

**State of New Hampshire
Superior Court**

No Administrative Order Number

Acceptance of Writs Bearing Signature of Former Chief Justice

Under authority conferred by the New Hampshire Supreme Court, the following Administrative Order is issued.

Pending distribution of writs bearing the signature of the next Chief Justice of the Superior Court, all writs bearing the signature of form Chief Justice Walter L. Murphy shall be considered valid.¹

Dated: January 2, 2004

/s/ Robert E. K. Morrill
Administrative Judge, NH Superior Court

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¹ Parsons v. Swett, 32 N.H. 87, 88 (1855) (writ issued over signature of former chief justice of superior court upheld).

Smith v. Tallman, 87 N.H. 176 (1934) (writs issued by clerkless courts upheld although test not authenticated by clerk's signature).

Opinion of the Justices, 119 N.H. 325, 326 (1979) (act providing for universal writ to be used by district and municipal courts not constitutionally infirm).