

## November 2024: Words of Gratitude from Our Managing Partner

### Managing Partner

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In this season of thanks, we are grateful to the many clients that have trusted our firm to represent their interests throughout the years. Without our valued clients, our firm would not be rounding out our 125<sup>th</sup> year this holiday season.

As this year draws to a close, it seems fitting to recall the various clients to whom we owe so much over the years, through wars, economic downturns, and booms, and through three world pandemics. The firm was founded in 1899 by General Francis Peabody when he was just 45 years old, joined with Admiral Edmund K. Arnold. As was common for the day, the firm's early clients were predominantly families for whom the firm handled their trust and estate matters. Peabody & Arnold worked hard to build a reputable general service law firm. The firm grew and endured through the great depression and moved toward a more corporate practice of representing large banks, insurance companies, and other businesses. In so doing, the firm developed a strong reputation in the areas of fidelity, insurance, and commercial law despite the financial and other challenges of the times. In the 1950's and into the 1960's, various lawyers in the firm handled bank and ancestral trust work, while also strengthening the firm's expertise in real estate, surety and fidelity, insurance, and litigation matters. From the 1970's to the 1980's, Peabody & Arnold's client base grew with its insurance defense litigation practice. And from the late 1980's into the early 1990's the firm doubled in size with tremendous growth in its business and insurance practices.

In the past 25 years or so, the firm has gratefully continued this long path of success with robust practice groups across multiple areas of practice. These practice groups continue to be led, and our clients served, by our amazing group of partners and our team of talented associates and staff. With each day, our firm is committed to delivering to you, our clients, exceptional service, responsiveness, practical and timely advice, winning outcomes, and the information you need to successfully run your businesses. It is our pleasure and privilege to be a part of your success.

On behalf of the firm and everyone here at Peabody & Arnold, we thank you for your continued trust in us, your business, and, in many instances, your friendship and loyalty to the firm. Without you, we would not be here, celebrating 125 years of success as a law firm in 2024. We all wish each and every one of you a happy and restful Thanksgiving and start to the holiday season.

With gratitude,

Christopher Parady, Managing Partner