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New Leadership for New Hampshire Association for Justice

Concord, NH, April 10, 2008: The New Hampshire Association for Justice (NHAJ), a membership based advocacy organization committed to the protection of individual rights through open, fair and just adjudication has hired a new executive director, Ellen Shemitz. Under the leadership of Ms. Shemitz, a nationally recognized advocate for children and families, the NHAJ will expand its role in public policy and advocacy, working to preserve access to the courts and promote social and economic justice.

"The New Hampshire Association for Justice has long fought to ensure equal justice for everyone in New Hampshire. The Board of Governors is delighted to have attracted Ms. Shemitz to this new position, as her background in policy development, advocacy, public outreach and professional education provides a perfect fit for our work," says Christopher Seufert, the President of the NHAJ Board of Governors.

According to Scott Harris, President-Elect of NHAJ, "The State's trial lawyers look forward to working with Ellen to promote the rights of all persons, from the smallest child to the largest corporation, to ensure a fair, timely and just resolution of disputes. We need to protect the integrity of our judicial system in the name of justice for all."

Ellen Shemitz graduated Yale University, summa cum laude, and Yale Law School. She moved to New Hampshire for a federal clerkship with the Honorable Hugh H. Bownes of the United States Court of Appeals. After her clerkship, she worked in private practice, representing children and families, before assuming her leadership role at the Children's Alliance of New Hampshire. Ms. Shemitz has written and lectured extensively on the rights of children. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of New Hampshire Healthy Kids and is a Policy Leadership Fellow with the Carsey Institute at UNH. In her spare time, Ms. Shemitz volunteers as an alpine race coach.