

# SHEEHAN PHINNEY

## Courtney H. G. Herz

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Courtney's practice encompasses a wide variety of civil litigation matters, working with individuals and companies of all sizes. In particular, she has represented clients in commercial disputes, employment litigation and administrative proceedings, close corporation shareholder disputes, and petitions to partition real property and quiet title.

Courtney has appeared before the United States District Courts for the District of New Hampshire and the Southern and Western Districts of New York; the New Hampshire Supreme, Superior, District, Probate, and Family Division Courts; and the New Hampshire Departments of Labor and Employment Security. Courtney has practiced with Sheehan Phinney since 2005, and has served as the firm's Director of Associate Development since 2013.



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## Key Cases

- Obtained summary judgment in favor of a New Hampshire business that had been defamed by a competitor. The New Hampshire Superior Court's order also found that the competitor's actions violated the state's Consumer Protection Act (entitling the business to recover its attorneys' fees) and that the competitor's rival Consumer Protection Act and antitrust claims against the business were without merit.
- Secured an order from the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire, dismissing the antitrust and Consumer Protection Act claims of a competitor against a New Hampshire company.
- Successfully represented a New Hampshire-based landowner in a complex quiet title matter involving more than twenty potentially interested parties and claims to the property.
- Following briefing and oral argument, obtained an order from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, dismissing a Complaint alleging age and disability discrimination in employment.
- Successfully defended a New Hampshire business against a six-figure wage claim, prevailing at the Department of Labor and defending the appeals to the New Hampshire Superior and Supreme Courts.
- With Sheehan Phinney partner Bob Lucic, represented a minority shareholder in a closely held New Hampshire corporation in obtaining a favorable settlement in a breach of fiduciary duty lawsuit.
- Successfully represented multiple landowners in connection with obtaining partition of their interests in New Hampshire real property from the properties' co-owners.
- After a seven-day hearing, with Sheehan Phinney partner Mike Dunn, obtained a favorable order from the New Hampshire Family Division on a post-divorce parenting matter.

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## Practice Areas

- Appellate Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Labor & Employment
- Mediation & Arbitration

## Admissions

- State of New Hampshire
- State of New York
- New Hampshire Bar Association
- New Hampshire Women's Bar Association

## Education

- J.D., Cornell University Law School, *cum laude*
- B.A., Tufts University, *magna cum laude*

## Civic Involvement

- Board of Advisors, Stay Work Play
- New Hampshire Bar Association's Committee on Cooperation with the Courts
- Nine-year former member of the Board of Trustees, New Hampshire Children's Trust

## Awards

- Leadership New Hampshire, Class of 2018
- Rising Star by New England Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation
- Sheehan Phinney Kimon S. Zachos Pro Bono Achievement Award, given to an attorney who makes a significant contribution to the firm's pro bono endeavors

## Publications

- NH Legal Perspective: What to Expect in Civil Litigation
- Can Parties Recover Their Attorneys' Fees in Litigation?
- NH Legal Perspective: Reimbursement of Legal Expenses Depends on Nature of Case
- NH Legal Perspective: Widespread use of smartphones, tablets creates legal issues