

CIVIL GOVERNMENT

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STATE SUPREME COURT

CHIEF JUSTICE

Paul L. Reiber of Chittenden, Vermont was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on June 20, 1947 and became a resident of Vermont in 1976. He attended college in Virginia, graduating from Hampden-Sydney College with a B.A. in 1970; and graduated from Suffolk Law School, Boston, MA with a J.D. in 1974. He and his wife Sandi have a daughter Abigail, daughter Lee and son-in-law Bruce and a new granddaughter Margaret. He was appointed to the Vermont Supreme Court as an Associate Justice in October 2003. On December 17, 2004 he was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court by Governor James Douglas. Justice Reiber was in private practice in Rutland, Vermont at Reiber, Kenlan, Schwiebert, Hall & Facey, P.C. at the time of his appointment to the State Supreme Court in 2003. Prior to appointment he worked for more than 25 years in private practice in civil law with a primary focus on professional liability, product liability and complex actions. While in private practice, he served in various civic and bar-related positions, was elected by the bar to the Vermont Judicial Nominating Board, and was appointed by the Supreme Court to serve on the Professional Responsibility Board. He currently serves as Chair of the Chief Justice Task Force for Children created in December 2005, and Chair of the Chief Justice Mental Health Task Force. Each group is dedicated to improving the delivery of judicial services through inter-branch, multi-disciplinary collaboration. He also serves as Chair of the Vermont Commission on Judicial Operation; a group created by the Vermont Legislature in 2008 and charged to make recommendations to improve the stability of the judicial branch at an historic time in Vermont. The Commission is addressing the structure of Vermont's Judicial Branch, and will make recommendations for improvements in the resource allocation and management of the Vermont judiciary.



ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Brian L. Burgess of Montpelier, Washington County, was born in Washington, D.C., on January 14, 1951 and became a resident of Montpelier in 1978. After finishing high school in Virginia, he attended the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts (B.A. 1973) and Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, Pennsylvania (J.D., 1976). He is married to Maureen O'Connor and has two sons. He served as an Assistant Attorney General (1978-1982), Deputy Commissioner and Commissioner of the Department of Labor & Industry (1983-1984), Deputy Attorney General (1985-1992), District Court Judge (1992-2004), and Administrative Judge for Trial Courts from 2004 until his current appointment as an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court on September 6, 2005. Post office address: Vermont Supreme Court, 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05609 0801.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

John A. Dooley, III of South Burlington, Chittenden County, was born in Nashua, New Hampshire on April 10, 1944 and became resident of present town in 1972. Occupation: attorney. He was educated in elementary schools in Nashua, New Hampshire; Nashua High School, Nashua, New Hampshire; Union College, Schenectady, New York (B.E.E., 1965); Boston College Law School, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts (LL.B., 1968). He is married to the former Sandra Sapp. He previously served as Secretary of Administration, State of Vermont, 1985-87; President, Vermont Bar Association. Appointed Associate Justice, Supreme Court, June 12, 1987. Home phone: 862-7019. Post office address: 44 East Terrace, South Burlington 05403.



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ASSOCIATE JUSTICE



Denise R. Johnson of Middlesex, Washington County, was born in Wyandotte, Michigan on July 13, 1947 and became resident of present town in 1996. She was educated in elementary schools in Wyandotte; Roosevelt High School, Wyandotte, Michigan; Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan (A.B., 1969); University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D., 1974); University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia (LL.M., 1995). She is married to Thomas N. Wies, and they have a son and a daughter. She taught at Vermont Law School, 1978 - 1979; served as an Assistant Attorney General, Chief, Public Protection Division, 1980 - 1988; served as chair, Vermont Human Rights Commission, 1988-90 and was appointed Associate Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court, December 3, 1990. Member: American Law Institute, American Bar Association, Vermont Bar Association, American Judicature Society, American Bar Foundation.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Marilyn S. Skoglund of Montpelier, Washington County, was born in Chicago, Illinois in August of 1946 and became a resident of Vermont in 1973 and has resided in her present town since 1983. She attended elementary and high school in St. Louis, Missouri and graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois (B.A., 1971). She worked in the Office of the Attorney General as: Special Assistant Attorney General (1978-1981); Assistant Attorney General (1981-1989); Chief of the Civil Law Division (1989-1993); Chief of Public Protection Division (1993-1994). She was appointed to the district court in 1994 and to the Supreme Court July 28, 1997. Post office address: 111 State Street, Drawer 9, Montpelier 05609-0801.

