshire's 1.2 million citizens perceive the courts, the Commission applied to the New Hampshire Bar Foundation to support a statewide survey. The Bar Foundation granted the Commission \$30,000—\$25,000 from the IOLTA program and \$5,000 from the Justice Funds—enabling them to survey a representative sample of 765 residents through the UNH Survey Center.

Most of the questions used in the UNH survey replicated questions used by the National Center for the State Courts in a national survey conducted in 2000. The questionnaire used in the New Hampshire survey was kept as identical to the NCSC survey as possible to facilitate comparability. With this comparable data, it is possible to understand how New Hampshire differs from the rest of country in matters that involve citizen use of the State Courts. Additional questions for the survey were designed in conjunction with the Commission Steering Committee and the chairs of the NH Citizen's Commission for the State Courts, Will Abbot and Kathy Eneguess.

Based on primary and secondary research, public listening sessions, and the commissioners' personal knowledge and experience, a report with recommendations for improvement in the administration of justice in our courts will be made to the New Hampshire Supreme Court in May 2006.



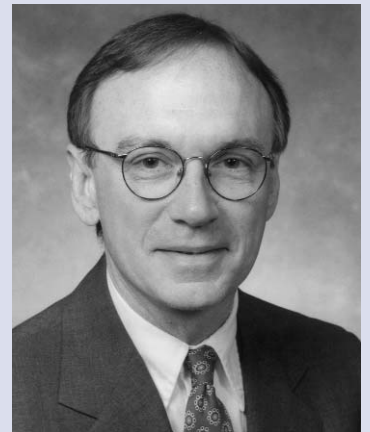
In Memoriam: Remembering Bob Dunning

Robert E. Dunning, Jr., a Foundation board member whose term would have expired in June 2006, lost his battle with brain cancer on Monday, March 1, 2006, while vacationing in Naples, Florida.

Bob was an active board member, willingly sharing his expertise as the Foundation considered selling the Bar Center and moving to another location. Bob was active in many local groups including the Concord Board of Realtors, the NH Bar Association, the Concord Chamber of Commerce, the NH Homebuilder's Association, United Way of Merrimack County, and Concord's Economic Development Advisory Council.

Bob was the co-founder of Dunning Home Group, a residential building company that has built over 200 homes in the greater Concord area. He was passionate about the proper and aesthetic use of land and land development.

Bob fought the cancer courageously with a positive attitude and hopefulness, and never lost his sense of humor. His wife of 40 years, Carol, and their two daughters, two granddaughters, his brother and sister, and his parents survive him.



Dear Friends:

Thank you for taking time to become engaged in the work of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation. Recently, I was asked about the purpose of the Bar Foundation. The individual was under the impression that our role was to provide funding for the Bar Association. Because of our historically close relationship, misperceptions still persist.

While the Bar Foundation does provide some funding to Bar Association charitable programs, the mission of the Bar Foundation is to “promote philanthropy dedicated to ensuring that all people in New Hampshire, especially those with limited means, are able to understand and participate fully in the justice system.”

We encourage philanthropy through our growing endowment and the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts program. We follow a strategic plan to make funding decisions that will result in the most people in need being served. We look for opportunities to use our status among other foundations to encourage them to support civil legal assistance and education. We strive to predict and respond to the changing civil legal needs of New Hampshire citizens. Our dedicated and accomplished Board of Directors is well-informed and active in legislative, court, and community affairs.

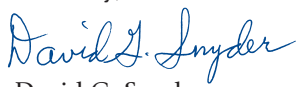
In June, we will be saying goodbye to several longtime board members—Paul Chant, Jim Gleason, Marilyn McNamara, Emily Rice, and Steve Scudder—individuals who have been integral to my work since joining the Foundation in June 2003. The impact of their counsel and work for the Foundation will be felt for years to come. They have piqued my passion in the justice system and demonstrated the value of lawyers in ensuring justice is accessible for all.

The endowment is at \$640,000 and growing! Your support is greatly appreciated and truly helps those in need.

If you have not contributed to the Bar Foundation’s Members and Fellows Program this year, I encourage you to do so by May 31, the end of our fiscal year. Your membership supports Foundation operations and the Justice grant program.

Thank you for your enduring support and investment in the quality of life we all enjoy in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,



David G. Snyder
Executive Director



David Snyder, Executive Director



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Please extend a warm welcome to The CATIC Foundation, a new Bar Foundation donor at the Jack B. Middleton level. Upon the recommendation of Carol Brooks of the New Hampshire office of the Connecticut Attorneys Title Insurance Company, the Board of Directors of The CATIC Foundation approved this unrestricted gift to support “the many good works of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation.” The Bar Foundation greatly appreciates this recognition and support.



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The New Hampshire Bar Foundation administers two grant programs, the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Program and the Justice Grants Program, which is supported by the endowment. The grant programs support organizations and projects that provide free or reduced-fee direct civil legal services, legal advice, and referrals to disadvantaged populations, law-related education programs, and innovative approaches to improving the administration of justice.

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To learn more about the work of the New Hampshire Bar Foundation or to explore charitable giving options, please contact Executive Director, David Snyder.

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We're Moving!

As of June 12, 2006, the New Hampshire Bar Foundation and New Hampshire Bar Association will have relocated to 2 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH, at the junction of South Main and Pillsbury streets. The telephone and fax numbers will remain the same. The Foundation and Association offices will be on the third floor.

The Bar Foundation will be closed June 7–9 to make the move.