

PDA Board Member McManus Honored by State Bar Foundation

(Portsmouth) Pease Development Authority board member Anthony McManus has been honored by the New Hampshire Bar Foundation (NHBF) by being selected the organization's Honorary Fellow for 2007. According to the NHBF, this honor is given to individuals who have provided significant service and leadership to the Foundation.

The NHBF supports programs that provide free or low-cost civil legal advice, representation, and advocacy to some of New Hampshire's most disadvantaged residents. The organization also supports law-related educational programs for students, service providers, the legislature, the legal community, and the public-at-large.

McManus, an attorney, was a Bar Foundation board member for 13 years and has served as the organization's chair, vice chair and treasurer. During his tenure on the NHBF board, McManus was instrumental in helping to establish the Legal Advice and Referral Center which ensured that many low income residents in New Hampshire would continue to receive federally funded legal services. McManus also shored up the Foundation's IOLTA Trust Account program by creating a reserve fund and served as treasurer when the NHBF's endowment was created - a fund currently valued at \$1 million.

McManus, a Dover native, earned his law degree from Boston College Law School and began private practice in New Hampshire in 1966. Additionally, he has served as Dover's City attorney and a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives for three and a half terms, been a member of the state's Professional Conduct Committee and the NHBA Board of Governors. He is a member of the ABA, the NH and MA bars, and the Strafford County Bar Association.

Currently, McManus is the Executive Secretary of the Judicial Conduct Committee and maintains a part-time law office practice in Dover limited to real estate, wills, and contracts. He is also a member of the Dover Planning Board and a Director of the Pease Development Authority representing Strafford County since 2005.