



# 2022 BREAKFAST

THURS, MAY 19, 2022

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LEGAL AID IN 2022:

Access to justice  
in times of  
crisis and change





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## Program Agenda

### Welcome

Attorney General John M. Formella  
NH Department of Justice

### Award presentation

Chief Justice Gordon MacDonald, NH Supreme Court  
Presenting the 7th annual  
John E. Tobin, Jr., Justice Award to  
Martha Van Oot

### Keynote program

Access to justice in times of crisis and change  
A virtual fireside chat

Douglas Emhoff,  
Second Gentleman of the United States

With

Sonya Bellafant, Executive Director of 603 Legal Aid  
and  
Sarah Mattson Dustin, Executive Director of  
NH Legal Assistance

## How to join us for the Breakfast on May 19

Links to both the Facebook and YouTube live streams will be prominently available on our website: [NH-CLS.org](https://www.nh-cls.org)

### Facebook

The event will begin streaming on our Facebook Page starting at 8 am.

Go to [Facebook.com/NHCLS/Live](https://www.facebook.com/NHCLS/Live)

Click “2022 Breakfast Live” to join!

### YouTube

The YouTube live stream will start at 7:55 am, with some music and messages from our sponsors. The event will start at 8 am.

You can access YouTube through the website [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) on your computer or device.

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## John E. Tobin Jr., Justice Award Recipient Martha Van Oot

Martha Van Oot retired from practice at the Portsmouth office of Jackson Lewis in 2021 after an esteemed and distinguished career in the law.

Marty grew up in rural Vermont, graduated magna cum laude from Middlebury College and earned her J.D. in 1978 from the Northeastern University School of Law. After a brief stint in a Boston firm, she decided that the NH Attorney General's office would grant her more opportunity for trial experience and began working there as an Assistant Attorney General in June of 1980.

She then built extensive trial experience in both state and federal courts, representing clients in complex commercial litigation, legal and other professional malpractice defense, and employment matters. Marty is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of the New Hampshire Supreme Court's Board of Bar Examiners. She previously served as a member of the New Hampshire Supreme Court's Professional Conduct Committee.

In addition to serving for many years as a member of the Campaign Leadership Council and chairing this event for many years, she has served as a leader in more community organizations that we can fully list here, including: as a founding member and past president of the Daniel Webster Inns of Court; trustee and chair of the Friends of the Norris Cotton Cancer Center; board member and Vice Chair of the NH Bar Foundation; a director with the New Hampshire Endowment for Health; and member of the Board of Directors and Chair of the United Way of Greater Manchester, the United Way of Merrimack County and later of the Granite United Way.

She received the Marilla M. Ricker Award from the NH Women's Bar Association in 2000.



## How to text your pledge

During our Breakfast program on May 19, we will have a LIVE giving opportunity where you can join our community in support of access to justice, now, when our community needs you most.

To join in, have your cell phone handy.

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## Virtual Keynote Guest Doug Emhoff

As Second Gentleman, Douglas Emhoff is working to share the priorities of the Biden-Harris Administration with people across the country and around the world.

As a lawyer for over 30 years, Mr. Emhoff cares deeply about justice and equality in our legal system. He is a strong advocate for the Administration's commitment expanding federal legal resources to those who need it most. Mr. Emhoff has convened legal aid listening sessions, visited pro bono clinics, and met with legal aid providers and their clients across the country to learn more about the inequities in the legal system and to hear how the pandemic has impacted access to justice.

As the first Second Gentleman, married to the first female vice president, Mr. Emhoff knows the power and importance of having women in leadership positions. While traveling the country, he has seen what it has meant to young girls and boys to look up to Vice President Kamala Harris.

He is proud of the Biden-Harris Administration's commitments to advancing gender equity and will continue to speak about the importance of being a supportive spouse.

In January 2020, Mr. Emhoff began teaching law courses at the Georgetown University Law Center and is enjoying the opportunity to mentor the next generation of lawyers.



# The tradition is back!

In its 27th year, the Quid Pro Bono Golf Tournament is a fun afternoon of team play with awards, contests and prizes.



## Quid Pro Bono Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Lake Sunapee Country Club  
New London, NH

Individual registration: \$175 | \$150 for attorneys < 5 years in practice

To register a foursome or join us as a sponsor, please contact  
Campaign Director Sarah Palermo at [spalermo@nhla.org](mailto:spalermo@nhla.org)

More details at [NH-CLS.org](http://NH-CLS.org)

# Join the 2nd Annual Run for Justice 5K!

Saturday  
October 1, 2022

Start time: 9 am

Delta Dental Stadium  
One Home Run Drive  
Manchester, NH

Details and  
registration

at [NH-CLS.org](http://NH-CLS.org)

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# Celebrate our 1st anniversary with us!

603 Legal Aid is throwing a sweet soiree

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work and meet the team  
behind the scenes.



June 2, 4-6pm  
93 North State Street,  
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We'll be publishing this summer, so keep an eye on our website for updates!



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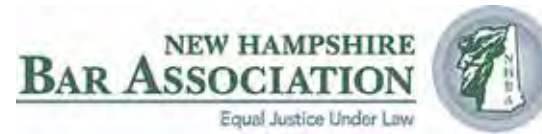
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The NH Campaign for Legal Services is a joint fundraising initiative to support 603 Legal Aid and New Hampshire Legal Assistance.

Working together, these civil legal aid programs provide legal help to those who otherwise cannot afford representation. Both receive some public funding, supplemented by private grants. However, the need for legal aid far exceeds these resources, especially in the face of the current economic crisis.

Our neighbors need legal help accessing unemployment benefits, protecting their homes from eviction or foreclosure, and protecting their families from abuse.

Your support of the Campaign helps NHLA and 603 Legal Aid provide access to justice for thousands of low-income people in New Hampshire every year.

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