COURT ADMINISTRATOR AND CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT



Robert Greemore of Barre Town was born in Colchester, Vermont on June 19, 1949, and is a life-long resident of Vermont. He is a graduate of Northfield High School, Northfield, Vermont (1967) and the University of Vermont (B.S. 1971). He and his wife Lenora have a daughter and a son. Bob began his career in state government as an auditor for the Governor's Commission on Crime Control and Prevention, was named Business Manager when the Commission transitioned to the Governor's Commission on the Administration of Justice, and served as the Executive Director of the Vermont State's Attorneys and Sheriffs from 1975 to 1979. He served as the Director of Administrative Services of the Vermont Judiciary since 1979. In that role, he was responsible for the Judicial Branch budget, employment and labor law policies, court facilities, court security, and a number of other important areas. After serving as Acting Court Administrator since February 1, 2009, the Vermont Supreme Court appointed him Court Administrator on July 25, 2009.

SUPERIOR JUDGE

Robert Bent

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SUPERIOR JUDGE

Karen R. Carroll, of Vernon, VT, was born in Newport, Vermont on February 7, 1963. She graduated from Proctor High School in 1981 and from Salve Regina College, cum laude, in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences Degree in Criminal Justice and English and French Literature. She earned her juris doctor, cum laude, from Vermont Law School in 1988. She was a Deputy State's Attorney in Windham County from September 1988 to June 1994 when she began work with the Vermont Attorney General's Office, as the prosecutor for the Southern Vermont Drug Task Force. During this time, she was also cross designated as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Vermont and prosecuted drug cases in the U.S. District Court. In December 2000, she was appointed a Superior Court Judge by Governor Howard Dean. She is married to Richard C. Carroll, Windham Superior Court Clerk. They have three children.

SUPERIOR JUDGE

Cortland T. Corsones, of Mendon, Vermont, was born on May 15, 1956. He graduated from Rutland High School in 1974, received a B.A. in History from Dartmouth College in 1978, and a J.D. from Cornell University Law School in 1981. After working in private practice for 25 years at Corsones & Corsones in Rutland, he was appointed to the superior court bench in 2007. He is married to Teri Corsones and they have three children.



SUPERIOR JUDGE

Geoffrey W. Crawford

SUPERIOR JUDGE

William Cohen of Rutland, Rutland County, Vermont.

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SUPERIOR JUDGE



Amy Marie Davenport of Montpelier, Washington County, was born in New York, New York on August 20, 1947 and became a resident of Montpelier in 1977. She was educated in elementary schools in New York, New York, London, England and Grenoble, France and received her secondary education at The Chapin School, New York, New York. She graduated from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California (B.A., 1969) and was admitted to the Vermont bar in 1982 after a four-year clerkship. She is married to John R. Durrance, Jr. She has one son and one daughter. Member of the House of Representatives: 1985-86, 1987-88, 1989-90. Appointed Superior Court Judge in October of 1990.

SUPERIOR JUDGE

Katherine (Kate) A. Hayes of Brattleboro, Windham County, was born in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, on April 3, 1958. She received her A.B. from Bryn Mawr College, magna cum laude, in 1980. She received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1982. She served as a public defender in Bennington from 1984 to 1986, was in private practice with the firm of Barr, Sternberg & Moss from 1986 to 1997, and served as an assistant attorney general from 1998 until fall 2002. She is married to Thomas G. Franks, and has one son.

SUPERIOR JUDGE

David A. Howard of Bennington, Bennington County, was born in Bellows Falls, Vermont on April 19, 1951. He attended the University of Vermont (B.A. 1973) and Boston College Law School (J.D. 1976). He was a Vermont public defender from 1978 to 1992 and was in private practice from 1992 until his appointment to the bench in January 1998. He is married to Diane Lynch Howard and they have two sons. Mailing address: Vermont District Court, 1 Veterans Memorial Drive, Bennington 05201.

