

# Welts, White & Fontaine, PC -

## “Our goal is to be part of the solution, not part of the problem”

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**N**ASHUA - At the law office of Welts, White & Fontaine, the attorneys and paralegal staff stand by a collective goal and that is - to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. In the legal world, where court protocols, legal verbiage and fees often make the client more confused or overwhelmed, the lawyers, paralegals and administrative staff at Welts, White & Fontaine do all they can to minimize uncertainty and expense to the client while obtaining the best possible result.

The three partners, Bob Welts, Jack White, and Mike Fontaine, as well as the other attorneys on staff, George Thompson, Davi Peters and Frances Whitaker, have each enjoyed implementing timely solutions for their clients who come to them with a myriad of legal problems. Together, the legal staff at Welts, White & Fontaine demonstrates professionalism, expertise and compassion with every client they work with, regardless of

the situation.

As evidence of this, here are just a few comments made by some of their recent clients who were happy to be quoted:

*“I’ve worked with Bob and Jack and I find them both to be very responsive and honest. When they say they’re going to do something, they do.”*

– Norm Pelletier

*“I’ve worked with Mike since 2004. He handled my case and I never had to worry. His research and execution are impressive.”*

– Stan Withkowski

*“Jack is a kind and compassionate man. He is always reassuring and returns every phone call. I’ve worked with other lawyers and Jack is outstanding.”*

– Kristi Gillette

*“Bob is the most diligent man I’ve worked with. His attention to detail is out of this world. I would recommend this firm to anyone.”*

– Gary Nelson

*“Mike has helped me tremendously while dealing with a long and agonizing custody dispute. He always expressed compassion and genuine care while still remaining tough in protecting my children’s interests.”*

– Heather Smith

Welts, White & Fontaine operates under a threefold theme. First, the attorneys use a pragmatic approach in resolving their clients’ issues. As Jack White attests, “Our ultimate goal is to get from point A to point B in the best way possible and, in the least amount of time. We do all we can to minimize the emotional and financial burden to our clients while at the same time obtaining the best possible result for each of them.”

The second component of the firm’s operating theme is employee retention. The firm

prides itself on the fact that each of its attorneys started their New Hampshire practice at Welts, White & Fontaine and has since stayed with the firm. This clearly demonstrates the firm’s commitment to hiring and retaining legal professionals who are fully committed to the firm’s goals.

The third element of the firm’s operating theme is that they are a forerunner in employing paralegals to accomplish much of the work formerly done by attorneys, adding to the firm’s efficiency, at less cost to the client.

Welts, White & Fontaine currently employs eight experienced paralegals, each of whom specializes in particular areas of law.

With such an impressive reputation it is no surprise that Welts, White & Fontaine is celebrating its 30th year. And, celebrate they should. Bob Welts, who started the firm in 1978, was joined by Jack White in 1980 and then Mike Fontaine in 1985; together they have done well by many clients for many years. Mike Fontaine says, “Although we don’t do everything, what we do, we do very well and we do it cost effectively.”

### The Attorneys at Welts, White & Fontaine:

**Robert B. Welts** celebrated 50 years of law practice in July, 2007. He founded the firm in 1978. His primary practice areas include real estate and land use law, probate, and estate planning. He earned a BS and JD degree from Boston College and an LL.M. degree from Boston University.

Bob is an avid runner and is a member of the Gate City Striders. In 2005 and 2007 he participated in the National Senior Olympics in both road racing and track.



Photo by Jodie Andruskevich

Welts, White & Fontaine, PC staff, from left to right seated, are: George H. Thompson, Jr., Michael J. Fontaine, Jack S. White, and Robert B. Welts. Standing, from left to right, are: Veronica Hamilton, Barbara Kanavos, Susan Bouthiette, Kathy Powers, Samantha Groce, Melissa Pinsonneault, Luann Noyes, Roxanne Vermette, Mary Labonte, Amanda Gilman, Peggy Bauder, Frances Whitaker, Sandy Dickens, Davi Peters, Michelle McGadden, Marion Boudreau, and Amy Yeo. Missing from photo are: Christie Billing and Michelle Graham.

**Jack S. White** joined the firm in 1980. Jack’s primary practice areas include personal injury, civil/commercial litigation, family law and tax abatement. He received his BA degree from Northeastern University and his JD degree from Western New England College School of Law. He was also a law clerk on the Vermont Supreme Court.

Jack is an instrument rated pilot and flies a twin engine airplane. He also coaches the JV Hollis/Brookline High School and the Senior Babe Ruth baseball teams.

**Michael J. Fontaine** joined the firm in 1985. He practices general litigation and specializes in divorce and family law, worker’s compensation/injury law, commercial law, collections, and construction law. Michael earned a BA and MA degree from Assumption College in Worcester, MA. He earned his JD degree from the University of St. Louis Law School, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mike has served as President and Board Member of the

Amherst Patriots Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Organization, President and Board Member of the Loon Mountain Freestyle Ski Team, Town Coordinator of Hollis Babe Ruth Baseball and a Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth baseball coach.

**George J. Thompson, Jr.** joined the firm in 1991. His areas of practice include commercial litigation, construction law and real estate. He graduated from the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire. He earned his JD degree from Suffolk University Law School and a LL.M. degree in banking law at Boston University School of Law.

George has served as Selectmen and Planning Board member for the Town of Deerfield. He currently serves on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. George and his family operate a tree farm and he is on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Timberland Owners

Association.

**Davi M. Peters** joined the firm in 2003. She specializes in landlord and tenant and collection law. She received degrees in French and Business from Skidmore College. She earned a JD degree from Boston University School of Law.

**Frances M. Whitaker** joined the firm in 2005. Her primary areas of practice are estate planning, business formation and commercial litigation. She earned a BA degree from Siena College in Loudonville, NY and her JD degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord, NH.

Frances is an avid racquetball player and a life-long Red Sox fan. She is also a member of the Light Brigade Drum and Bugle Corp of Malden, MA.

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