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## SUMMARY

Statewide leader and executive with nearly 40 years experience as trial lawyer, prosecutor, defense attorney, general practitioner, teacher, criminal justice advocate, speaker, and elected public official

## RECENT ENDEAVORS

**Uber/Lyft Driver** Southern New Hampshire January – present 2017

**Activist** Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, North Dakota Nov. – Dec. 2017

- Drove to Oceti Sakowin Camp, an historic gathering of tribes, allies and people from all walks of life standing in solidarity to halt the Dakota Access Pipeline. Participated in “actions” to preserve the water rights of the Sioux tribes at the Cannonball River; published stories and photos sharing the experience of Standing Rock; chopped wood, built stoves, advised on extreme weather survival, brought food and water, learned mechanics of solar power generation, helped maintain systems in main gathering places, attended press briefings and strategy meetings with elders and other indigenous peoples, learned how to listen, attended prayer/ceremony sessions, adopted Sioux imperatives of “Legacy and “To Be Of Use.” Learned humility.

## ELECTED OFFICES

**Mayor** City of Somersworth, NH 2010-2011

- The Mayor is the presiding officer at meetings of the City Council, serves as head of the City Government for all ceremonial purposes and by the Governor for purposes of military law. The Mayor is an ex-officio member of the City Council and participates in discussions of matters before the Council and has the right to initiate bills and other measures. The Mayor votes in the event of a tie of the Council.

**Charter Commission, Secretary** City of Somersworth, NH 2009

- The duty of the Charter Commission was to review the Charter of The City of Somersworth and to recommend changes and/or additions to the Charter to comply with any changes in State law since the Charter’s last revision and to recommend improvements/changes in the governance and structure of the city’s government.

**Somersworth School Board** City of Somersworth, NH 1990-1997

- The School Board is responsible for the general management and control of the public schools in the City and of the buildings and property pertaining thereto. The Board shall have the power and perform the duties and be subject to the liabilities

granted or imposed by or through the statutes of the State, including the prescribing of regulations for attendance at and for the management, classification, and discipline of the schools. The Board is responsible for developing an annual budget which is submitted to the City Council for approval.

**Strafford County Attorney**                      **Strafford County, NH 1983-2000**

- Responsible for all Felony prosecutions and Misdemeanor appeals in the county. Supervised staff of 20, prepared budgets, tried cases, developed statewide programs, implemented one of the first Victim Assistance program, served on numerous statewide task forces, promoted criminal justice legislation before the legislature, lectured for schools, CLE's, courts. Tried hundreds of jury trials, developed management information system for prosecution and county jail. Elected nine terms.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Fellowship**                                      Mentoring Palestinian Public Defenders in the West Bank, Palestine, for the International Legal Foundation.  
February – May, 2016

**Attorney-at-Law**                      Soldati Law Offices, P. A., Somersworth and Portsmouth, NH  
2009-2016

- Criminal Defense, General Practice – Primarily engaged in criminal defense practice; served as trained legal observer at polling places during elections in 2012, 2010, 2008; engaged in limited general practice involving personal injury, contracts, civil litigation

**Attorney-at-Law**                      Jeffco, Starbranch, & Soldati, Portsmouth NH, 2000-2009

- Engaged exclusively in statewide criminal defense practice
- Handled cases from DWI to rape, robbery, and child pornography, in all courts: local, state and federal
- Addressed all aspects of case management, preliminary hearings through trials and appeals
- Personally managed and serviced all computer systems for the firm

**County Attorney**                      **Strafford County, Dover, NH, 1983-2000**

- Primary responsibility for most major felony prosecutions in Strafford County
- Managed 20 professional/support staff and budget for NH's fourth largest county
- Carried full felony caseload, specializing in child abuse and sexual assault cases
- Established Strafford County's first victim assistance program
- Implemented a career criminal prosecution program

- Created a full-time drug prosecutor position
- Installed the first prosecution management support system in NH
- Served as legal advisor to Strafford County and its officials
- Secured numerous federal grants to lessen the impact on county taxes
- Oversaw IT systems for office