SUPERIOR JUDGE



Matthew I. Katz of Burlington, Chittenden County, was born in New York, New York on August 6, 1946 and became resident of present town in June, 1970. He was educated in elementary schools in Queens Village, New York; Van Buren High School, Queens Village, New York; Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut (B.A., 1967); Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey (J.D., 1970). He is married to Elaine Kaplan, and they have one son. Post office address: P.O. Box 187, Burlington 05402.

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SUPERIOR JUDGE

M. Kathleen Manley of Lyndon, Caledonia County, was born in Ilion, New York on July 10, 1953. She received a B.A. from New England College, Henniker, New Hampshire in 1975 and a J.D. from Western New England College School of Law, Springfield, Massachusetts in 1980. She was in private practice in central New York from 1980-1988 and in St. Johnsbury, Vermont from 1988-1992. She was appointed Family Court Magistrate in October 1992 and Superior Court Judge in January 1998. She has one daughter.

SUPERIOR JUDGE

Dennis R. Pearson was educated at Residential College at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan (B.A., 1974); New York University Law School (J.D., 1977). While attending the New York University Law School, he was a staff member of the NYU Law Review and was a Law Clinic employee for the Legal Services for the Elderly Poor. From 1978 to 1979 he was the Senior Law Clerk to Hon. Thomas D. Lambros, United States District Judge, N.D. Ohio. From 1980 to 1983, he was an Associate Attorney at Coudert Brothers, New York, New York, dealing in commercial, first amendment and copyright litigation. From 1983 to January 30, 2001, he was Associate Shareholder (1983-1989) and Director (1989-2001) at Gravel and Shea, Burlington, Vermont, dealing in commercial, first amendment and miscellaneous civil litigation; zoning and land use permit law. On February 5, 2001, he became a General Trial/Superior Court Judge, with the State of Vermont.

SUPERIOR JUDGE

Mary Miles Teachout of Norwich, Windsor County, was born on June 29, 1945. She received a BA from Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges in 1968, having also attended the University of Sussex in England in 1965-66. She attended the University of Washington Law School (J.D., 1975); and Harvard Law School (1974-75) and was on the Washington Law Review and a member of the Order of the Coif Honorary Society. She was in private practice in Norwich from 1976-1992 and was chair of the State Board of Appraisers (1984-1992). She is married to Peter R. Teachout, formerly of Montpelier, and they have five children. Post office address: P.O. Box 159, Norwich 05055.



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SUPERIOR JUDGE



Helen M. Toor of Burlington, Chittenden County, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1956. She graduated from the University of Vermont in 1978 with a B.A. in Environmental Studies and obtained her J.D. from the University of Chicago in 1982. She was a litigation associate at the law firm of Rosenman & Colin in New York City from 1982 to 1987, an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York from 1987 to 1989, and Chief of the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Vermont from 1989 until 1999, when she was appointed to the bench. From 1994 to 1999 she was a member of the District 4 Environmental Commission, of which she was Chair since 1997. She was Chair of the Civil Law Subcommittee of the U.S. District Court Advisory Committee from 1998 to 1999, and a member of the Civil Justice Reform Advisory Group of the U.S. District Court from 1991 to 1998. She was also an Associate of the Vermont Leadership Institute in 1997, Chair of the Federal Affairs Committee of the Vermont Bar Association in 1994, and Vice-Chair of the VBA's Government and Non-Profit Section in 1993. She has been an instructor at the Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Workshop and at the Department of the Justice's Civil Trial Advocacy Course. Mailing address: Court Administrator's Office, 109 State Street, Montpelier 05609.

SUPERIOR JUDGE

Howard E. VanBenthuyzen of Fairfax, Franklin County, was born in Burlington, Vermont on December 11, 1951. He graduated from South Burlington High School in 1969 and attended the University of Vermont, graduating with a B.A. (cum laude) in 1973. He earned a Masters of Education degree from Colorado State University in 1976, and his J.D. (cum laude) from Albany Law School in 1982. During law school he was an author and Editor of the Albany Law Review, and clerked for the Bennington Public Defender (1980) and the U.S. Attorney's Office (1981). Judge VanBenthuyzen was employed by the Burlington Firm of Desautels and Bergeron from 1982-1985, and became a Franklin County Deputy State's Attorney in 1985. He served as Franklin County State's Attorney from 1986-1995, re-entering private practice with Rainville & Associates of St. Albans in that year. He was appointed to the Superior Court on July 22, 1997. He is a veteran of the United States Coast Guard and Vermont Army National Guard, serving in both the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns. He has served on many community service boards and organizations including the Franklin Home Health Agency, Northwestern Medical Center, the Rotary Club of St. Albans, the Franklin Free Legal Clinic, the Green Mountain Club and Vermont Maple Sugarmakers Association.

