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**Mary Ann Dempsey Wins Kirby Award**

**Manchester, NH (May, 2006)** – On Friday, March 3, 2006 a committee of judges from the U.S. District Court, New Hampshire Supreme Court, and Probate Court selected Mary Ann Dempsey as this year’s recipient of the Robert E. Kirby Award.

The Kirby Award was established in 1996 to honor the memory of Robert E. Kirby, a young lawyer “of great skill, civility and good humor,” who was practicing at Gallagher, Callahan & Gartrell when he died at the age of 35.

An attorney who exhibits similar traits and is 35 or younger is recognized each year with the Kirby Award, which will be handed out at the New Hampshire Bar Foundation Annual Dinner on May 11 at CR Sparks in Bedford.

The purpose of the award is to honor Bob Kirby’s memory and to remind all of us that decency, courtesy and perspective neither inhibits nor defeats excellent advocacy.

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Mary Ann Dempsey is the third Wiggin & Nourie Attorney to receive this award.

Dempsey earned her J.D. degree from Boston College in 1997. Prior to joining Wiggin & Nourie in Manchester, Dempsey served as a law clerk and senior law clerk to the New Hampshire Superior Court.

She represents clients in insurance, commercial, and appellate litigation in New Hampshire and Massachusetts courts, including the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

Dempsey is also the state representative for the national Defense Research Institute, an organization of more than 22,000 defense trial lawyers and corporate counsel, and an executive committee member of the Manchester Bar Association.

Established in 1870, Wiggin & Nourie has grown to become one of New Hampshire's largest law firms. Wiggin & Nourie is a multi-service law firm and member of Meritas, a loose affiliation of law firms throughout the United States and the world. Membership in this organization allows the firm to offer legal representation wherever clients have a need.

Practicing law throughout New Hampshire and several New England states, Wiggin & Nourie's mission is to provide the highest standard of legal services to its clients. For more information, call (603) 669-2211 or log on to [www.wiggin-nourie.com](http://www.wiggin-nourie.com).

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