

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**SUPREME COURT**

**In Case No. 2006-0465, State of New Hampshire v. David Clough, the court on June 29, 2007, issued the following order:**

The defendant, David Clough, appeals his conviction for aggravated felonious sexual assault. He argues that the trial court erred in denying his request for a continuance so that he could obtain the services of an expert in the field of parental alienation. We affirm.

Whether to grant or deny a continuance is within the trial court's sound discretion. State v. Saucier, 128 N.H. 291, 295 (1986). Having reviewed the record before us, including the trial court's discussion with counsel in which it articulated its reasons for denying the request and agreed to defense counsel's proposal to use the expert funding to confer with an additional expert, we find no error.

Affirmed.

DALIANIS, GALWAY and HICKS, JJ., concurred.

**Eileen Fox,  
Clerk**