SUPERIOR JUDGE



John P. Wesley of Brattleboro, Vermont, was born in Burlington, Vermont on October 8, 1948. He graduated from Middlebury Union High School in 1966; Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut in 1970; the National Law Center at George Washington University, Washington, D.C. in 1974. Post Office Address: Windsor Family Court, P.O. Box 516, White River Junction 05001.

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUDGE

Thomas S. Durkin was sworn in by Governor James Douglas on January 31, 2005 to become Vermont's second Environmental Judge. Judge Durkin was born in Brighton, Massachusetts, on April 29, 1957, and first became a resident of Brattleboro, Vermont in 1985. He was educated in parochial elementary and high schools in Marlboro, MA. He earned his BA degree, with honors, from Marlboro College in Marlboro, Vt. in 1979 and his juris doctor degree, cum laude, from Vermont Law School in 1985. Before becoming a judge, Durkin was a Vermont attorney for nearly twenty years. He first worked in the Brattleboro area firm of Kristensen, Cummings, Murtha & Stewart, where he became a partner in 1989 and remained at that firm until 1993. He then joined to form Kramer & Durkin, P.C., a general practice law firm that served Southern Vermont from its two offices in Brattleboro and Dover, Vermont. Durkin has been active in the Brattleboro area community, having served on the Board of Directors for Windham County United Way, Morningside Shelter, Brattleboro Union High School, Marlboro College, Windham Southeast Supervisory Union (where he served as Board Chair) and the Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce (where he served as President). He currently serves as the judiciary representative on the Board of Managers for the Vermont Bar Association. In 1995, Durkin was first appointed by then Gov. Dean and later by Gov. Douglas to serve as Chair of the District 2 Act 250 Environmental Commission, a position he held continuously until becoming a judge. He now lives in West Brattleboro with his wife of 28 years, Susan, and their three children: Michael, Emily & Caitlin. He is pictured beside this column at his swearing in with his daughter, Emily.



ENVIRONMENTAL JUDGE

Meredith Wright of East Montpelier, Washington County, was born in New York, New York on March 21, 1950 and became a resident of Vermont in 1978. She was educated at The Fieldston School; Yale University (B.A., 1971); University of Chicago Law School (J.D., 1974). She is married to Frederic R. Emigh, and they have one son and one daughter. She has been an Assistant Attorney General, Vermont (1978-1986) and Deputy Staff Attorney, Vermont Supreme Court (1987-1990) and has taught at the University of Vermont and the Vermont Law School. She was appointed Environmental Judge on November 2, 1990. Post office address: P.O. Box 686, Mnotpelier 05601-0686.



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DISTRICT JUDGE

Nancy Stalcup Corsones of Rutland.

DISTRICT JUDGE

James R. Crucitti of Essex.

DISTRICT JUDGE



Thomas J. Devine of Moretown, Vermont, Washington County, was born in Boston, Massachusetts on October 12, 1960. He was educated at The Roxbury Latin School in West Roxbury, Massachusetts; Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts (B.A. 1982); and George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (J.D. 1985). He is married to Kim Allshouse and they have two sons. He has worked as an attorney at the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (1987-1990), the Office of Child Support (1990-1994) and as a Family Court Magistrate (1994-2004). He served as co Chair of the VBA Family Law Committee (1994-1995) and Chair of the Advisory Committee on Rules for Family Proceedings (1998-2004). He is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and Vermont Bar Association. Post office address: P.O. Box 626, Moretown, Vt. 05660.

DISTRICT JUDGE

Theresa S. DiMauro of West Windsor, Windsor County, was born in Athol, Massachusetts on November 11, 1954 and became resident of present town in 1994. She was educated in elementary schools in Petersham, Massachusetts; Mahar Regional High School, Orange, Massachusetts; University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts (B.A., 1980); Western New England College of Law, Springfield, Massachusetts (J.D., 1983). She was a Deputy State's Attorney for Bennington County from 1985-1988 and from 1989-1993. She was an Assistant Attorney General from 1988-1989. She was appointed to the bench in September 1993. Post office address: RR 1, Box 1029, Windsor 05089.

