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POSITION

Partner, *Litigation Group*

EDUCATION

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, BOSTON, MA
J.D., 2000

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, NY
Ph.D., French and Romance Philology, 1991
M.A., French and Romance Philology, 1987

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON, ONTARIO, CANADA
B.A. Hons., 1983

DESCRIPTION OF PRACTICE

Civil Litigation, including Employment Litigation ✎ Professional Liability ✎ Commercial Litigation ✎ Premises Liability

Elizabeth Houlding has experience in a broad range of complex civil and commercial litigation matters in state and federal court. She has represented clients in jury and non-jury trials involving the defense of professional malpractice and premises liability claims. Her practice also involves defending employers in employment litigation, including claims for age discrimination, sex discrimination, wage violations, wrongful termination and retaliation in state and federal court and before local government agencies. Before attending law school, Ms. Houlding was a college professor of French literature.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES & DECISIONS

Pansé v. Massachusetts, et al., --- S. Ct. --- 2009 WL 56231 (Mem.) (Jan. 12, 2009) (denial by U.S. Supreme Court of plaintiff's petition for writ of certiorari where First Circuit had affirmed dismissal of all of plaintiff's claims against multiple defendants for alleged civil rights violations, including ex-wife's divorce attorneys).

Rodi v. Southern New England School of Law, 532 F.3d 11 (1st Cir. 2008) (affirming summary judgment for law school on claims by graduate of fraudulent misrepresentation regarding accreditation).

Kimball v. Schreiber, 69 Mass. App. Ct. 1116 (2007) (Table), 2007 WL 2332410 (Rule 1:28 disposition) (affirming judgment for defendant attorney on causation grounds where plaintiff's alleged financial losses were not caused by attorney's actions).

Moore-Davis v. Roxbury Multi-Service Center, Inc., Suffolk Superior Court Civ. A. No. 04-04139 (May 1, 2006) (unpublished) (granting partial summary judgment for employer on claim of sexual harassment against co-worker).

Bensetler v. Data Plus, Inc., Worcester Superior Court Civ. A. No. 01-02109 (Jan. 18, 2006) (unpublished) (granting summary judgment to attorney defendants for lack of attorney-client relationship with shareholder in close corporation).

Kelly v. Doukas, 64 Mass. App. Ct. 1113 (2005) (Rule 1:28 Disposition) (affirming entry of motion for directed verdict and judgment notwithstanding the verdict for estate of deceased attorney defendant for lack of attorney-client relationship and lack of causation).

Cain v. Kramer, 2002 WL 229694 (D. Mass. Feb. 4, 2002) (Woodlock, J.) (granting attorney defendants' motion for summary judgment on ground that attorney's alleged negligence was not cause of plaintiff's loss in underlying litigation).

LANGUAGES

French – Former Professor of French Language and Literature, with specialization in 20th Century Literature and the Occupation of France.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Boston Bar Association – Co-Chair, Professional Liability Committee, Litigation Section, 2008-2010
Defense Research Institute
Firm Captain for Greater Boston Legal Services' Associates Drive 2005-2007

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS

Massachusetts *SuperLawyers* Rising Star 2005-2008

APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer, Legal Writing Program, Boston University School of Law, 2002

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Author, "Using Joint Defense Privilege Agreements in Parallel Civil and Criminal Proceedings," *Defense Counsel Journal* (Oct. 2001).
- Co-Author, "Recent Developments Affecting the Liability of Professionals, Officers, and Directors," 38 *Tort, Trial & Ins. L.J.* 585 (2003).

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts, 2000
United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, 2000
United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, 2003
United States Supreme Court, 2007

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