

## SHAHEEN & GORDON P.A.

Shaheen & Gordon has ample resources and extensive experience in complex, document intensive litigation including class action litigation. Shaheen & Gordon has thirty three (33) lawyers with active litigation ongoing in state and federal Courts in the State of Vermont, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the State of New Hampshire and State of Maine as well as elsewhere. Attorneys Michael Noonan and Christine M. Craig have extensive experience pursuing class action cases on behalf of New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts Consumers. Several years ago Attorneys Craig and Noonan achieved an outstanding settlement in a New Hampshire Consumer Protection class action against U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company. Attorney Noonan acted as Co-Lead Counsel in this ground breaking case which established in New Hampshire for the first time the right of New Hampshire Consumers to pursue indirect purchaser antitrust claims under the New Hampshire Consumer Protection Act. *LaChance v. US. Smokeless Tobacco*, 156 N.H. 88 (2007). Attorney Craig successfully handled both the appeal of the original dismissal of this matter and the appeal of the approval of the *LaChance* settlement.

Attorney Noonan has been approved by Massachusetts courts as Co-Lead counsel in recent years in several consumer class actions<sup>1</sup>. These actions were all litigated and pursued to a successful conclusion and approved by the Superior Court. Attorney Noonan also argued in the Lowe's matter on behalf of the Plaintiff class at the Fairness Hearing on June 23, 2005. The class was certified and the settlement was approved. Attorney Craig has assisted in all of these cases and played a leading role in the Smokeless litigation and on-going class action consumer

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<sup>1</sup> *Sullivan et al v Walgreen Eastern Co., Inc*, Suffolk Superior Court, 04-2524-BLS appointed by order dated 6/15/04 by **Judge Van Gestel Senior Justice Business Litigation Session; *Morrissey eta/ v. Lowe's Home Center, Inc*** Middlesex County Superior Court, docket number 03-3879-L2, appointed by order dated 4/28/05; *Sullivan et al v Target Corporation*, Suffolk County Superior Court, 04-0169 BLS, Appointed by order dated 12/21/04 by Judge Van Gestel.

protection cases against Honeywell International Inc. Attorney Noonan has been recognized each year since 1998 in The Best Lawyers In America for personal injury litigation based on an exhaustive search for the country's top attorneys performed by the esteemed national polling firm of Woodward-White. Also, 2009 Attorney Noonan has been recognized each year by Thomas Reuters as a Super Lawyer.

In addition, several other Shaheen & Gordon attorneys have extensive experience in complex litigation and class action work. Founding Partner Steven Gordon has been with the firm since its beginning in 1981. Since 1991 Attorney Gordon has been recognized each year in the Best Lawyers in America. Attorney Gordon has a very successful civil trial practice emphasizing complex business litigation. Successes include defending former all pro NFL quarterback Jim Kelly of the Buffalo Bills in a libel action brought by Kelly's former attorney and agent. The Favorable Jury verdict was affirmed on appeal to the First Circuit Court of Appeals. Attorney Gordon also successfully represented Jonathan Harr, author of the New York Times Bestseller, *A Civil Action*, and his Publisher, Random House, in a defamation suit. Attorney Gordon and Bill Christie, another Shaheen & Gordon lawyer, achieved a significant victory in the First Circuit Court of Appeals when the court reversed a lower court decision and reinstated the McIntyre family's wrongful death suit against the United States Government and the FBI for leaking confidential information to Whitey Bulger and other infamous mob figures resulting in the murder of Brian Halloran and John McIntyre. Shaheen & Gordon was lead discovery counsel for all consolidated cases dealing with the FBI's misconduct. Attorneys Gordon and Christie ultimately tried the case and secured a verdict of \$3.1 million for their clients.

In addition to acting as co-counsel with Attorney Gordon in the *Kelly* and *Harr* cases, Attorney Lucy Karl represented the former CFO of Cabletron/Enerasys in a regulatory enforcement action brought by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, that was resolved through settlement, and currently is interim lead counsel in two consumer multi district class action cases pending in the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire: *In re Colgate-Palmolive Antibacterial Soap Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, Case No. 12- MD-2320-PB

and *In re Dial Complete Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation*, Case No. II- MD-2263-SM.

Plaintiffs allege that Colgate and Dial both made false and misleading claims about the efficacy of their products to induce plaintiffs and class members to purchase the products.

In addition to her class action work, Ms. Karl has represented two of the defendants in the MTBE groundwater contamination case filed by the State of New Hampshire against numerous oil companies, *State of New Hampshire v. Hess*, No. 03-C-0550, pending in Merrimack County Superior Court. This past spring Ms. Karl, together with Mr. Gordon, negotiated the successful resolution on behalf of a former chief financial officer in a securities enforcement action brought by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, *United States Securities and Exchange Commission v. Patel, et al*, Civ. No. 01:07-00039, which was approved by this Court by Order dated June 24, 2011.

In the October 2003 New Hampshire Magazine listing the "ideal" New Hampshire Attorneys in various areas as voted by lawyers throughout the state, Steve Gordon was recognized in two categories - Complex Litigation and Criminal Law<sup>2</sup>.

Founding Partner William H. Shaheen started the firm in 1981 with Steve Gordon. Attorney Shaheen was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as the U.S. Attorney for the State of New Hampshire and served in that post from 1977 to 1981. When he left the U.S. Attorney's office Attorney Shaheen was appointed by NH Governor Hugh Gallen to serve as District Court Judge in Durham, New Hampshire. Attorney Shaheen and his wife United States Senator Jeanne Shaheen were named in 2005 to Business NH Magazine's list of The 10 Most Powerful People in New Hampshire."

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<sup>2</sup> Attorney Gordon was also selected by his peers to appear in a London based publication entitled "The International Who's Who of Business Crime Lawyers 2003" and has been selected again in 2004 and 2005. The International Who's Who List identifies the foremost legal practitioners in over 20 distinct areas of the International legal marketplace. The list is generated by Law Business Research Limited, an independent London Based publishing group which provides research, analysis and reporting on the international legal services marketplace.

Like Attorney Noonan, Attorney Shaheen and Attorney Gordon along with Attorneys Lucky Karl and Ed Stewart have been recognized by Best Lawyers in America.