

Former Darien Selectman Christopher 'Kip' Hall, 63, a Lawyer, Avid Racer on Skis and in Boats

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Christopher P. ("Kip") Hall, 63, passed away peacefully on Monday, Oct. 23. He was a former member of the Darien Board of Selectmen.

Kip attended Pingry School, Dartmouth College (summa cum laude), Oxford University (Exeter College, Rhodes Scholar) and University of Chicago Law School.

A natural litigator, Kip practiced started his career in New York as an associate of Donovan Leisure where he was second chair in the Westmoreland v CBS libel litigation. As his career developed, he specialized in securities and corporate litigation, and was featured as one of Lawdragon's five-lawyer "Securities Litigation Dream Team."

— an obituary from [Edward Lawrence Funeral Home](#)

Kip concluded his law career as a partner, then senior counsel of DLA Piper in New York City. He was a member of the federal, New York State and New York City Bar Associations.

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Kip was an avid ski racer. He was on the Dartmouth ski team and raced for Exeter College while attending Oxford University. His love of the skiing continued throughout his lifetime, racing as a Masters and coaching all ages at the Stratton Mountain Training Center in Stratton, Vt. He recently spent one winter as a certified ski instructor in Crest Butte, Colo., where his favorite runs were Banana and North Face.

Kip was also an avid blue water sailboat racer. He learned to race the ocean by joining four good friends as a watch for his first Newport-Bermuda Race. He crewed on four more, including his last as watch captain.

Kip finally bought his own racer, a J122, named "Wily Silver Fox." He won many races but was most proud of his double-handed results with two podium finishes in the Vineyard Race and was awarded the Bohemia Trophy in the Around Long Island Race. Kip was a member of the Noroton Yacht Club and the Storm Trysail Club.

Kip taught mergers and acquisitions as well as securities litigation at the University of Connecticut Law School for four years. He served as a selectman in Darien from 2014 to 2015 and co-chaired the [Connecticut Commission on Connecticut's Leadership in Corporation and Business Law](#) from 2014 to 2016.

When Kip was given his diagnosis, he fought hard to recover so that he could live life well as was true to his nature. He won that battle, filling his time with family and friends, skiing and sailing, scuba diving and tennis, fishing and golf. Kip is survived by his wife, Britt; two children, Justin and Victoria; and brother, Jim.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 28 at St John Roman Catholic Church, 1986 Post Road.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Hope in Motion, [Stamford Hospital Foundation](#), 1351 Washington Blvd., Suite 202, Stamford, CT 06902 (please click on Ways to Give).