

Edward P. Sowa, Jr.
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Judge Sowa graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1966 and from Boston University School of Law in 1969. In 1969 he was admitted to practice in Rhode Island, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island and the United States Supreme Court. Prior to his appointment to the Bench, Judge Sowa spent 30 years in an active trial practice at Gunning & LaFazia, Inc. Judge Sowa specialized as a trial lawyer in civil litigation and workers' compensation. From 1995 through 1998, he served as Judge of Probate for the town of Lincoln, Rhode Island. He was appointed to the Bench in 2000 by Governor Almond and was sworn in on June 10, 2000. He currently serves as an adjunct professor at Roger Williams University, teaching workers' compensation law. He has also served as a presiding judge in the Rhode Island Mock Trial Tournament as well as a performance judge. He was presented the 2004 Giannini Award for outstanding contributions to law-related education in Rhode Island by the Rhode Island Legal/Education Partnership. He is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association. He has been a an arbiter for the American Arbitration Association, member of the Rhode Island Trial Lawyers Association, member of the Pawtucket Bar Association and the American Bar Association.