

Curriculum Vitae for Steven H. Atherton

EDUCATION:

Georgetown University Law Center, Magna Cum Laude (J.D. 1989)
Cornell University, 3.2/4.0 (B.S. Chem. Eng. 1984)

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

State Bar Admissions: NY (1990), VT (1991) and TX (2004)
Federal Court Admissions: U.S. Supreme Court (2009) and U.S. District Courts for the District of VT (1994) and the Northern District of NY (1997)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Seminars. Presented more than fifteen (15) continuing legal education seminars on various law office technology issues for the El Paso Bar Association, Vermont Bar Association, the National Business Institute, the American Inns of Court and Dog River Business Solutions.

Articles/Textbooks. Wrote a Tech Tips column for the Vermont Bar Journal, authored textbooks that were distributed at various seminars on law office technology and/or practice management issues, penned Legal Eagle Column for the Liberty News.

Vermont Bar Association. Chairman of the Technology/Economics in the Law Office Committee from 1999 to 2001. Awarded the VBA's 2001 Exceptional Achievement Award for the committee's work that "brought honor to the Association and the legal profession, and by its exceptional accomplishments [] contributed substantially to the excellence of the Bar of Vermont."

Radio/TV. Hosted and/or been a guest on commercial radio and/or TV programs discussing current events, Christian faith and other matters.

Ordained Minister. Ordained minister with the Christian Church, known as The Fishermen Ministry { www.thefishermenministry.org } for more than twenty (20) years and heads the Church since 2017.

LAW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:

Atherton Law PLLC, Fort Hancock, TX (2016 to present)

Atherton Law PLC, Northfield Falls, VT (2006 to present)

Law Office of Steven H. Atherton, Northfield, VT (1992-1993 and 2001-2006)

Atherton & Willner (1993 to 2000), Northfield & Berlin, VT

Sole Member, Managing Partner and/or Sole Practitioner

Through these firms, I have practiced in the areas described below for more than twenty five years.

Trial, Appellate & Administrative Practice. Individually tried, before both bench and jury, a variety of matters in various state and federal courts. Without limitation, have litigated business, personal injury, malpractice, civil rights, family, criminal, bankruptcy and probate cases. Individually argued cases before the Vermont Supreme Court and the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division. Engaged in complex telecommunications litigation before the Vermont Public Service Board and conducted other administrative trial work.

Business Practice. Represented and/or counseled a wide variety of small for-profit and not-for-profit entities. Without limitation, I have organized entities, drafted and negotiated all sorts of business agreements, negotiated resolution of and/or litigated disputes, and assisted clients with debt and/or equity financing. I am not an SEC, tax, intellectual property, bankruptcy or employment specialist, but I do have general knowledge in each of these areas.

Real Estate & Land Use. My practice has involved a wide variety of residential and commercial real estate matters. The bulk of my work has involved purchase and sale and financing transactions, but a fair part has involved state and local permitting as well as landlord/tenant and condominium work.

Estate Planning. Prepared a diversity of trusts and wills, including business transition planning. Managed various trusts and estates for clients, particularly in hostile situations.

Mediation. I have a wide variety of experience advocating for and/or serving as the neutral in the mediation of business, professional, family, real estate and other disputes.

Paterson & Walke, P.C. n/k/a Zalinger Cameron & Lambek, P.C. Montpelier, VT Associate (1991-92)

Assisted with a diversity of federal, state and regulatory agency litigation. Prepared pleadings, motions and appeals. Conducted discovery. Advised corporate and governmental clients on a broad array of legal issues.

Sidley & Austin, New York, NY Corporate Associate, 1989-91

Assisted in corporate due diligence and the negotiation and drafting of documents relating to several major corporate acquisition and loan transactions, including off shore deals for foreign clients.

Sidley & Austin, Washington, D.C. Law Clerk, Winter/Spring 1989

Performed legal research and writing functions, for the appellate practice and international business groups.

U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC Law Clerk, Fall 1988

Researched and wrote legal memoranda on issues pertaining to U.S. companies patent infringement claims and expanded Commission powers under the newly enacted trade law.

Sidley & Austin, New York, NY Summer Associate, Summer 1987

Researched and wrote legal memoranda in support of active civil litigation practice. Participated in discovery and training exercises.

Wiley, Rein & Fielding, Washington, DC Winter Associate, Winter/Spring 1987

Conducted due diligence in successful communications industry hostile takeover. Researched and wrote legal memoranda for the International Trade, Communications, Election Law and Government Contract practice groups.

Miles & Stockbridge, Washington, DC Summer Associate & Law Clerk, Summer/Fall 1986

Drafted AIDS blood bank testing policy and advised Fairfax Hospital Association on related issues. Researched and wrote memoranda addressing municipal bond, banking, insurance and labor issues for corporate and government clients.

BUSINESS AND OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Dog River Business Solutions, Northfield Falls & Berlin, VT
President (1996 to 2000) and **Business Consultant** (1991-1993)

As President, led transformation of computer hardware and software reseller into (1) the leading computer and Internet consulting firm to Vermont law firms and (2) a profitable Internet Service Provider, web page design, marketing and hosting firm to small businesses. As a Business Consultant prepared business plans, marketing strategies and loan applications for start up companies.

Georgetown Students in Peru, Chimbote, Peru
Volunteer, 1987-88

Lived and worked in rural village. Co-founded youth theater and folk music. Assisted community self-help organizations in preventative health care, potable water, library and education projects. Taught English in local school.

General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis, MN
Project Engineer, 1984-85

Managed research and development ("R&D") and test market production at pilot plant. Served as technical coordinator, responsible for coordinating the transfer of technology from the R&D center to the manufacturing plant during the start-up of new product lines. Served as project manager, responsible for establishing budgets, determining timetables and implementing various projects.

Philips Corporation, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
Engineering Trainee, Summer 1983

Oriented to Philips' world-wide organizational structure, corporate philosophy and product lines. As a native English speaker, assisted marketing with the tone and vernacular of various promotional campaigns. Worked in plastics laboratory, conducting tests designed to determine the suitability of different materials for product applications.

United States Senate Budget Committee, Washington, D.C.
Intern, Summer 1981

Researched budgetary issues, drafted letters, attended hearings, and assisted in multiple administrative capacities during President Reagan's historic first year.

LANGUAGES: Rusty conversational Spanish

TRAVEL: Experienced traveler in Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, North America and Africa.