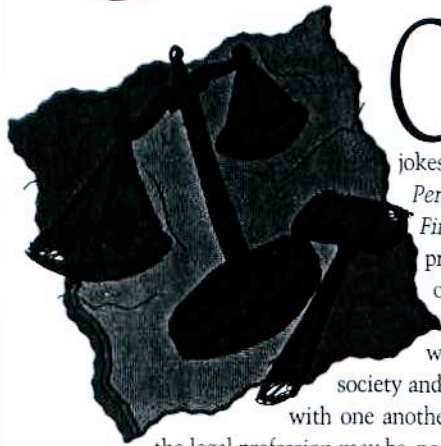


# LAWYER'S LAWYER



Our country, and our state, has a definite "love/hate" relationship with lawyers. Hear a few thousand lawyer jokes, mix with television shows ranging from *Perry Mason* to *LA Law* and movies like *The Firm* or *Legal Eagles* and you can sense the preoccupation. Lawyers provoke a mixture of respect and cynicism in us that is hard to explain. Perhaps it is because the work that they do is so important to our society and so influences the ways that we get along with one another. Whatever our current attitude toward

the legal profession may be, people share a common sensibility: when in need of a lawyer, get the best one you can. Attorneys in this guide were selected by a group of their peers from two dozen of the best law firms in the state. Nominators were able to pick attorneys in their own firms but not themselves. This list should serve as a great reference tool for anyone in need of legal help.

*Note: this listing is by no means to be construed as a rating of New Hampshire attorneys, but, by the wide cross-section of lawyers and law firms it contains, is intended to bring attention to the excellent quality of legal services in the Granite State.*

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No one wants to get into legal trouble, but suppose it happens, it's serious, and you need the best. Where do you go? Who do you turn to? New Hampshire Editions went straight to the source. We canvassed the most respected firms in New Hampshire asking them to name "the lawyer's lawyer" — the lawyer other lawyers would like to represent them in court if they needed legal help. These advocates represent the most respected in their field because of their integrity and their dedication to their clients' rights.

## HIGH HONORS

**Dort S. Bigg**  
*Wiggin & Nourie, P.A.*

**Michael R. Callahan**  
*Gallagher, Callahan & Gattrell, P.A.*

**Donald E. Dufresne,**  
*Devine, Millimet & Branch*

**Bruce W. Felmy**  
*McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, P.A.*

**William S. Green**  
*Sheehan Phinney Bass & Green, P.A.*

**Joseph M. Kerrigan**  
*Hamblett & Kerrigan*

**Willard G. Martin**  
*Nightswander, Martin & Mitchell, P.A.*

**Joseph A. Millimet, Esq.**  
*Devine, Millimet & Branch*

**James R. Muirhead**  
*McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, P.A.*

**David L. Nixon**  
*Nixon, Raiche, Brown, Manning & Branch*

**Ernest T. Smith, III**  
*Upton, Sanders & Smith*

**Ronald L. Snow**  
*Orr & Reno*

**Frederick K. Upton**  
*Upton, Sanders & Smith*

**Richard V. Wiebusch, Esq.**  
*Hale and Dorr*

**Kimon S. Zachos**  
*Sheehan Phinney Bass & Green, P.A.*



Excellence

**Jack B. Middleton**  
*McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, P.A.*

He's a man used to scaling peaks and observing the world from the uncluttered perspective of a summit in the Alps, the Rockies, Nepal, or the White Mountains. He's also a man acquainted with the stuffy courtrooms and complex reasonings of civil litigation trials, handling contentious commercial disputes and emotional personal injury cases in a profession some people call "the world's most expensive indoor sport." But whether engaged in his lifelong hobbies of mountain climbing and outdoorsmanship or simply compiling a defense, Jack Middleton is a man who commands respect.

"He's incredibly focused on whatever it is he does," says Bob Wells, a colleague of his at the McLane law firm. "He accomplishes about four or five times what any normal person is expected to do." Wells notes that some things which set Middleton apart are his interest, not only in each case but in his clients, and his overall enthusiasm for the law. "Many fine lawyers are not enthusiastic," he admits.

"The words that come to mind are hard work, dedication, indefatigable," says Dave Nixon of Nixon, Raiche, Brown, Manning and Branch. "I've got a reputation as a 'go-getter' and he makes me look like a piker. He's what I call a 'type triple A' personality."

Middleton's achievement-oriented per-

sonality is an asset in his role as the president and the driving force of the McLane firm, but to his employees he does not appear "driven." Brenda Beer, a senior secretary to one of the McLane partners comments, "From the lowest man on the staff he treats us respectfully, so it's easy to give him respect. I've never heard him raise his voice ... but when he speaks he commands action, and gets it." Beer explains that she has witnessed Middleton's demeanor at work in the courtroom as well as the office and that it is equally as effective there.

His skills are in demand not only as an advocate but as an advisor and trustee for a number of civic groups such as the United Way and the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, both of which he chaired, and the Greater Manchester Development Corporation, the Business and Industry Association, and NH Public Radio, all of which he has served as a director. He takes a special pride in his service since 1957 as a trustee for the Mt. Washington Observatory.

In fact, it was while working on Mt. Washington for the Appalachian Mountain Club in 1952 that a period of introspection launched what has become a remarkable legal career. Middleton says that after some time spent [CONTINUED ON PAGE 14]



# GENERAL PRACTICE

Need an all-around advocate, a lawyer who can handle just about any type of civil law — from real estate to estate planning? Then the general practitioner will satisfy your many needs.

