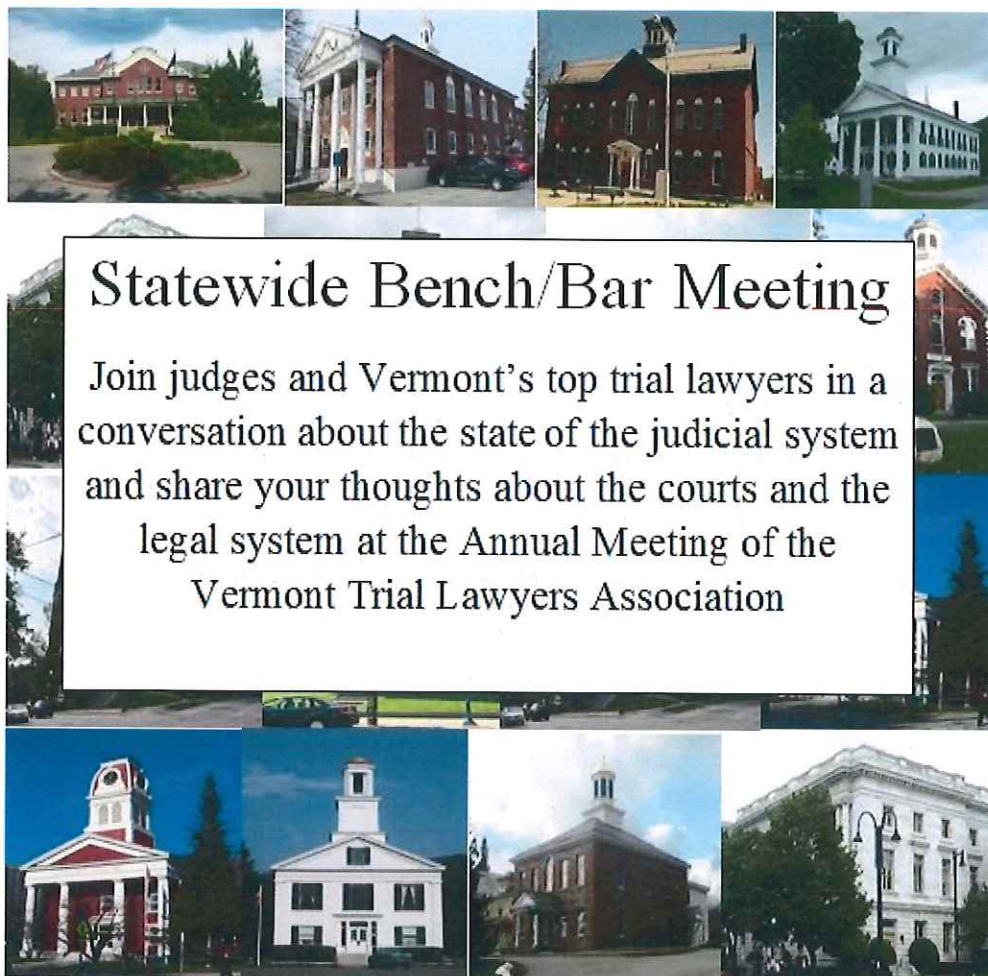


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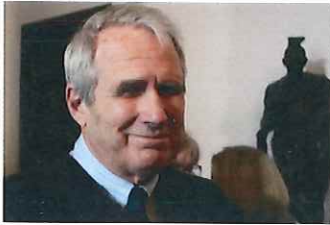
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Chief Justice Paul Reiber - Chief Justice Paul Reiber lives in Chittenden, Vermont and graduated from Hampden College in Virginia (BA, 1970) and Suffolk Law School in Boston (JD, 1974). Chief Justice Reiber served in the private practice of law in Rutland and as a partner in the law firm Kenlan, Schweibert & Facey from 1986 until his appointment as an associate justice by Governor James Douglas in October 2003. He was sworn in as chief justice of the Vermont Supreme Court by Governor Douglas on December 17, 2004.



Chief Superior Court Judge Brian Grearson - has been the chief administrative judge of the Vermont Superior Courts since 2014. Prior to his appointment as a Superior Court Judge in 2004. He practiced law in Barre, for almost thirty years prior to his appointment to the trial bench, including service as deputy state's attorney in Washington County from 1976 to 1978. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont (B.A.) and Suffolk University (J.D.).



Judge William Cohen - is a superior court judge who primarily presides in Rutland County, Vermont. Judge Cohen earned a B.A. in environmental science from the George Washington University in 1980 and a J.D. from Vermont Law School in 1984 and was appointed to the bench by Governor Howard Dean in 1999.