DISTRICT JUDGE



Harold E. Eaton, Jr. of Woodstock was born in Windsor, Vt. on August 25, 1955. Raised in Woodstock, he graduated from Woodstock Union High School in 1973. He received a B.S. in Education from the University of Vermont in 1977 and a J.D., cum laude, from Vermont Law School in 1980. He was a Deputy State's Attorney for Chittenden County from 1980-1982 and the Chief Deputy from 1982-1983. He was in private practice in Rutland from 1983-1991. From 1991-2004, he was a partner in the firm of Eaton & Hayes in Woodstock. He served on the State Police Advisory Commission from 1993-2004. He is a member of the Rules of Evidence and Family Court Oversight Committees. He has taught at the Vermont Police Academy and the College of St. Joseph. He was appointed to the bench on April 16, 2004. He is married to Jane W. Eaton and has one son. Post office address: P.O. Box 222, Woodstock 05091.

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DISTRICT JUDGE

Brian Grearson of Berlin, Washington County, was born in Barre, Vt., May 9, 1949. He received a B.A. degree from the University of Vermont in 1971 and his J.D. from Suffolk University, Boston, Mass. in 1975. He is married to Melanie J. Carbonneau and they have one daughter, Katherine. Post Office address: 105 Crosstown Road, Berlin, Vt. 05602

DISTRICT JUDGE

Ben W. Joseph of North Hero was born on July 17, 1942 in Fresno, California. He is a graduate of the College and the Law School of University of Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Judith Joseph, have two children and five grandchildren. Before moving to Vermont in 1991, he was in private practice for 15 years. He also worked as the manager of the Legal Services Office for South Philadelphia and was the First Assistant Special Prosecutor for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He was appointed to the District Court bench by Governor Howard Dean in January, 1998. Prior to that, he was a public defender in Chittenden County.



DISTRICT JUDGE

Mark J. Keller of South Hero, Grand Isle County, was born on June 9, 1951 in Burlington, Vermont. Raised in Burlington, he graduated from St. Michael's College in 1973 and graduated from University of Notre Dame Law School in 1976. In 1977, Mark became a deputy state's attorney and was appointed and then elected Chittenden County State's Attorney. In 1983, he entered private practice where he remained until his appointment to Vermont District Judge in 1999. He is married to Brenda Pitmon and has two children. Post office address: 5 Chase Lane, South Hero 05486.

DISTRICT JUDGE

Michael S. Kupersmith of Milton, Chittenden County, was born in Oceanside, New York, on January 6, 1943, and became a resident of Vermont in March, 1971. He was educated in elementary schools in Cedarhurst, New York; graduated from Lawrence High School, Lawrence, New York; Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island (A.B., 1964); and New York University School of Law (J.D., 1968). He has two sons, Sam and Cy. He was appointed District Judge in April, 1987. He is a member of the Vermont Trial Judges' Association (Chair, 1995-1996); the District Court Oversight Committee and the Judicial Conduct Board. He is also a member of the Green Mountain Curling Club. Home phone number: 893-0274. Post office address: P.O. Box 5004, Burlington, 05402.



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DISTRICT JUDGE



Linda Levitt of Williston, Chittenden County, was born in Woodmere, New York on August 8, 1948 and became resident of present town in August, 1989. She was educated in Hewlett, New York public schools; New York University, New York, New York (B.A., 1970); Boston University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts (J.D., 1975). She was appointed District Court Judge on February 21, 1984. Post office address: 951 Sunset Hill Road, Williston 05495.

DISTRICT JUDGE



Walter M. Morris, Jr. of Lyndon, Caledonia County, was born in Danbury, Connecticut on February 14, 1950 and became a resident of present town in 1988. He was educated in the public schools of Danbury, Connecticut; Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland (B.A., 1971); University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D., 1975); attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government, June, 1987; Member of the Faculty, National Judicial College. He served as Vermont Defender General, 1987-90. He was appointed District Court Judge on August 29, 1990. He is married to Catherine M. Boykin, and they have one son. Religious preference: Roman Catholic.

