

IN MEMORIAM
Richard Cushing Donovan

Following a lengthy and remarkably dignified battle with cancer, Richard Cushing Donovan succumbed on January 31, 2014, with his beloved wife Aine by his side reading to him. He was 62 years old.

Although Richard's tenure as Administrative Officer at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire was relatively brief, his influence was deeply felt and will long be remembered by all who had the good fortune to be in his presence. He began that tenure in December, 2009, shepherding a relatively new U.S. Attorney and management team through a very successful EARS evaluation. He was a leader with an unfailingly positive and innovative approach, implementing performance management standards that vastly improved the efficiencies of the USAO. But to those who knew him, Richard was not defined solely by his many professional achievements. He was a passionate, compassionate, intellectually curious seeker, and a true gentleman in every sense of the word. Never more than during his battle with his illness, he was grace personified.

Before coming to the USAO-NH, Richard served as the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in Boston for eight years. He only left that position in order to live full-time in New Hampshire with his wife Aine, who had taken a position as Director of the Ethics Institute at Dartmouth College. The USAO-NH was the happy beneficiary of that decision.

Throughout his accomplished life, Richard loved to read and travel but he loved nothing more than his family. He leaves behind his devoted wife Aine and their son Matt, his daughter-in-law Emily, and his baby granddaughter Meara.