Attorney-at-Law          Private Practice, Dover, NH 1982

- Concentrated in criminal defense, civil litigation, and domestic relations law

Associate Attorney      Nadeau Professional Association, Dover, NH, 1980-1981

- Concentrated in personal injury, insurance defense, civil litigation, criminal defense, domestic relations law

Attorney-at-Law          Private practice, Concord, NH, 1979-1980

- Concentrated in criminal defense, civil litigation, contracts, estates, domestic relations law

Associate Professor      Business Law II, NH Technical Institute, Concord, NH, 1979

Corrections Field Representative    Police Standards and Training Council, Concord, NH, 1978-1979

- Administered criminal justice training programs for probation, parole, correctional officers
- Program director for Police Prosecutors' School
- Editor: Probable Cause, quarterly publication for the criminal justice community

Investigator              NH Public Defender's Office, Concord, NH, 1975-1977

## EDUCATION

- Juris Doctor, Franklin Pierce Law Center (now University of New Hampshire School of Law), Concord, NH, 1977
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 1974. Major: English
- St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Dover, NH, 1967

## MILITARY SERVICE

- United States Army, Honorable Discharge, 1969-1971

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- New Hampshire and Federal Bar, 1978-present
- New Hampshire Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, 2002-present
- New Hampshire Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, 2012-present
- National District Attorneys Association, 1983-2000
- New Hampshire County Prosecutor's Association, 1985-1996. President, 1990-1991
- Rules of Criminal Procedure Committee and Editorial Board, NH Bar Association, 1988-1996
- Attorney General's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, 1990-2000
- Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence, protocol subcommittee, 1992-2000
- Charles C. Dow, Inns of Court, master, 1994-1996
- Attorney General's Task Force on Sexual Assault, 1988-1989
- Community Advisory Board, Sexual Abuse Treatment Program, Strafford Guidance Center, 1985-1987
- Combined Law Enforcement Legislative Committee, NH Police Association, 1987
- New Hampshire Trial Lawyers Association, 1980-1987
- Co-founder, Strafford Regional Child Abuse Association, 1985-1986

## LECTURES/ TRAINING/ PRESENTATIONS

### Training Judges

- "State v. Jack Spratt Mock Sentencing Hearing," NH Superior Court Judges' Education Conference, 1992
- "Reciprocal Discovery in Criminal Cases," NH District and Municipal Judges Association Conference, 1990

### Training Attorneys

- "Trial Issues in Sexual Assault Prosecutions; Use of Experts in Sexual Assault Prosecutions; Ethical Issues in Sexual Assault Prosecutions," mandatory CLE training for all State prosecutors, 1995
- "Sexual Assault Prosecutions," training for newly elected County Attorneys, 1994
- "The Prosecution of Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Cases," Attorney General's Training for newly elected County Attorneys, 1992
- "Politics in Office, or the Use, Abuse and Limits of Power," Attorney General's Training Conference for newly elected County Attorneys, 1992
- "Discovery Issues in Criminal Cases" NH Bar Association, 2005, 2007
- "Expert Witness in Domestic Violence Cases" and "Dynamics of Sexual Assault in Domestic Violence Cases" Governors' Council on Domestic Violence, Manchester, 1999

- “Issues in Sexual Assault Prosecutions” NH Attorney General’s Domestic Violence Conference, Nashua, 1997
- "The Criminal Justice System A Prosecutor's View," Red Jacket III, Bench and Bar Conference for NH Bar Association, 1987
- "Closing Statements," Trial Advocacy Course, NH Bar Association, 1987
- "Direct Examination and Evidence," Trial Advocacy Course, NH Bar Association, 1986

### Training Police

- "Constitutional Law," "The Criminal Justice System," "Testifying in Court," NH Police Academy, 1978-1983
- "Evidence," "Trial Preparation and Tactics," "Criminal Procedure," New Hampshire Police Prosecutors School, 1978-1983

