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WOODSTOCK, VT. Hayes & Windish, a general practice law firm in Woodstock, recently welcomed two new members. Michael R. Kainen, a 1992 graduate of Vermont Law School and a former member of the Vermont House of Representatives, has become of counsel to the firm. Attorney Kainen was most recently the Executive Director of the Vermont Sentencing Commission. Mr. Kainen, a resident of Quechee, has also been in private practice for many years, with a primary focus on criminal defense and bankruptcy. Mr. Kainen is available to accept referrals in criminal and general civil litigation matters, and he will also be working in the firm's general practice and insurance defense practice areas.

Susan J. Manley, a 2007 graduate of Vermont Law School, recently joined the firm as an associate. Upon joining the firm, Attorney Manley relocated from the Burlington area, where she worked for many years as a paralegal in several large Burlington law firms. Ms. Manley will be working in the firm's insurance defense practice, and will also provide additional support for the firm's general practice.

With six lawyers, Hayes & Windish is the largest law firm in Woodstock. The firm, which was known as Eaton & Hayes until former partner Harold Eaton's appointment as a District Court Judge in 2004, has been in existence since 1991. Hayes & Windish is a "full service" law firm, providing litigation and transactional services to its clients throughout Vermont and New Hampshire. The firm can be found on the internet at <http://www.hayes-windish.com>.