



ALBERT A. DENAPOLI

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Al is a member of Tarlow, Breed, Hart & Rodgers, P.C. He concentrates his practice in all areas of civil litigation, having tried numerous cases before judges and juries. Al's focus involves complex business matters, primarily involving contract disputes and business governance issues. He also has a broad depth of experience in family and probate law. He is the chairman of the firm's Hospitality Practice Group, which offers legal assistance from leasing to franchising and licensing for a diverse clientele which includes local restaurants and lodging businesses as well as nationally known chains.

Bar and Court Admissions

Massachusetts Bar

United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Memberships

- Massachusetts Restaurant Association, Board of Directors, 2005-2010 / Advisory Board, 2010-2011
- Massachusetts Lodging Association, Member
- Hotel Business Review, Past Editorial Board Member
- Family Business Association, Inc. (FBA), Founding Member and Executive Director, 2008-present
- Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce, Past Chairman, Board of Directors, Executive Board and Chamber's General Counsel
- Order Sons of Italy in America, Past National President - Commission for Social Justice; Past and Present Massachusetts Chairman - Commission for Social Justice
- National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame New England Chapter, Board of Directors, President, 2009-2010
- Massachusetts Bar Association
- Boston Bar Association

Achievements

- Named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer by *Boston Magazine*, 2004 thru 2010
- Named Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce Businessman of the Year, 2010
- Appointed Master by the Massachusetts Superior Court

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Additional Information

- Al resides in the Town of Walpole where he just finished serving six years as a Selectman. For seven years, Al had been on the Finance Committee, serving four of those years as the Chairman. Al is a Representative Town Meeting member for his precinct in Walpole, a position he has held for twelve years.
- Al is also Past National President of the Commission for Social Justice, the anti-defamation arm of the Order of the Sons of Italy in America. Al served as President from 2003-2007 and previously served as National Treasurer and Vice-President. From 1999-2003 he was the Chairman of the Massachusetts Commission for Social Justice, which office he presently holds again (2009—2011)
- In law school, Al was a member of the New England Law Review. Upon graduation, Al was accepted and served as a law clerk for the Justices of the Superior Court of Massachusetts from 1984-1985.
- Al is featured in "The Boston Italians," author Stephen Puleo's account of Boston's Italian heritage.
- Al has been featured as a legal expert, most recently on FOX 25 News, commenting on liquor licensing matters.

Representative Experience

- Successful defense of multi-million dollar claim involving lease and licensing issues; successful defense of appeal
- Successful defense of claims involving breach of non-compete agreements, non-solicitation agreements, and trade secret infringements
- Successful jury trial involving shareholder disputes
- Successful litigation and trials of corporate governance disputes
- Representation of international cruise line regarding Massachusetts licensing issues

Teaching/Publications

- "Arbitration Clauses: Will They Work for You?" *Hotel Business Review*, January 2007
- Co-author, "Liquidated Damages: Protecting Your Franchise's Good Name," *Hotel Business Review*, October 2006
- Co-author, "Strategies for Brand Protection During Retraction," *Hotel Business Review*, August 2006
- New England School of Law, 1985-1989

Education

B.A., Boston College, *cum laude*, 1972

M.A., University of Maryland, 1974

J.D., New England School of Law, *magna cum laude*, 1984