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Born Rochester, New York; admitted to bar, 1970, Vermont; 1970, U.S. District Court, District of Vermont; 1974, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; 1976, U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit; Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals (TECA).

Education: St. John Fisher College (B.A., B.S., 1963); Cornell University (J.D., 1970).

Deputy State's Attorney, Chittenden County, Vermont, 1971-1972. City Prosecutor, City of South Burlington, Vermont, 1971-1972. Partner with the firm of Richard E. Davis Associates, Inc., 1972-1978. Partner with the firm of Miller, Norton & Cleary, 1978-1987. Partner with the firm of Miller, Cleary & Faignant, 1988 through March 1991; founded David L. Cleary Associates, P.C. April 1, 1991. President and Senior Partner, Cleary Shahi & Aicher, P.C., January 1, 2004 to present.

Captain, U.S. Army, 1965-1968.

Member: Vermont and Rutland County Bar Associations; Defense Research Institute (Chairman, Specialized Insurance Problems Sub-Committee, 1979--); Federal Bar Association; American Society of Law and Medicine; American Board of Trial Advocates (President, Vermont Chapter, 1992-93); Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers; Fellow, Director, and Officer, International Academy of Trial Lawyers (Dean, 2011-2012; President, 2014-2015); Member, American College of Barristers; The National Trial Lawyers; Inns of Court (Joan Loring Wing Chapter) Professional Conduct Board for the State of Vermont (1979-1989); Chairman of the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Tort Reform for the State of Vermont; former Special Counsel to the Vermont Board of Medical Practice (1978-1985); Special Counsel to the National Ski Areas Association and United Ski Industries Association.

Author: "*Reflections - Upon The Rule of Law*" (Dean's Address, International Academy of Trial Lawyers, 2012)

Honors: *Best Lawyers* (all editions)
Chambers USA (Chambers & Partners)
New England Super Lawyers
Benchmark: Litigation

While Mr. Cleary has more than 40 years experience in litigation for both plaintiffs and defendants, his current litigation focus is in professional liability defense and select plaintiff cases.

With the increasing popularity of alternative dispute resolution and mediation in the last 15 years or so, Mr. Cleary has seen a substantial increase in demand for his services as a mediator, particularly in cases of greater significance. His many years of litigation practice as counsel for both defendants and plaintiffs has given him the background and experience to serve as one of Vermont's sought-after mediators, ENE evaluators, and arbitrators. He was (and remains) a member of Vermont's Federal Court Advisory Committee, which drafted the U.S. District Court of Vermont's Local Rules regarding Early Neutral Evaluation, and is proud to be one of the original early neutral evaluators for Vermont.

Mr. Cleary frequently lectures and conducts seminars on trial and risk management topics throughout the Northeast.