Judge Mary Miles Teachout - Judge Teachout earned a B.A. from Harvard and Radcliffe colleges. She attended the University of Washington Law School and Harvard Law School, receiving a J.D. from the University of Washington in 1975. She was a member of the Washington Law Review and the Order of the Coif Honorary Society. She was in private practice from 1975 to 1992 when she was appointed to the Vermont Superior Court.



Judge David Howard - is a former presiding superior court judge of Bennington County, Vermont. Howard joined the court in January 1998. His term expired on March 31, 2016. Howard earned his B.A. at the University of Vermont in 1973 and his



J.D. at Boston College Law School in 1976.



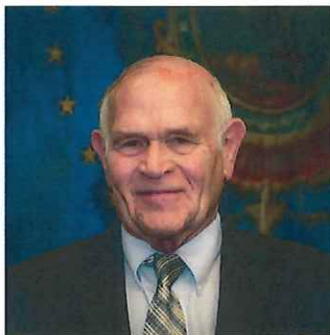
Judge Fred Glover - was appointed to the Vermont Probate Court in Windsor County in Vermont by Gov. Philip Scott on October 6, 2017 and was subsequently elected in 2018. Judge Glover earned a B.A. from Castleton State College and a J.D. from Antioch School of Law. At the time of his appointment in 2017, Judge Glover was an attorney in private practice in Ludlow and in Woodstock, Vermont.



Judge Eleanor "Misse" Smith -was first elected to the Addison County Probate court in 2006, and has been re-elected since. Judge Smith received both her undergraduate and J.D. degrees from the University of Arizona in 1973 and 1977, respectively and before she became a judge, Judge Smith practiced law for over thirty years, mostly in Addison County.



Judge Geoffrey Crawford - was born in 1954 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and was raised in Burlington, Vermont. He received his B.A. from Yale University in 1977 and J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1980. He practiced law in New York City for three years, and in Burlington for 18 years before he was appointed to the superior court in 2002 by Governor Howard Dean. In 2013, Governor Peter Shumlin appointed Judge Crawford to the Vermont Supreme Court and on May 20, 2014 President Barack Obama appointed him to the U.S. district court for Vermont.



Senator Richard Sears - is the chair of the Vermont Senate Judiciary Committee. He has been named the 6th most productive State Senator in the United States and views his work with reforming state corrections - especially juvenile justice - as a major accomplishment as well as his involvement with the 2010 "rewrite" of sex offender laws in Vermont. He graduated from the University of Vermont, with a BA in 1966 and worked in residential programs for troubled youth for over 35 years. He was elected to the Vermont State Senate in 1993 and has been re-elected every term since then.



Attorney General TJ Donovan - Thomas J. Donovan Jr. (TJ) was elected as the 26th Attorney General of the State of Vermont on November 8, 2016. TJ was born and raised in Burlington, Vermont and began his career as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia, PA, before returning to Vermont to work as a Deputy Chittenden County State's Attorney. He worked as a criminal defense attorney and a civil litigation lawyer before he was elected Chittenden County State's Attorney in 2006, where he served for 10 years. He earned a J.D. from Suffolk Law School in 2000 and B.A.

from Merrimack College in 1996.

MEETING PROGRAM SCHEDULE | VTLA Annual Meeting

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AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Chief Justice Paul Reiber**
Chief Superior Court Judge Brian Grearson
- An Open Conversation on the State of the Judiciary
 - Stress on the Judicial System
 - The future of Civil Litigation in Vermont
 - Judicial Management and the Juvenile Court
 - Family law and the opioid crisis
 - Child protection in Vermont
 - Resources in the courtrooms
 - Young lawyers and trial experience in Vermont
 - Trial Lawyer Professionalism
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch/Business Meeting
- 12:30 p.m – 1:30 p.m. **Judge Mary Miles Teachout**
Judge William Cohen
Judge Fred Glover (Probate Division)
Judge Eleanor "Misse" Smith (Probate Division)
Judge David Howard
- A further discussion of issues discussed in the morning session by those on the front lines
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Judge Geoffrey Crawford**, Chief Judge of the Federal District Court
- A bench/bar conversation with Vermont's Federal Chief Judge
 - Federal Court viewed by a former State Court judge
 - Challenges of the Federal Court system in Vermont in the 21st Century
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Senator Richard Sears**, Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee
- A legislator's view of the Vermont Court System
 - the role of the legislature in the State Court System
 - Priorities between the Criminal vs. Civil justice system
 - Juvenile justice and the 2010 "rewrite" of sex offender laws in

Vermont

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Attorney General TJ Donovan

- The attorney general's role in the Vermont system

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