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Bio

Keri Roman delivers industry-leading legal advice to municipalities, village districts, municipal boards, committees, and commissions as a member of the NH Municipal Group and the Land Use and Conservation Group. Keri was drawn to municipal law after discovering how diligently municipal officers, employees and board volunteers work for their communities, and wanted to focus her work to contributing toward their success. She has also served as a trusted advisor for municipalities during the tumultuous and uncertain COVID pandemic.

Keri helps her clients navigate a variety of legal issues including complex land use matters, telecommunications applications, governance, daily operations, town meetings, annual town warrants, finance, code enforcement, property tax abatements, road law, conservation, ordinance drafting, water quality management, Right to Know law matters, and municipal board and committee management. She regularly advises on Power Purchase Agreements and locating solar arrays on municipal property.

Drawing on her prior knowledge and practice as a civil litigator, Keri has successfully tried numerous code enforcement matters and complex tax abatement cases, among other municipal-focused litigation. She works proactively, however, with municipal managers and administrators on day-to-day operations to avoid problems and head-off litigation wherever possible.

Keri was recognized as part of New England Super Lawyers as a State, Local & Municipal Rising Star in 2013 – 2018, and 2020 for her notable work. She has lectured throughout New Hampshire to municipal boards and officials on land use matters and authored an accompanying

Practice Areas

Environmental & Natural Resources
Land Use & Conservation
Municipal Law

Admissions

Maine
New Hampshire
U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire

publication, *Innovative Land Use Controls: Amending Your Zoning Ordinance*.

In her free time, Keri enjoys spending time on the New Hampshire coast and in the White Mountains with her family. Dedicated to improving her community and expanding her municipal knowledge base, she has also served as a Selectman, a Planning Board member, and a Recreation Commissioner in her town.

Education

University of New Hampshire School of Law, J.D., 2006

University of Massachusetts at Amherst, B.A., *cum laude*, 2002

Judicial Clerkships

Hon. Joseph DiClerico, Jr., U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire

Hon. Gary E. Hicks, New Hampshire Supreme Court

Recognition

New England Super Lawyers, Land Use/Zoning, Civil Litigation, State, Local & Municipal, Appellate, Rising Star 2013-2017

Publications

Innovative Land Use Controls: Re-examining Your Zoning Ordinance
Co-author and Co-presenter, LGC Municipal Law Lecture Series (Fall 2012)

Navigating the Development and Subdivision Permitting Process New Hampshire Business Review (August 2012)

Supreme Court At-a-Glance New Hampshire Bar Journal (April 2011)

"Motion Practice," A Practical Guide to Discovery and Depositions in New Hampshire, Co-author MCLE (2010)

An Interview with the Honorable Gary E. Hicks, Recipient of this Year's Philip S. Hollman Gender Equality Award New Hampshire Women's Bar Association Newsletter (February 2012)

Representative Clients & Matters

Keriann received a favorable New Hampshire Supreme Court decision in *Mellin v. Northern Security Insurance Co.*, 167 N.H. 544, redefining what may constitute “physical loss” under property insurance coverage in New Hampshire.

Memberships

New Hampshire Bar Association

Maine State Bar Association

Community/Public Service

Rye Board of Selectman (2018-2020)

Rye Planning Board

Board Member, Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee (2013-2016)

New Hampshire Attorney Discipline Office

Complaint Screening Committee (2012-2014)

New Hampshire Women’s Bar Association

Past Board Member

Rye Recreation Commission

Commissioner (2010-2013)

New Heights – Adventures for Teens, Portsmouth

Board Member (2008-2010)

St. Paddy’s 5-Miler Road Race Fundraiser, Portsmouth

Committee Member (2012)