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John joined the firm in 2001 and practices in the Litigation Group. John concentrates his practice in the areas of tax lien foreclosures and litigation, business litigation and creditors' rights in bankruptcy. He represents businesses, banking and financial services companies, as well as individuals and acts as Special Counsel to a number of municipalities in Massachusetts. John currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association.

Bar and Court Admissions

Massachusetts Bar

United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Memberships

Massachusetts Bar Association

Boston Bar Association

American Bar Association

Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association

City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association

Achievements

Named a Massachusetts Rising Star by *Boston Magazine*, 2005 - 2009

Additional Information

- As a participant in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office Internship Program, John served as a Complaint Mediator and Investigator in the Consumer Protection Division.
- John began his legal career as a Litigation Paralegal concentrating in such diverse areas such as Toxic Torts, Product Liability, Property Damage, Medical Malpractice, Environmental Law and Railroad Litigation.

Education

B.S., University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1991

J.D., Suffolk University Law School, 2000

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Representative Cases

BUSINESS LITIGATION

- Represented financial institution in breach of contract jury trial involving forgery and fraud.
- Represented employer in obtaining dismissal of breach of Wage Act claim.
- Assisted in representation of construction firm in successful defense of sexual discrimination claim.
- Assisted municipality in recovery of multi-million dollar claims against waste management and disposal companies.
- Represented financial institutions for recovery of breach of contract and commercial equipment leases.
- Assisted security systems dealer in multi-million dollar litigation with Fortune 500 telecommunications company.
- Assisted in representation of corporate officer in employment, severance and stock option dispute.
- Assisted in representation of leading Hotel and Convention Center in conjunction with impact payment dispute.
- Assisted in representation of 50% shareholder in corporate divorce and collection of monies owed by co-owner.
- Assisted in representation of non-profit corporation against former officers for breach of fiduciary duty and conversion.
- Assisted airline in conjunction with appeal of judgment in contract dispute.
- Represented municipalities in tax collection actions in District Court.

CREDITORS RIGHTS IN BANKRUPTCY

- Represented creditor financial institutions in Chapter 7, 11 and 13 filings.
- Assisted construction firm in Bankruptcy Court abstention action.
- Negotiation and compilation of reaffirmation agreements.
- Representation of municipality in conjunction with educational institution Chapter proceeding re: tax assessments and delinquencies.
- Representation of various municipalities in connection with rights in bankruptcy

MUNICIPAL LAW AND REAL ESTATE RELATED DISPUTES, LITIGATION AND CONVEYANCING

- Represented municipalities in Tax Lien Foreclosure actions in Land Court; Cluster Development disputes.
- Assisted private businesses and commercial enterprises in: assessment disputes; wrongful foreclosure of unauthorized mortgage; and tax lien foreclosure actions.
- Represented municipalities in disposition and acceptance of real property.
- Represented Estate Administrator in conjunction with sale of real property.
- Assisted municipalities in entry of private land for municipal purposes

Publications

(as published in *Medical Dealer Magazine*)

- Co-Author "Keep It Legal: Is it bribery or a commission?"
- Co-Author "Legal Ease: Understanding "implied" contractual obligations"
- Co-Author "Money Matters: Secrets for successful collection of receivables"