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MEDIA RELEASE: Sullivan PLLC Opens Law Offices in Manchester, Vermont

Dorset resident and Vermont lawyer, Allan J. Sullivan, resigned this week as General Counsel for the Vermont Agency of Human Services to start a law practice having its principal offices in Manchester, Vermont.

The firm, opened under the name of Sullivan PLLC, will operate a general commercial practice in Vermont, while also maintaining an office in South Florida, where Sullivan practiced for 27 years before taking a position with the State of Vermont.

Sullivan, who graduated from the Georgetown University Law Center before commencing his legal career in Boston, was a federal prosecutor with the Department of Justice and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami for over 11 years, responsible primarily for the investigation and prosecution of white collar business and public integrity matters. He served his last two years with the US Attorney's Office as Chief of its Criminal Division, responsible for the work of over 150 federal prosecutors.

After this initial stint in public service, Sullivan joined the global law firm, Baker & McKenzie, LLP, where, as a Principal in the firm's Miami office, he developed a national corporate compliance and internal investigations practice. He also led the defense and prosecution of substantial commercial litigation and international arbitration cases.

While with the Agency of Human Services, Sullivan reported to the Secretary of AHS and was responsible for overseeing the legal work of the Agency and its 6 health and human services departments. He served as legal liaison with the Offices of the Governor and the Attorney General and, in addition to his other responsibilities, was appointed to represent the Agency on the Governor's Misclassification Task Force and the Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules.

Sullivan is married to Linda Joy Sullivan, who was elected last year to serve in the Vermont General Assembly as the Representative of the Bennington-Rutland District (Dorset, Danby, Landgrove, Peru, Mt. Tabor).

Sullivan, 60, stated that this career move represented a re-commitment to the decision he made to relocate from South Florida to Dorset several years ago.

“The two years I spent with the State were very rewarding and I learned and contributed a lot. I will miss the many remarkable, extremely dedicated colleagues I got the chance to work with. But it was taxing as well – the weekly commutes to Waterbury to do the job, which I gladly undertook for the opportunity to serve in that important public service capacity, proved difficult, as did being away from home during the week. Linda Joy’s successful campaign last year to succeed Representative Komline dashed any thought I had of us potentially moving ‘north.’

“Bottom line, though, what motivated me most strongly was that I really love it here in the Northshire and I want to maximize my professional and civic contributions to this community – and, of course, I much need to maximize my time at home with Linda Joy. I plan not only to be very engaged in the public interest while practicing law here but to enjoy the many the blessings offered to us in this special part of Vermont.”

Sullivan PLLC will maintain an office in South Florida in order to leverage the many professional relationships Sullivan developed there. The firm also plans to develop collaboration projects with his wife’s national CPA and public auditing firm, [maughansullivanllc](#).

“Working with Linda Joy and her accounting partner on forensic and compliance projects is a natural fit for us. We intend to look for opportunities together to represent businesses both within and outside of Vermont,” said Sullivan. “I know there will be some road time involved, but I’m confident I can manage the time ‘away from home’ better from this platform.”

Sullivan PLLC is also in the process of opening a small office in New York City for the convenience of its clients.

Sullivan’s daughter, Sarah Blanchard, is a recent graduate of the Master’s Program at Duke University Graduate School of Divinity and resides in North Carolina. His daughter by marriage, Jaime Walden, holds an MBA and is the Executive Vice President of the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus (a 501(c)(3)) in New York City.

Sullivan is licensed to practice law before the federal and state courts in Vermont, New York, Massachusetts and Florida.

Sullivan PLLC has taken offices in the Equinox Complex Jr. Building.

More information on the planned direction of the firm and on Sullivan’s prior professional experiences can be found at www.sullivan-pllc.com. He can be emailed at allan@sullivan-pllc.com.