

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF RONALD E. COOK

Mr. Cook is a founding partner of Cook & Molan, P.A., a law firm located in Concord, New Hampshire. This firm is engaged in the general civil practice of law in New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine and Massachusetts with a focus on litigation, environmental, labor and employment, business and international trade. A graduate of Providence College and Catholic University School of Law, he has been actively engaged in the practice of law for 33 years. During that period of time, he has worked with New Hampshire Legal Assistance, the Rhode Island Public Defender, Sheehan, Phinney, Bass & Green, as a sole practitioner and as a principal in Cook & Molan since 1978.

His professional focus has been in the areas of litigation, business and environmental project development. While he holds the honor of securing the largest civil jury verdict in New Hampshire history, he has also taken a partial sabbatical from his law firm to act as president and CEO of the first secure solid waste facility in the U.S. He participated in the design, permitting, construction and then operation of this facility over a period of five years during which the facility was sold twice. In 1993, he returned to the full-time practice of law and took the benefits of his experience in the areas of solid waste, hazardous waste, wastewater and recycling into the international marketplace.

In 1994, Cook & Molan, P.A. organized and affiliated an entity known as Cook & Molan International. This enterprise was initially a collaboration of lawyers and environmental engineers and was originally focused on doing consulting work primarily in the European Union and South America as those various countries turned their attention to infrastructure development.

Since its inception in 1994, Cook & Molan International has broadened its efforts beyond the environmental sector. It is now engaged in representing and assisting U.S. companies in their efforts to establish themselves in the international marketplace.

Although the firm has been successfully involved in projects in Ecuador, Brazil, Bolivia, Turnkey, South Africa and Canada, among other nations, a focus has developed upon the British Isles. This "stepping stone" approach to venture facilitation and technology transfer in the European Union and elsewhere has become key to the international business strategy of the firm.

As a result of his endeavors in Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England, the Governor of New Hampshire appointed Mr. Cook to act in the capacity of Commercial Consul to the United Kingdom.

Most recently, in collaboration with his co-counsel in London, Herbert Enmarch-Williams, Mr. Cook opened New Hampshire House at 130 Shaftesbury. This unique service for exporters enables businesses to have a virtual overseas office designed to make transatlantic markets more accessible by provided a low-cost, low-risk market entry mechanism.

