# HASSETT DONNELLY



#### PRACTICE AREAS

Business & Commercial Litigation
Construction Litigation
General Liability
Hospitality & Liquor Liability
Premises Liability
Professional Liability
Transportation Litigation

## **EDUCATION**

New York Law School, J.D. Skidmore College, B.A.

#### **ADMISSIONS**

Connecticut Massachusetts New York

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Connecticut Bar Association
Hartford County Bar Association (CoChair of Litigation Section, 2021-2022)
Worcester County Bar Association
(Superior Court, Trial Practice, and
Young Lawyers Committees)
Massachusetts Bar Association
Massachusetts Defense Lawyers
Association (MassDLA)

## Overview

John focuses his practice on litigation arising from construction losses, catastrophic injury and wrongful death, trucking and transportation, agricultural liability and premises liability. He has defended a variety of clients in the retail industry as well as handling tort and liquor liability matters for hospitality industry clients. With deep knowledge of construction, safety and business practices and expertise in policy and contract analysis, John is able to provide clients with critical insight into potential exposure and damages to facilitate successful resolution of complex matters.

Handling many high-profile matters including those involving claims of negligent security, emotional distress and assault, John understands the preparation and diplomacy needed to bring such matters before a jury. His thoughtful and strategic approach has directly resulted in a strong record of defense verdicts, dismissals and summary judgment wins throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York.

John is active in the legal community and is presently Co-Chair of the Litigation Section of the Hartford County Bar Association, the oldest bar association in the United States.

#### Select Results

- Summary Judgment Granted for Third-Party Defendant in Icy Slip & Fall
- Summary Judgment Granted for Defendant Snow Removal Contractor
- Defense Verdict in Fatal Shooting Case

#### **Notable**

- Recent Speaking Engagements:
  - "Courtroom Practice and Procedures" for Hartford County Bar Association;
  - "Preparing for Short Calendar" for Connecticut Bar Association;
  - "The Essentials of Depositions" for Connecticut Bar Association; "Leading Cases That Every Trial Lawyer Should Know About" for Connecticut Bar Association



Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM) Defense Research Institute (DRI)