

# SHEEHAN PHINNEY

## Michael D. Ramsdell

Shareholder | Manchester, NH

Michael has spent the last 30 years representing varied clients in commercial, civil, administrative, appellate and criminal litigation. He has represented judges, lawyers, prosecutors, state officials, defense contractors, electric utility companies, commercial real estate developers, hospitals, and public risk pools in civil, regulatory, and criminal investigations and cases. His civil practice consists of commercial and employment disputes, defense of regulatory and administrative investigations and claims, and tax abatement and land use matters.

Michael also maintains an active criminal practice. He has represented many clients during high profile federal and state investigations and prosecutions, including state and county officials, defense contractors, and other businesses and individuals. Michael successfully represented the former Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court during a criminal investigation by the New Hampshire Department of Justice that led to the resignation of an Associate Justice and subsequently testified during the Senate impeachment trial.

After serving as a law clerk to a federal judge, Michael began his career as a trial attorney at the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. In addition to heading the Homicide Unit, Michael served as Associate Attorney General for the Division of Public Protection, which includes the Criminal Justice Bureau, the Consumer Protection Bureau, and the Environmental Protection Bureau. Prior to joining Sheehan Phinney, Michael engaged in private practice for 20 years, including founding and running his own firm for the last eight years.

Michael has served on the Criminal Justice Act Panel accepting court appointments to represent indigent federal criminal defendants for more than a decade. He also serves on the United States District Court Advisory Committee.

### Sample Matters

- Secured the reinstatement of a County Attorney after the Attorney General publicly removed him from office
- Successfully represented defense contractor in international counterfeit parts criminal investigation
- Overturned the award of a significant state contract for a client
- Successfully represented the state's largest public risk pool in litigation against New Hampshire Bureau of Securities
- Secured a multi-million dollar tax abatement for a hydro-electric facility



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- Successfully represented a County Sheriff in a criminal investigation and subsequent civil claims of defamation and invasion of privacy
- Obtained a multi-million dollar pollution control tax exemption for a merchant electricity generation facility
- Defended the architect of the largest Ponzi scheme in New Hampshire history

## Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Complex Litigation

## Admissions and Memberships

- New Hampshire Bar Association
- United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire Bar
- First Circuit Court of Appeals Bar
- United States Supreme Court Bar
- Member, Federal Court Advisory Committee
- Member, Federal Criminal Justice Act Panel

## Education

- J.D., New York Law School
- B.A., Central Connecticut State University

## Civic Involvement

- Member, Criminal Justice Act Panel Selection Committee
- Former Vice-Chair New Hampshire Bar Business Litigation Section
- Moot court judge, University of New Hampshire School of Law
- Presenter, Representation during environmental investigation, Environmental & Natural Resources Law
- Presenter, The Attorney/Client Relationship and White Collar Criminal Clients, Criminal Justice Section of the New Hampshire Bar
- Presenter, Ethics in the Charging Decision, New Hampshire Department of Justice CLE
- Presenter, Capital Punishment in New Hampshire, Hopkinton Middle High School civics classes

## Awards

- New England Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation, Criminal Defense

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## **Publications**

- Londonderry Apple Tree Removal was Legal, Town Attorney Says