

New Hampshire Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund

Gerard J. Boyle
Administrator

August 27, 2026

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 21-M:11-a, II, authorize the appointment of R. James Steiner, Esq. as part-time Assistant Administrator of the Youth Development Center Claims Administration and Settlement Fund, at an hourly rate of \$100.00 (01-14-14-149410-62530000 – Class 016), for the purpose of holding resolution proceeding hearings and assisting in the resolution of claims, effective upon Fiscal Committee approval. 100% Other Funds (Transfers from YDC Claims Settlement Funds).

EXPLANATION

As of July 31, 2026, there are 1,686 open claims in the YDC Settlement Fund. The appointment of R. James Steiner as part-time Assistant Administrator will allow additional resolution proceeding hearings to be held and therefore assist in timely resolution of claims.

Attorney Steiner earned his Bachelor of Science from United State Military Academy West Point in 1978. Prior to his legal career, he served in the United States Army and graduated from Airborne School (1976), Army Ranger School (1979) and Special Forces Qualification Course (1982). During his time in the Army he served as a Green Beret Captain prior to leaving the service.

Attorney Steiner received his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Suffolk University Law School in 1987 and began his legal career as a law clerk to the Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court. He served for 20 years as an adjunct faculty member for trial practice at Widener School of Law.

In 2007, Attorney Steiner became one of the first New Hampshire attorneys to be selected as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a national attorney honorary society that elects less than ½ a percent of attorneys as Fellows. He was recognized as a Senior Fellow in 2015.

Attorney Steiner has over 20 years of litigation experience in areas such as civil litigation, family law and personal injury law. He was appointed to the NH State Board of Education by Governor Stephen Merrill and the Governor's Commission on Disabilities by Governor Jeanne Shaheen.

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A copy of Attorney Steiner's resume is attached.

Attorney Steiner's experience and dedication will make him an invaluable addition to the YDC Claims Administration staff. I am pleased he is willing to join me in the important work of the YDC Settlement Fund and respectfully request your approval of this appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gerard J. Boyle", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gerard J. Boyle

Administrator

YDC Claims Administration & Settlement Fund

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EDUCATION:

National Security Seminar, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA – June, 2001 (civilian graduate)

Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA - June, 1987 (JD, *cum laude*)

United States Military Academy, West Point, NY - June, 1978 (BS, general engineering)

EMPLOYMENT:

Steiner Law Office, PLLC, Concord, NH, Sept. 1988 - Present, www.jimsteinerlaw.com

- Partner at prior law firms.
- Recognized in Super Lawyers, Best Lawyers and the Litigation Counsel of America
- Operate a law practice representing business and individual clients with a variety of contract, administrative and tort issues, including personal injury
- Provide pro bono service to active-duty military

Adjunct Faculty, Widener University School of Law, Wilmington, DE, 1990-2012

- Annually taught trial advocacy to 2nd and 3^d year law students during 10-day intensive trial program

Law Clerk to the Chief Justice, New Hampshire Supreme Court, Sept. 1987 - Sept. 1988

U.S. Army, Major, Special Forces, Operations/Intelligence Officer - June 1978 - Nov. 1996

- Airborne, Ranger, and Special Forces qualified officer, TS clearance (Special Background Invest.)
- Conducted military operations in Central America, Scandinavia, Europe and the Middle East

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

R. J. Steiner, "*The North American Acid Rain Problem: Applying International Legal Principles Economically; Without Burdening Bilateral Relations*," XII *Suffolk Transnational Law Review* 1-38 (1988) (lead article-advocating an international "cap and trade" program for acid rain);

R. J. Steiner and Gayle Braley, "*Building Industry Statute of Repose Upheld - New Hampshire Joins Majority of Other Jurisdictions*," 46 *N.H. Bar Journal* 24-30 (Winter 2006) (addressing constitutional equal protection balance in protecting building industry from unlimited liability claims);

R. J. Steiner, "*Communications Integration of Scout Platoon and Ground Surveillance Radars*," 9 *Military Intelligence* 26-27 (1983)

R. J. Steiner, "*Special Forces Targeting Matrix*," (U) (1982) (classified technical analysis guide for planning for uniquely different targets; disseminated to all Special Forces units)

R. J. Steiner, "*Tactical Intelligence Training Tips for the Battalion Intelligence Officer*," 2 *Army Trainer* 49-50 (1982)

SELECTED REPORTED CASES

Spear v. Waite, No. 2022-063 (Aug 4, 2023) (appellate counsel re scope of right of way).

Greenwald v. Keating, 172 N.H. 292 (2019) (served as trial and appellate counsel re real estate dispute and purchase rights regarding Lake Winnepesaukee island property).

Crowley v. Town of Loudon, et al., 162 N.H. 768 (2011) (successfully intervened in trial court to prevent unconstitutional taking of private right of way/road abutting golf course).

Robinson v. Real Estate Commission, 157 N.H. 729 (2008) (successfully reversed administrative panel decision based on lack of subject matter jurisdiction).

Winnisquam Regional School District v. Butler Manufacturing Company, 152 N.H. 537 (2005) (case of first impression - interpreting statute of repose under equal protection analysis resulting in dismissal of claims against client as pursued beyond statute of repose).

NH Boring, Inc. v. Adirondack Environmental Associates, Inc., 145 N.H. 397 (2000) (directed verdict for client on accord and satisfaction upheld on appeal).

Thomas Tool Services, Inc. v. Town of Croydon, 145 N.H. 218 (2000) (case of first impression- addressed constitutional limits of tax lien statute to avoid unconstitutional taking).

Brady v. Mullen, 139 N.H. 67 (1994) (case of first impression- successfully pursued challenge under “idam sonans” doctrine (name sounds alike) requiring creditor to spell name correctly to perfect a lien).

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND HONORS

Present:

- Veterans Law Project, N.H. Bar Association-charter board member (pro bono service to vets)
- ABA Military Pro Bono Project-representing veterans in NH (pro bono service to vets)
- Member, Law Related Education Board, N.H. Bar Assoc.
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Fellow, N.H. Bar Foundation
- Senior Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America (one of first two NH attorneys admitted)
- Faculty, Special Forces with a Mission (fundraiser in support of wounded warriors) (2022-pres.)

Past Service:

- State Board of Education, New Hampshire, appointed by Governor Merrill
- Governor’s Commission on Disabilities, New Hampshire, appointed by Governor Shaheen

Board of Directors

- Daniel Webster Council, BSA, Inc., Board of Directors 2008-Present (President, 2020-2023)
- Leadership New Hampshire, Board of Trustees, 2009-2020 (Chair, 2017-20)
- Prior Board service with Concord YMCA, American Red Cross, and Concord Hospital Assoc.

Outback Staff, Holderness School, Holderness, NH, 2009-present

- Serve on faculty for 10-day winter snowshoe/camping excursion in White Mountains for 90 students