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Practices

Directors, Officers, Professional, and Corporate Liability Coverage

Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Litigation

Bar Admissions

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State of Rhode Island

United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth District

United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1982

University of Rhode Island, B.A., 1979

Overview

Mike serves as coverage and monitoring counsel for several major insurers. He also represents insurers in coverage disputes and litigation, primarily involving professional liability insurance policies and directors and officers' liability insurance policies. He is admitted to the bar in Massachusetts and in Rhode Island and has conducted jury and bench trials in both jurisdictions.

Mike's practice also includes general civil litigation, with an emphasis on the defense of professional liability claims. He has represented numerous professionals, including attorneys and financial institution directors and officers.

Mike served as Managing Partner of the firm from 2002 – 2012.

Affiliations

- Rhode Island Bar Association
- Massachusetts Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Articles & Seminars

- Contributing author, "Recent Developments in the Law Affecting Professionals, Directors and Officers," *Tort and Insurance Law Journal*, v. 38, n. 2 (Winter 2003)
- Contributing author, "Recent Developments in the Law Affecting Professionals, Directors and Officers," *Tort and Insurance Law Journal*, v. 37, n. 2 (Winter 2002)

Representative Cases

- *Bell Canyon Association, Inc. v. Ironshore Indemnity Co.*, 2023 WL 6784356 (9th Cir. Oct. 13, 2023)
- *XL Specialty Ins. Co., et al. v. AR Capital, LLC*, 2021 WL 353853 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. Feb. 2, 2021)

- *Springstone, Inc. v. Hiscox Insurance Co.*, 2021 WL 4240779 (6th Cir. Sept. 17, 2021)
- *Day Kimball Healthcare, Inc. v. Allied World Surplus Lines Ins. Co. et al.*, 857 Fed.Appx. 685 (2nd Cir. 2021)
- *Crowley Maritime Corporation v. National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa.*, 931 F.3d 1112 (11th Cir. 2019).
- *The Talbots, Inc. v. AIG Specialty Insurance Company*, 283 F.Supp.3d 8 (D.Mass. 2017).
- *Welch Foods, Inc. v. National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa.*, 659 F.3d 191 (1st Cir. 2011).
- *Pielech v. Massachusetts Greyhound, Inc.* 47 Mass. App. Ct. 332 (1999).
- *Flynn v. New England Insurance Company, Inc.*, 1998 WL 150384 (Mass.Sup.Ct., Mar. 16, 1998).
- *American Insurance Company v. Donatelli Construction Co., Inc.*, 713 A.2d 237 (R.I. 1998).
- *Jonco, LLC v. ALI, Inc.* 157 F. 2d 33 (1st Cir. 1998).
- *International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 57 v. Seabord Surety Co.*, 946 F. Supp. 141 (D.R.I. 1996).
- *DeBourgknecht v. Cianci, et al.*, 846 F. Supp 1057 (D.R.I. 1994).
- *Westcott Construction Co. v. Fireman’s Fund Ins. Co.*, 996 F. 2d 14 (1st Cir. 1993).
- *Commercial Union Ins. Co. v. Gilbane Building Co.*, 992 F. 2d 386 (1st Cir. 1993).
- *Seguin v. Planning Bd. of Upton*, 33 Mass. App. Ct. 374 (1992).
- *JSA, Inc. v. Pinewood Manor*, 755 F. Supp. 458 (D. Me. 1991).
- *Scannell v. Ed. Ferreirinha & Irmao*, 23 Mass. App. Ct. 465 (1987), 401 Mass. 155 (1987).
- *Kilmartin v. H. C. Wainwright & Co., et al.*, 637 F. Supp. 938 (D. Mass. 1986).

Awards



Interests

- Co-chair of Insurance Law Committee, Boston Bar Association, 2005-2007

- Town Counsel, Upton, Massachusetts 1984-1992