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Practices

Directors, Officers, Professional, and Corporate Liability Coverage

Bar Admissions

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts
United States Supreme Court

Education

New England School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude*, 1996
Mount Holyoke College. B.A., 1981

Overview

Lisa focuses her practice on insurance coverage matters, including directors and officers liability policies. She counsels insurers in all aspects of potential exposure under these policies, in cases involving securities class actions, shareholder derivative suits, regulatory actions and investigations, and employment-related claims.

Lisa brings extensive experience, practical problem-solving skills and judgment to her practice, enabling her to quickly analyze and evaluate a broad range of complex issues. Prior to joining Peabody & Arnold, she was the principal of a litigation firm for more than 15 years, where she handled a wide variety of matters including IP and copyright litigation, general commercial litigation, premises liability, product liability and professional negligence claims. In addition to her trial experience, Lisa has significant appellate experience in both state and federal courts. She is also a member of the adjunct faculty at New England Law/Boston, where she teaches Legal Research & Writing I and II.

Before entering private practice, Lisa served as law clerk to the Honorable Joseph P. Warner, Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

Affiliations

Massachusetts Bar Association

Boston Bar Association

American Bar Association

Women's Bar Association

Representative Cases

Dos Santos v. Coleta, 465 Mass. 148 (2013). Reversal and remand of a trial court decision, in which the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court significantly limited the scope of the "open and obvious" danger doctrine in premises liability actions.

Prenaveau v. Prenaveau, 81 Mass.App.Ct. 479 (2012). Reversal and remand of a custody decision in which the Massachusetts Appeals Court affirmed that any custodial decision involving minor children must consider the stability of the life circumstances of the child, even where the parties have participated in a shared parenting arrangement, and taking the unusual step of prescribing a detailed parenting plan that resulted in the children remaining with their mother in Massachusetts.

Oyster Creek Preservation, Inc. v. Conservation Com'n of Harwich, 449 Mass. 859 (2007). Appeal involving the interpretation of state and local environmental and administrative law in which the Supreme Judicial Court held that the failure of a town conservation commission to issue an order of conditions under the Wetlands Protection Act and its local bylaw within the statutorily prescribed time resulted in the applicability of a superseding order issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Interests

Lisa enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and cross-country skiing with her favorite Newfoundland, Lou. She and her husband live on Cape Cod.