

## **Hon. Anne C. Dranginis (Ret.) biography continued**

Judge Dranginis served in all capacities as a trial judge, including serving as Presiding Criminal Judge for Part A (major felonies) in Waterbury and Litchfield. She was the Administrative Judge in Litchfield from 1990-1994, where she presided over the declaratory judgment action testing the constitutionality of the assault weapon ban, and the challenge to the State's "hunter harassment" statute. She was specially assigned to preside over Connecticut's so-called "Right to Die" case, *McDonnell v. Beverly Enterprises-Connecticut*. In 1994, she was appointed the Chief Administrative Judge for Family Matters for the Connecticut Superior Court, and led the changes in family practice which provided for automatic orders upon the filing of dissolution or custody complaints. The family case management system required counsel and the parties to agree and communicate with the court on deadlines for discovery and ADR, and trial dates. The Practice Book revisions allowed the family dockets statewide to be within guidelines established by the American Bar Association.

Anne Dranginis is a member of the Litchfield County, Hartford County, and Connecticut Bar Associations serving as Secretary from 2009-2010, the Chair of the Connecticut Bar Examining Committee, and is on the Board of the Children's Charities of America, the federation of charities in the Combined Federal Campaign, the Federal Judiciary Advisory Panel, the advisory board of the Susan B. Anthony Project, Torrington, CT, Prime Time House in Torrington, CT, and co-chaired with Thomas Foley on the Governor's Commission on Custody, Divorce and Children from 2001-2002 .

Anne Dranginis practices in the areas of arbitration and mediation, matrimonial law corporate compliance and governance, trial strategy and appellate law. Attorney Dranginis represents her clients in every Judicial District in Connecticut, and maintains offices both in Stamford and Hartford.