



## Nan M. Birdwhistell

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### Education:

Yale School of Management (M.A. in Public and Private Management, 1986)

Harvard University (J.D., 1979)

Emory University (B.A., 1976)

### Description:

Ms. Birdwhistell was formerly the three-term First Selectwoman of the Town of Woodbridge. She is resident part-time in the firm's New Haven office, working as part of the Municipal Law Practice Group, which provides legal counsel to towns on matters ranging from land use planning and employment and labor issues to contracts, commercial matters and other general legal matters. Ms. Birdwhistell was the Chair of the South Central Regional Council of Governments, a member of the Board of the Connecticut Council of Municipalities, and a member of the Board and Vice President of the Council of Small Towns.

### Practices & Industries:

- Municipal Law

### Bar & Court Admissions:

- Connecticut

### Professional Associations & Memberships:

- Blue Ribbon Commission on Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies (MORE), CT General Assembly, Member; Co-Chair, Town Functions Committee
- Board of Directors, Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame
- Board Member, Planned Parenthood Votes! Connecticut
- Fellow, Connecticut Bar Foundation
- Board Member, Woodbridge Park Association
- Board Member, WOWPAC (Women Organizing Women Political Action Committee)
- Board Member, Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven
- Member, Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, Government Affairs Committee
- Connecticut Public Broadcasting, Inc. ("CPTV/WNPR") (Past Member, Board of Trustees, 2005-2009)

### Prior Experience:

- First Selectwoman, Town of Woodbridge
- Senior Vice President, Regional Affairs, Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce
- Director, Regional Cultural Plan for Greater New Haven (the comprehensive effort of Yale University, the City of New Haven, the region, the arts community, the business community and other funders to strengthen Greater New Haven as the cultural center of Connecticut)
- Lobbyist and Attorney, State Department on Aging