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**EDUCATION:**

Harvard University--Cambridge, MA

Doctorate in Administration, Planning and Social Policy, June 1995

Published dissertation on legal and programmatic compliance of state agency schools for adjudicated youth with disabilities in Vermont and New Hampshire

University of New Hampshire-Franklin Pierce School of Law--Concord, NH

Juris Doctor, May 1987

University of Connecticut--Storrs, CT

Bachelor of Arts/English, May 1975

Concentration in Literature and Writing

Certification in Secondary Education; graduated summa cum laude

**EXPERIENCE:**

Immigration Attorney- August 2019-Present

Private practice representing clients seeking protection from torture in asylum cases before the United States Department of Justice/EOIR Boston Immigration Court

Director, Immigration Legal Services, New Hampshire Catholic Charities, June 2008-August 2019

Supervised legal team in delivery of low-cost immigration services throughout NH; collaborated with government and NGA's in supporting positive integration of refugees and immigrants coming to New Hampshire; Represented immigrant asylum seekers before US Department of Justice, EOIR Boston Immigration Court

University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law-2010-2019

Adjunct Professor, Immigration Law

Director: Immigration Law Clinic

University of New Hampshire, Manchester NH, 2011-2015

### Adjunct Lecturer, Law and Society and International Human Rights

### Founder, Head of School, the Hopkinton Independent School, 1988-June 2008

Established independent day school serving children ages 3-15; Served as Head of School 1988-2008.

Consultant/Ombudsman, New Hampshire Department of Education 1991-1994

Under Office of the Commissioner of Education and working collaboratively with the NH Office of the Attorney General and NH Division of Children, Youth and Families, oversaw implementation of federal court settlement in case involving the educational rights of children with disabilities in court-placements.

Guardian ad Litem, 1992-2008

## Legal advocate in occasional specially assigned cases advocating for children and minors

Law Clerk, University System of New Hampshire 1988-1989

Working closely with General Counsel and Vice Chancellor, investigated and researched numerous issues relative to higher education including employment policies and practices, academic affairs, admissions, student life, athletics, campus safety and land use, counseled college presidents and deans with regard to various legal matters

## Law Clerk, New Hampshire Supreme Court, 1987-1988

Year-long appointment assisting Supreme Court Justices in research and drafting of legal opinions on employment, land use, taxation, construction, criminal law, and other matters

High School English Teacher-September, 1975-1980

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Chesley, C**.** (2014) Calling New Hampshire Home:A Study of Immigrant Integration in the Granite State. NH Catholic Charities.

Chesley, C. (2009). With Roots and Wings: Fr. William Kaliyadin, Missionary to New Hampshire*. Parable* *Magazine*. Article portrays the life and work of a La Salette missionary from India.

Chesley, C. (1995). The Adequacy of Education Services to Incarcerated Youth with Disabilities: A Study of Two States. Harvard University.

#### Identifies various factors impacting both legal and educational adequacy of programs in two states—New Hampshire and Vermont—and provides recommendations for implementing programs which are educationally sound and compliant with state and federal laws.

Chesley, C. (1991).I Am an American. *New Hampshire Premier.*

Article aimed at the growing trend of xenophobia in New Hampshire and worldwide; focused on the positive aspects of diversity in our communities and in the workplace.

Chesley, C. (1987).In the Best Interest of the Child. *New Hampshire Bar Journal.*

Year-long group research and writing project on New Hampshire Supreme Court decisions in child custody cases; Goal of the study was to prepare methodology for an independent analysis of the State’s constitution that would speak to the State’s concern for the family, for individual rights and in the “best interests of the child.”

Chesley, C. (1983).The AMC "Croo."*New Hampshire Profiles.*

Article on the history of the Appalachian Mountain Club’s hut operation in the White Mountains and the people who work there.

Chesley, C. (1978). Through a Window on the Strand. *Delaware* *Today*.

Article on living within a restored colonial village.

**PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS:**

* NH Bar Association: 1988-Present
* Maine Bar Association: 1988-2003; Inactive in 2003
* New Hampshire Writers’ Project: 1992-Present
* New Hampshire Non-Public School Advisory Council: January 2005-December 2010
* UNH, Cooperative Extension Service Advisory Board: 2008-20011
* North American Family Institute-Board Member NFI North: President, 2000-2004
* Leadership New Hampshire-Associate: 1997-1998
* Founding Member: Contoocook Riverway Association: 1990-1996
* Friends of Hopkinton Library--President: 1990-1992 Member: 1985-2020