

## NEUTRAL PROFILE

### Hon. Allen G. Swan (Retired)

Allen G. Swan was appointed an associate justice of the Haverhill District Court by Governor William F. Weld in 1997. A native of Rochester, New York, he graduated from Williams College in 1968 and New York University School of Law in 1973. He served in the U.S Army Reserves from 1968 until 1974. He began his legal career, first as an assistant district attorney in the New York County (Manhattan) District Attorney's Office and then as a special assistant attorney general in the Office of the Special State Prosecutor in New York City, working in the appeals bureau in both agencies. Moving to Massachusetts in 1976, he was an associate in the Boston firm of Goldstein and Manello and the Beverly firm of Glovsky and Glovsky. From 1982 until his appointment to the bench, Judge Swan was a sole general practitioner in Ipswich.

Judge Swan served as First Justice of the Ipswich District Court from April 1999 to April 2016, a member of the Committee on Judicial Ethics of the Supreme Judicial Court, the chair of the District Court Committee on Civil Proceedings and a member of the District Court Committee on Continuing Education. He joined the District Court Appellate Division, Northern District, in 2009 and was its Presiding Justice from 2014 to 2016. In 2010 and 2011 he served as a special advisor in the Administrative Office of the District Court. He was also a member of the Trial Court's Committees on Evidence Storage and Appellate Record Assembly and the Supreme Judicial Court's Committee on Civil Litigation Alternatives. Reaching mandatory retirement under the Massachusetts Constitution in 2016, he continued to sit on recall in the District Court until 2023.