

## **MARIANNE ROUSSEAU**

During Marianne's years litigating matters involving issues relating to personal injury, workmen's compensation, and family law, she observed how the parties' behaviors can become aggressive towards each other, and arrived at the decision that mediation is the way to go! Marianne is a mediator and lawyer who practices Statewide with Offices in Concord, N.H. Since she enjoys family law mediation the most, she became a certified marital and family mediator. Most of her cases settle. It is deeply rewarding to her that the success of the mediation process keeps the parties and families out of litigation in the courts.

Marianne believes that mediation allows the parties to settle when they otherwise may be unable to communicate. The mediation process opens the door for the parties to communicate, allowing them to be heard, in a way court litigation often precludes. Through mediation, the parties are allowed an opportunity to validate their position, and feel understood. Marianne approaches the common obstacle of entrenchment by breaking down the issues to more simple elements, and allows an explanation to emerge in a way which makes sense. Marianne would love to do mediation as much as possible. She enjoys bringing her multiple talents to the table.

A rich and varied history is the foundation of Marianne's talents. Prior to obtaining her legal degree, she had received a Master's degree from Johns Hopkins University Peabody Conservatory in classical guitar. She has performed, as well as taught, music. Marianne also currently breeds and shows Labrador Retrievers and her registered Kennel Name is Cedarbay Labrador Retrievers. She has participated at Westminster Kennel club with a few of her Champion dogs. One of her cherished dogs, Harry, serves as a therapy dog and visits patients in hospitals and residents of nursing homes. A dog often accompanies Marianne to her office for her clients to greet and enjoy.

Marianne Rousseau resides with her husband, nine labrador retrievers, and horse "Tori" in Weare, N.H.