DISTRICT JUDGE



A. Gregory Rainville of St. Albans, Franklin County, was born in Burlington, Vermont in 1954. He graduated from Missisquoi Valley Union High School (Swanton, Vermont) in 1972. After earning a B.A. degree in Political Science from the University of Vermont in 1977, he obtained his J.D. degree from the University of Toledo School of Law (Ohio) in 1980. While managing the family dairy farm he had purchased in 1981 (Franklin, Vermont), he entered private practice as a litigation associate with Tyler, Bruce and Brooks (St. Albans, Vermont) in 1984. In 1995, he established and managed Rainville & Associates, P.C., a civil litigation law firm (St. Albans, Vermont), until his appointment as District Court Judge on March 17, 2006. He served as an alternate member of the Vermont Environmental Board from 1999 to 2005.

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Christina Reiss of Essex Center, Chittenden County, was born in Denver, Colorado on September 3, 1962. She moved to Essex Center in 1967 and attended the elementary and secondary schools there. She won the National Council of Teachers of English 1980 writing contest and in 1981, 1983, and 1984 presented papers to the Vermont Academy of Arts & Letters. She graduated from Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont in 1984 (B.A. magna cum laude) and from the University of Arizona's College of Law in 1989 (J.D. summa cum laude). She served as the Editor in Chief of the Arizona Law Review and was voted the Most Outstanding Student by the law school faculty. From 1989-90, she clerked for the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. From 1990-1992, she practiced with the law firm of Perkins, Thompson, Hinckley & Keddy in Portland, Maine. From 1992 until 2001, she practiced with the law firm of Sheehy, Brue, Gray & Furlong in Burlington, Vermont as a partner. From 2001 until 2004, she practiced with the law firm of Gravel and Shea in Burlington, Vermont where she was a partner. She was named as one of Vermont's best lawyers by the Chambers Publication. In August of 2004, she was appointed to the bench. She is married to Kevin Hastings and has three daughters.

DISTRICT JUDGE

David T. Sontag was born on October 20, 1952 in Brooklyn, New York. He was educated at the University of Connecticut (B.A., 1975); Vermont Law School, (J.D. cum laude, 1978). He was appointed district court judge in August, 1990. He has served as an Assistant Attorney General, Chief, Criminal Justice Division, 1985-90; Department of Corrections, chief counsel, 1983-85; Deputy State's Attorney, Rutland County, 1973-83.

DISTRICT JUDGE

M. Patricia Zimmerman of Randolph, Orange County, was born on October 26, 1949. She received a B.A. from Rutgers University in 1983 and a J.D. from Vermont Law School in 1986. Prior to being appointed to the bench in November of 1997 she was Windsor County State's Attorney from 1990-1997 and Deputy State's Attorney from 1986-1990.

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DISTRICT JUDGE

Thomas A. Zonay of Hartland, Windsor County, was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on September 4, 1963. He graduated from Bishop Eustace Preparatory School in 1981 and went on to receive a B.S. degree from Delaware Valley College in 1985 and a J.D. from Vermont Law School in 1988. Prior to practicing law he graduated from the Vermont Police Academy and was a police officer in Woodstock, Vermont. From 1989 until his appointment to the bench on March 1, 2007 he was in private practice. He has served as a member of the Vermont Bar Association Board of Managers and served as President of the Association, as well as being a director of the New England Bar Association. He has also served served as a director of the Vermont Bar Foundation and as the President of the Vermont Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Judge Zonay has also served as a member of the Vermont Indigent Defense Task Force, the Vermont Court Security Advisory Committee, and the Advisory Committee to Review DCCR 80.6 - Traffic and Municipal Ordinance Bureau Procedures, the Vermont Trial Court Criminal Jury Instruction Project, the Federal Panel Selection Committee for the District of Vermont, and the Vermont Sentencing Commission. Prior to his appointment he served as the Chairman of the Vermont Human Rights Commission. He has served on numerous community service boards and organizations including the Woodstock Union High School Board of Directors, The Homestead Elder Residential Facility Board, the Windsor-Central Supervisory Union Board, the Woodstock Recreation Center Board, and as a counselor at Camp Ta-Kum-Ta, a Vermont camp for children with cancer. He and his wife, Sandra, have three children and reside in Hartland, Vermont.