



Secretary, Board of Directors



Nina C. Gardner

Executive Director, New Hampshire Judicial Council

Nina Gardner has served as executive director of the New Hampshire Judicial Council since December 1988. The Judicial Council, created by statute in 1945 includes major players from every branch of government, and takes a broad view of the administration of justice, serving as a catalyst for its continued improvement. During her time in this position, she has overseen the expansion of indigent defense services statewide, including doubling the size of the Public Defender Program and Contract Attorney Program. Nina has worked to fund NH Legal Assistance and establish a public/private partnership with CASA of New Hampshire.

Nina assisted in the development of the Family Court Study, which resulted in the enactment, in 1995, of the Family Court Pilot Project. In 2003 she was named Chair of the Task Force on Family Law by Governor Shaheen and completed the two-year study in November 2004. In 2004 she was invited by Chief Justice Broderick to participate in the Supreme Court Committee on Justice System Needs and Priorities, which was Chaired by Bruce Felmly

As executive director of the Judicial Council, she has been one of the original members of the Guardian Ad Litem Board established by the Legislature in 2000. At the invitation of the New Hampshire Bar Association, she sits as an ex officio member of the Delivery of Legal Services Committee of the NH Bar and the Committee on Cooperation with the Courts. She has also previously sat on the Law Related Education Committee.

In 1998 she was invited to join the Board of the Youth Assistance Program of the towns of Tilton, Northfield and Sanbornton. She has been an active member of the Sanbornton Historical Society since 1978.

Nina was a member of the Citizens Commission on the Courts, served on the Steering Committee, and chaired the research committee on Problem-Solving Courts.

Nina was the recipient of the Bar Foundation's 2005 Frank Rowe Kenison Award and currently serves on the Bar Foundation's executive committee as secretary.