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MEDIA ADVISORY

Retired Justice Souter to Speak at NH Bar Event *Public Service Awards on Feb. 12 Agenda*

On Friday, February 12, 2010, the Honorable David H. Souter, who retired last year from the Supreme Court of the United States, will address the New Hampshire Bar Association's annual Midyear Membership Meeting at the Radisson Hotel/Center of New Hampshire.

Justice Souter last addressed the Bar Association in 1991 shortly after he joined the United States Supreme Court. He will be speaking in the Armory at the conclusion of the luncheon. (1:15 p.m. approx.)

The luncheon includes the presentation of these awards by NH Bar Association President James J. Tenn, Jr.:

Distinguished Service to the Public ~ Jack B. Middleton, David L. Nixon and Kimon S. Zachos. The award recognizes the career-long dedication to public service and more than 50 years of inspiration to the legal profession.

Vickie M. Bunnell Award for Community Service ~ *Quentin J. Blaine*. The award, presented to an attorney from a small or solo firm, honors Blaine, a sole practitioner in Plymouth, for his leadership and dedication to community service.

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Outstanding Service in Public Sector/Public Interest Law Award ~

Cheryl A. Sessions. This award acknowledges outstanding work by an organization or an individual in government or public interest law. Sessions is counsel and policy director for ROC USA. First in NH, and now nationally, Sessions has developed the legal framework to enable residents of mobile homes to form cooperatives and reap the benefits of ownership.

L. Jonathan Ross Award for Outstanding Commitment to Legal

Services for the Poor ~ *Catherine E. Shanelaris.* This award, presented by the Pro Bono Referral Program, honors Nashua lawyer Shanelaris for her devotion and hard work on providing access to justice, representing clients and advocating for the Pro Bono program.

The Pro Bono program also will present these annual awards:

DOVE Project ~ *Eric M. Sommers,* McLane Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, Manchester.

Innovative Project ~ *Karen McGinley and Home Rescue Team.* McGinley practices with the Devine Millimet law firm, Manchester.

Consumer Bankruptcy ~ *Mary F. Stewart,* Concord.

Low-Income Taxpayer Project ~ *Beth L. Fowler,* McLane Graf Raulerson & Middleton.

Equal Access to Justice ~ *Orr & Reno, P.A.,* Concord .

Pro Bono Coordinator ~ *Mary Jo Herman,* paralegal, McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton, Manchester.

Rural Access to Justice ~ *John R. McKinnon.* Campton.
Charles L. Greenhalgh, Cooper, Deans & Cargill, North Conway.

Housing and Consumer Rights ~ *Lawrence M. Edelman,* Pierce Atwood, Portsmouth

Beyond the Borders ~ *Christian W. Lund,* Fitchburg, Mass.

Pro Bono Rising Stars ~ *Melissa S. Penson,* Smith-Weiss & Shepherd, Nashua; *Christopher R. Paul.* Amherst.

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