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EDUCATION

Vermont Law School, J.D. (May 1978).

University of Vermont, B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*,
Member, *Phi Beta Kappa* (May 1974).

Spaulding High School, Barre Vermont (1970)

PROFESSIONAL

Member of the bars of the Vermont Supreme Court (1978); U.S. Supreme Court (1989); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (2008); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (1993); and the United States District Court for the District of Vermont (1978).

Solo private law practice in Burlington since 1995.

Attorney with McNeil, Leddy & Sheahan of Burlington (1991-1995); Burlington Assistant City Attorney and City Grand Juror (1982-1991); Chittenden County Public Defender (1978-1982).

PUBLIC POLICY EXPERIENCE

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| 2011 | Special Counsel to Vermont Department of Banking and Health Care Administration on health care reform. |
| 2006 | Special Counsel to Vermont Senate Health and Welfare Committee, 2006. |
| 2000-2006 | Member of the Burlington Board of Electric Commissioners, serving as Commission Chair from July 1, 2002 to July 1, 2005. |
| 1991 | Legislative Assistant to Congressman Bernie Sanders. |
| 1982-89 | As a Burlington Assistant City Attorney, worked with former attorney General Jeffrey Amestoy and Assistant Attorney General Wally Malley on the landmark public trust doctrine litigation <i>State and City of Burlington v. Central Vermont Railway</i> , 153 Vt. 337 (1989) which ruled that the Burlington waterfront belonged |

to the people of the State of Vermont and which lead to the development of the current Waterfront Park.

INSURANCE-RELATED EXPERIENCE.

Background in insurance coverage litigation. Reported insurance coverage litigation cases include

- *City of Burlington v. NUFI*, 163 Vt. 124 (1994);
- *City of Burlington v. AEGIS*, 164 Vt. 218 (1995) [“AEGIS I”];
- *City of Burlington v. AEGIS*, 170 Vt. 358 (2000) [“AEGIS II”];
- *City of Burlington and Lloyds Underwriters v. Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.*, 173 Vt. 484 (2001);
- *Hardwick Recycling v. Acadia Ins. Co.*, 2004 VT 124, 177 Vt. 421; and
- *Richard Towns v. Northern Security Co.*, 2008 VT 98, 184 Vt. 322.