

JOSEPH LAPLANTE JOINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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U.S. District Court Judge **Joseph Laplante** has been appointed to the Board of Trustees at Rivier College. Before being appointed to the federal bench in 2007, Laplante served as a Senior Assistant Attorney General in the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office Homicide Unit, and Assistant United States Attorney in both Boston, MA and Concord, NH.

A Nashua resident, Judge Laplante has been a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association and the Nashua Bar Association since 1990. He serves as the athletic director for the Nashua Police Athletic League, and previously served as chair of Nashua PAL's board of directors. He has served on numerous boards, including New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's Nashua Region Board, the Advisory Board for the Advanced Studies Program at St. Paul's School, the St. Christopher's School Advisory Board, the Friends of Nashua High School Athletics, the City of Nashua Ice Rink Commission, and several ad hoc committees appointed by the mayor and Nashua School District. He helped establish the Nashua High School Hall of Fame, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Judge Laplante graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree from Georgetown College of Arts & Sciences; he also graduated cum laude from Georgetown Law when he earned his juris doctorate. *New Hampshire Magazine* named him the state's top prosecutor in 2003 and he was selected for the *Union Leader's* inaugural "Forty under 40" listing in 2002. He has also received the Nashua Bar Association's Edward "Ted" Jordan Humanitarian Award, two NH Congressional Law Enforcement Awards, and several New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Awards. ■