## EXCELLENCE



**Peter W. Bennett**  
Winer and Bennett



**Willard Martin, Jr.**  
Nighswander, Martin & Mitchell, P.A.



**Paul McEachern**  
Shaines & McEachern



**Jack Middleton**  
McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, P.A.



**Kimon S. Zachos**  
Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, P.A.

## HIGH HONORS

**Stanley M. Brown**  
Abramson, Reis & Brown

**Bradford E. Cook**  
Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, P.A.

**Donald E. Gartrell**  
Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, P.A.

**R. Robert Gaumont Jr.,**  
R. Robert Gaumont Jr. Law Offices

**James R. Muirhead**  
McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, P.A.

**Theodore Wadleigh**  
Wadleigh, Starr, Peters, Dunn & Chiesi, P.A.

# PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT

**EXCELLENCE** If you compose, invent, or manufacture, you need a lawyer who will help you protect your creations. An advocate also initiates litigation when infringement occurs and protects against suits.



**Paul C. Remus**  
Decine, Millimet & Branch

## HIGH HONORS

**Anthony G.M. Davis**  
Davis, Bujold & Streck

**Norman P. Soloway**  
Hayes, Soloway, Hennessey, Grossman & Hage

**Robert H. Rines**  
Rines & Rines

**William Ritchie, Attorney**

**Lee A. Strimbeck**  
Strimbeck & Morrison

# EMPLOYMENT LAW - EMPLOYEE

An employment lawyer protects the rights of the employee. Issues addressed are terms of employment, employee rights during time of employment, discrimination, and separation.

## EXCELLENCE HIGH HONORS



**Eleanor Holmes MacLellan**  
Suloway & Hollis

**Mark T. Broth**  
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**Edna M. Conway**  
Winer and Bennett

**Debra Dyleski-Najjar**  
Wiggin & Nourie, P.A.

**Thomas J. Flygare**  
Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, P.A.

**Edward M. Kaplan**  
Suloway & Hollis

**Jon Meyer**  
Backus, Meyer & Solomon

**Glenn R. Milner**  
Cook & Molan

**Nancy Richards-Stower, Attorney**

**Mary N. Wilke**  
Orr & Reno

**Andru Volinsky**  
Shaheen, Cappiello, Strin & Gordon

# PERSONAL INJURY, WORKERS' COMP, DEFENSE

A personal injury lawyer protects the defendant (usually, an employer) from litigation brought forth by an employee who has been physically injured during the course of a work day.

## EXCELLENCE HIGH HONORS



**Richard E. Galway**  
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**Dort S. Bigg**  
Wiggin & Nourie, P.A.

**Claudia C. Damon**  
Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, P.A.

**Andrew D. Dunn**  
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**W. Michael Dunn**  
Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, P.A.

**Donald Gardner**  
Decine, Millimet & Branch

**Andrew A. Merrill**  
Wiggin & Nourie, P.A.

**Lee Nyquist**  
Decine & Nyquist

**Jeffrey Osburn**  
Wiggin & Nourie, P.A.

**Vicki Roundy**  
Boynton, Walstrom, Dolan, Woodman & Scott

# HEALTH CARE LAW

## EXCELLENCE



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Orr & Reno

## HIGH HONORS

**David H. Barnes**  
Decine, Millimet & Branch

**James P. Bassett,**  
Orr & Reno

**Douglas D. Byrd**  
Suloway & Hollis

**William J. Donovan**  
Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, P.A.

**Christopher C. Gallagher**  
Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, P.A.

**Katherine M. Hanna**  
Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, P.A.

**Jon Meyer**  
Backus, Meyer, Solomon & Rood

**Howard M. Moffett**  
Orr & Reno

**Donald J. Pfundstein**  
Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, P.A.

**Jon S. Richardson**  
Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, P.A.

Health care law provides representation to health care providers with business law matters as well as the specialized problems encountered by the industry — including regulatory issues.

**Linda Tomaselli**  
Hamblett & Kerrigan

**Eugene Van Loan**  
Wadleigh, Starr, Peters, Dunn & Chiesi, P.A.

**Robert A. Wells**  
McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, P.A.

# EMPLOYMENT LAW - EMPLOYER

An employment lawyer prevents possible litigation from employees by providing clear-cut guidelines for both the employer and employee to sustain a healthy work environment.

## EXCELLENCE



**Mark T. Broth**  
Decine, Millimet & Branch



**Thomas J. Flygare**  
Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, P.A.



**Edward E. Shumaker III**  
Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, P.A.

## HIGH HONORS

**B.J. Branch**  
Nixon, Raiche, Brown, Manning & Branch

**Claudia C. Damon**  
Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, P.A.

**Debra Dyleski-Najjar**  
Wiggin & Nourie, P.A.

**Debra Weiss Ford**  
Ford, Ford & Worcester

**Robert E. Jauron**  
McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, P.A.

**Linda S. Johnson**  
McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, P.A.

**Andrea K. Johnstone**  
Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, P.A.

**Edward M. Kaplan**  
Suloway & Hollis

**Eleanor Holmes MacLellan**  
Suloway & Hollis

**Edward B. Mulligan IV**  
Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell, P.A.

**James P. Reidy**  
Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green, P.A.

**Mary N. Wilke**  
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