Dan Bernier grew up in Waterville, the youngest son of prominent lawyer and former mayor Albert Bernier. He earned his B.A. degree from The George Washington University in Washington, DC and his J.D. degree from The New England School of Law in Boston, MA.

While at NESL, Dan earned the American Jurisprudence Award for Estate Planning. He was awarded Volunteer Prosecutor of the Year for 1998, 1999 and 2000 for his volunteer work with the Kennebec County District Attorney's Office. The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors- Maine (NAIFA-ME) chose Dan Bernier as the 2009 recipient of the prestigious

J. Putnam Stevens Award for his contributions to Insurance Law in the State of Maine. The Maine State Legislature joined NAIFA-ME in recognizing Dan's achievements in Insurance Regulation. Dan Bernier was appointed a Dedimus Justice by the Governor of the State of Maine in 2014.

Dan and his wife, Jen, reside in Waterville with their three children. One aspect of his job that Dan enjoys a great deal is teaching others about law. As a past Adjunct Professor at Thomas College, Dan taught real estate and probate law for the Paralegal Program.