

THE VERMONT LAW REVIEW SERVICE AND INSPIRATION AWARD

The *Vermont Law Review* proudly announces the first annual Vermont Inspiration Award. The Award honors *that member of the Vermont legal community whose dedication to the common good most inspires confidence in the students of Vermont Law School that an individual's ideals can shape the future of law and society*. The Award is intended to recognize the unique character and good works of many of Vermont's devoted practitioners and other members of the legal community. The recipient was chosen by popular vote of the Vermont Law School student body. This year, the Award honors Attorney Cindy Ellen Hill.¹

Ms. Hill, a 1987 graduate of Vermont Law School, practices in Middlebury, Vermont. Her primary focus is on general litigation of constitutional, environmental, and public interest issues. She operates a family-friendly office where children frequently accompany adults to work. In the past, clients who cannot afford otherwise have been able to work out other arrangements with Ms. Hill for legal services.

Among her many noteworthy projects are the following endeavors. In her ongoing representation of *RESTORE: The North Woods* to ensure enforcement of the National Environmental Policy Act, she won an important reversal by the First Circuit Court of Appeals. She has represented *Preserve the Appalachian Wilderness* to prevent the use of lampricide in Lake Champlain, and the *Thoreau County Conservation Alliance* to protect Walden Pond. Ms. Hill is also currently working on a book entitled *Creative Lawyering: How to Practice Law on a Shoestring Budget* for the ABA Practice Management Section.

Ms. Hill demonstrates that it is possible for a lawyer to incorporate her ideals into a small practice. She truly is an inspiration to us all, and we are proud to recognize her with this Award.

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