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Practices

Professional Liability Litigation

Bar Admissions

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1979

Harvard University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1975

Overview

George is a “lawyer’s lawyer” who concentrates his practice on the representation of lawyers and other professionals in matters of professional responsibility and civil liability. As panel counsel to the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Boston Bar Association Malpractice Programs, as well as to other professional liability carriers, George has represented hundreds of lawyers and law firms, from solo practitioners and judges to Boston’s largest law firms. He is a former chairperson of the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers and a graduate of Harvard Law School and Harvard University. He has been named Best Lawyers’ “Insurance Lawyer of the Year” and “Legal Malpractice Defense Lawyer of the Year” multiple times. In addition to defending lawyers and accountants in malpractice and disciplinary proceedings, George also provides ethical and risk management counseling and expert testimony.

Affiliations

- Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers (2005-2009)
 - Chairperson (2008-2009)
- Massachusetts Bar Association
- Boston Bar Association
- Professional Liability Underwriting Society
- American Bar Association, Professional Liability Section

Articles & Seminars

George lectures and writes frequently on subjects related to professional responsibility and liability. Recent presentations include:

- “Refreshing or Creating Witness Recollection: Where is the Line?” (ABA Professional Officers & Directors Liability Newsletter)

- “Cyber Scams Targeting Real Estate Attorneys” (Real Estate Bar Association)
- “Current Ethical Issues Facing General Counsel” (General Counsel Resources Committee)
- “Mediate to Win: Successful Mediation Strategies” (Attorneys and Accountants Liability Network)
- “A Practical Guide to Resolving Conflicts Between Insured, Insurer and Defense Counsel” (ABA Professional Liability Conference)
- “Understanding Your Professional Liability Policy” (Real Estate Bar Association)
- “Ethical Issues in Trial and Settlement” (Accountants and Attorneys Liability Network)
- “Mortgage Foreclosure Liability for Professionals” (Accountants and Attorneys Liability Network)
- “Trial of a Legal Malpractice Case” (Boston Bar Association – Professional Liability Section)

Awards

- “Boston Insurance Lawyer of the Year,” *Best Lawyers in America* (2011, 2015)
- “Boston Legal Malpractice Lawyer of the Year,” *Best Lawyers in America* (2012, 2016, 2018, 2021)
- “Boston Professional Malpractice Law-Defendants Lawyer of the Year,” *Best Lawyers in America* (2021)
- *Best Lawyers in America* (2007-2021)
- *Super Lawyers* (2007-2020)
- “Top 100 Lawyers in Massachusetts,” *Boston Magazine*



Interests

George is devoted to the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, where he maintains a home and is active in outdoor and conservation activities. He enjoys swimming, hiking, skiing and golfing, all of which he pursues with high levels of enthusiasm and varying levels of skill.