### Training Medical Personnel

- “Prosecution of Sexual Assault” Tufts School of Medicine, Providence, Rhode Island, 1998

### Training Rape Crisis Counselors

- "Sexual Assault," Sexual Assault Support Services, 1985-1998
- "Sexual Assault," Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARP), UNH, 1986- 2000

### Instructing College and High School Students

- Guest lecturer, Criminal Justice classes, UNH, 1990-2008
- "When Sex Becomes a Crime Mock Trial and Discussion," UNH, 1991
- "Sexual Assault- Prejudice and Prosecution," for Justice Studies Program, UNH, 1988-1991
- "Date Rape - Mock Sentencing Hearing," UNH, 1990
- "Date Rape - A Mock Trial," UNH, 1989
- "Alcohol, Drugs, and Rape - On Campus," Freshman Orientation, UNH, 1989
- "NH Court System," "NH Constitution," Dover High School, Dover, NH, 1986

### Speaking Engagements

- Presentation “Abolishing the Death Penalty” Lakes Region Christian Church, 1997
- Panelist, “Art of Discovery for New Hampshire Litigators,” specifically spoke on “Discovery in Criminal Cases” for New Hampshire Bar Association Continuing Legal Education, Concord, 2001, and Manchester, 2005

## Legislative Activist/Author

- "Debtor's Prison Redux -- A Return to the 19th Century," *The Wire*, February 2009
- Testified for nearly 30 years before several NH Senate and House committees on a variety of issues concerning the criminal justice system, including: victim's rights and compensation, child protection, reciprocal discovery, juvenile justice, legal limits for DWI, the Bail Reform Act, competency and commitment procedures, expanding wiretap use in drug cases, expansion of the death penalty. 1983-2010
- Testified twice before the NH House Judiciary Committee against the death penalty, late 90s
- As a member of the Attorney General's Task Force on Sexual Assault, authored several sections - and testified in support of - legislation for major changes in the sexual assault statutes of the NH Revised Statutes Annotated. Legislation enacted 1992, 1993, 1994
- As vice-chair for Committee to Study Laws Relative to Criminal Depositions, co-authored legislation enacted 1991
- As a member of the Attorney General's Child Abuse and Neglect Task Force, authored the prosecution section of the statewide protocol for the prosecution of child abuse and neglect cases, 1989 –1996
- As member of the Protocol sub-committee of the Governor's Commission on Domestic Violence, authored the domestic violence prosecution protocol, 1995
- Contributor to Final Report, Governor's Task Force to Prevent Impaired Driving. Specifically authored "Overview of DWI Negotiated Plea Guidelines" and "Proposal for Elimination of Trial De Novo," 1990
- As member of the Attorney General's Task Force on Sexual Assault, assisted in the design and implementation of the first statewide protocol for rape cases. The product of this task force has received national recognition and the rape kit developed has become a model for the entire country. 1988-1989
- Assisted in developing Senate Bill 320FN on Competency in Court Ordered Commitments of Pretrial Detainees. Legislation enacted 1989
- Initiated legislation to transfer cost of rape examination kit from the victim to the state. Legislation enacted 1988

## Media Interviews

- "Domestic Violence," *One On One*, Continental Cablevision, 1995
- "Domestic Violence," *Newsmakers*, WZNN Radio, 1991
- "President Bush's National Drug Control Strategy," *WMUR-TV* weekly news review, 1989
- "Drug Testing in the Work Place," *WMURTV* weekly news review, 1988

## AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

### Dr. Roger M. Fossum Award

- For outstanding dedication and service on behalf of NH's children and families, 1996

### Commendations and Recognitions

- August 2011 – Hon. John H. Lynch, Governor, State of New Hampshire.
- May 2000 – House of Representative, Donna Syteck, Speaker of the House.
- May 2000 – Hillsborough County Attorney's Office, Peter McDonough, County Attorney.
- April 2000 – Strafford County Commissioners
- October 1998 – Sexual Assault Support Services
- January 1997 – Somersworth School Board