

Robert E. Hardman
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Judge Hardman graduated the Community College of Rhode Island (formerly Rhode Island Junior College) in 1978 and the University of Rhode Island in 1982. He graduated Suffolk Law School 1988. He was admitted to practice in Rhode Island 1988; the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island 1989, and The United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in 1994. Judge Hardman has had a varied law career. Prior to earning his Juris Doctorate degree in 1988, Judge Hardman served as Assistant Court Clerk in the Superior Court. During his years of private practice, he focused upon workers' compensation, personal injury, real estate, products liability, commercial business and medical malpractice litigation. He served as counsel to the Secretary of State 2001-2003. He was appointed to the Workers' Compensation Court in 2005 by Governor Carcieri and was sworn in on June 24, 2005. He is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association, Workers' Compensation Bench/Bar Committee, former member Superior Court Bench/Bar Committee, Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association, American Trial Lawyers Association and Roger Williams Law School Inns of Court.