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UNITED STATES COURTS OF APPEALS, SECOND CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE

Peter W. Hall was confirmed as a United States Circuit Judge by the U.S. Senate on June 25, 2004, and was sworn in as a United States Circuit Judge for the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals on July 7, 2004. Judge Hall previously served as the United States Attorney for the District of Vermont from 2001-2004. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (BA with honors, 1971; MA, 1975) and Cornell Law School (J.D. cum laude, 1977). On graduation, he served as Law Clerk to Hon. Albert W. Coffrin, U.S. District Judge, District of Vermont. He was an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Vermont from 1978 to 1986 and from 1982 to 1986 served as the First Assistant United States Attorney for this district. From 1986 to 2001, he practiced law in the private sector as a member of the law firm known as Reiber, Kenlan, Schwiebert, Hall & Facey in Rutland. While in private practice, he served as a President of the Vermont Bar Association and was elected a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. As United States Attorney, Mr. Hall was a member of the Attorney General's Advisory Sub-Committee on Border and Immigration Issues, a U.S. co-chair of the Prosecutor's Working Group of the U.S./Canada Cross-Border Crime Forum, and co-chair, with New Hampshire's United States Attorney, of a joint New Hampshire - Vermont multi-agency working group called Operation Safe Commerce, focused on international cargo container security. He also served as a member of the multi-agency Executive Steering Committee for Operation Safe Commerce that met monthly in Washington, D.C. Office phone: 802-775-3712. Office address: P.O. Box 885, United States Post Office and Courthouse, 151 West Street, Rutland, 05702.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

CHIEF JUDGE

William K. Sessions, III of Cornwall, Addison County, graduated from George Washington University Law School in 1972. From 1972-73, Judge Sessions ran a juvenile delinquency program. He was named Addison County Public Defender in 1974 and started his own practice in 1978, formerly known as Sessions, Keiner, Dumont & Barnes. His practice was devoted almost exclusively to criminal law and civil liberties issues. He was an adjunct professor at the Vermont Law School and taught Criminal Procedures and evidence labs from 1978 until 1994. He was sworn in as a U.S. District Court Judge on August 29, 1995. Phone number: 951-6350. Post office address: P.O. Box 928, Burlington 05402-0928.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

J. Garvan Murtha of Brattleboro, Windham County, was born in Hartford, Connecticut on March 3, 1941. He was educated in public schools in Connecticut and at the Loomis Chaffee School; Yale University, (B.A., 1963); University of Connecticut School of Law, (LL.B., 1968); and Georgetown Law School, (LL.M., 1972) where he was the recipient of an E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship. He has three children. He served as a Peace Corps volunteer and coordinator in Colombia, 1963-1965; Public Defender in Washington, D.C., 1968-1970; Deputy State's Attorney in Vermont, 1970-1973; practiced law with the firm of Kristensen, Cummings & Murtha, 1973-1995. Member of: Windham County Bar Association; Vermont Bar Association; the American Board of Trial Advocates; the Judicial Council of the Second Circuit; Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure and Benchers for the American Inns of Court, Southern Vermont Chapter. He has served on the Second Circuit Task Force on Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness; Second Circuit Committee on Federal Rules; Vermont Professional Conduct Board, 1973-1995; Vermont Commission on Low-Level Nuclear Waste, chair, 1987-1990; Vermont Judicial Nominating Board, 1980-1986. He was appointed United States District Judge for the District of Vermont on June 1, 1995. Phone number: 258-4413. Post office address: P.O. Box 760, Brattleboro 05302-0760.

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

John M. Conroy of South Burlington was sworn in on December 22, 2008, replacing the honorable Jerome J. Niedermeier. Prior to this appointment, Judge Conroy served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice from 1987-2009, including a recent assignment as counsel for the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of Northeastern University and The New England School of Law. Office phone: 802-951-6308. Post office address: P.O. Box 836, Burlington 05402.

CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Jeffrey S. Eaton of Williston was appointed Clerk of Court on January 5, 2009 after serving seven years as the court's Chief Deputy of Operations and eleven years as Financial Administrator. He received his B.S. degree in Business Administration from Castleton State College and his Master of Science Degree in Public Administration from Saint Michael's College. He is also a graduate of the Federal Judicial Center's Federal Court Leadership Program and the Gettysburg Leadership Institute.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

JUDGE

Colleen A. Brown of Middlebury, Addison County. Education: B.A. cum laude from Colgate University, 1979; J.D., cum laude from The University at Buffalo Law School, 1983. Appointed to a 14-year term on April 10, 2000. Post office address: P.O. Box 6648, Rutland 05702-6648. Office phone: 776-2030.

CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Thomas J. Hart of Rutland City, Rutland County. Education, B.A., M.B.A., Certified Public Accountant. Office phone number: 776-2000. Post office address: P.O. Box 6648, Rutland 05702-6648.

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UNITED STATES MARSHAL

David E. Demag, United States Marshal. Office phone: 951-6271. Office address: 11 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 601, Burlington 05401.

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CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

UNITED STATES SENATOR

SENATOR PATRICK LEAHY

United States Senator - Democrat, Vermont

Patrick Leahy of Middlesex was elected to the United States Senate (1974) and remains the only Democrat – and, when elected at 34, the youngest person – elected to this office from Vermont. In December 2008, Leahy became the longest serving senator from Vermont. Leahy was born in Montpelier and grew up near the Statehouse. He graduated from Saint Michael’s College (1961) and received his Juris Doctoris from Georgetown University Law Center (1964). He served eight years as State’s Attorney in Chittenden County and was selected (1974) as one of three outstanding prosecutors in the United States. In his sixth term, Leahy is the fourth most senior member of the Senate, a senior member of the Agriculture and Appropriations Committees, and Chairman of both the Judiciary Committee and the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee. He is co-chair of the Senate National Guard Caucus and co-chair of the Congressional Internet Caucus. He co-authored the Northeast Interstate Dairy and the Milk Income Loss Compensation program and is the father of the national organic standards and a variety of other farm, conservation and environmental initiatives, including efforts to protect Lake Champlain. He wrote the charter for the first-responder grant program (2001) and the Innocence Protection Act (enacted 2004). He wrote the first law in the world banning the export of landmines, and the Leahy War Victim’s Fund is used worldwide to help landmine victims. Leahy and his wife, Marcelle Pomerleau Leahy, native of Newport, Vt., live on a tree farm in Middlesex and have five grandchildren. Post Office Address: 199 Main Street, Burlington, VT, 05401, or United States Senate, Washington, DC, 20510.

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

UNITED STATES SENATOR

SENATOR BERNARD SANDERS

United States Senator - Independent, Vermont

Bernard Sanders of Burlington, Chittenden County, was born in Brooklyn, New York, on September 8, 1941. Sanders was elected to the United States Senate in 2006 and served in the United States House from 1991-2006. He is the longest-serving Independent in the history of the House of Representatives. Before his election to Congress, Sanders served as Mayor of Burlington (1981-1989). His accomplishments as Mayor included building affordable housing, revitalizing the City’s waterfront and downtown and supporting the arts. He was chosen as one of the twenty best mayors in the country by U.S. News and World Report. In the Senate, he serves on the Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Veterans’ Affairs; and Budget Committees. He is a supporter of progressive tax reform, national health care, affordable housing, family farms, a higher minimum wage, workers rights and a national energy policy emphasizing conservation. He is the founder and former chair of the House Progressive Caucus, which has grown to over 50 members. He is married to Jane O’Meara Sanders, and they have 4 children. Before being elected mayor he worked as a writer, documentary producer, and Director of the American People’s History Society. Vermont Phone Number 800-339-9834 or 802-862-0697. Vermont Fax (802) 860-6370. Post office address: One Church Street, 2nd Floor, Burlington, VT, 05401-4417.

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CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

REPRESENTATIVE PETER WELCH

United States Representative to Congress - Democrat, Vermont

Peter Welch currently serves as Vermont's Democratic member to the United States House of Representatives.

Welch was born in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1947 into a family of six children. He attended Holy Name Grammar School and Cathedral High School. After graduating from Holy Cross College in 1969, he was selected to be in the first class of Robert F. Kennedy Fellows. This honor allowed him to continue the civil rights work he began in college, helping families in Chicago overcome discriminatory housing policies. Welch graduated from the University of California Berkeley, Boalt Hall in 1973.

Settling in Vermont, Welch worked as a public defender and then started the firm of Welch, Graham & Manby, of which he served as partner.

In 1980, Welch was elected to represent Windsor County in the State Senate. In 1985 he was unanimously elected by his colleagues to serve as President Pro Tem of the Vermont Senate, becoming the first Democrat to hold this leadership position in state history. He served as President Pro Tem from 1985 to 1988. Welch returned to the Senate in 2001 and his colleagues again unanimously elected him President Pro Tem in 2003. He served as President Pro Tem from 2003 to 2006.

Welch was elected to the US House of Representatives in 2006. He serves on the House Committees on Energy and Commerce, Oversight and Government Reform, and Standards of Official Conduct. He is married to Vermont state representative Margaret Cheney.