# HASSETT DONNELLY



### PRACTICE AREAS

Class Actions Construction Litigation Employment Litigation General Liability Hospitality & Liquor Liability Premises Liability Product Liability Professional Liability Workers' Compensation

### EDUCATION

Boston College Law School, J.D., Boston College, B.S. in Finance and Economics, *magna cum laude* 

#### ADMISSIONS

Maine Massachusetts New Hampshire U.S. District Court, District of Maine U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts U.S. District Court, District of New Hampshire U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

New Hampshire Bar Association American Bar Association Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association (MassDLA) Litigation Counsel of America, Fellow (LCA) Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)

# Overview

John's practice focuses on high-stakes matters including Catastrophic Injury and Wrongful Death, Product Liability, Class Actions and Construction Litigation. John has defended manufacturers in large product liability actions and has expertise handling massive construction defect actions involving multi-million dollar developments and construction projects. John also brings significant experience defending employers, businesses, contractors and subcontractors in employment and worker's compensation matters.

John often handles serious injury cases on a pre-suit basis, coordinating any needed investigation and vetting and retaining expert witness to help our clients get an early handle on large losses and provide a strategy for handling. He has a record of success achieving early resolution of highexposure claims whether through alternative dispute resolution or dispositive motion practice. Further, he has served as lead counsel in numerous bench and jury trials and regularly appears in state and federal courts across New England.

John is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the New Hampshire Bar Association, the Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association (MassDLA) and the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM). He is a Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA), an invitation-only trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one half of one percent of all American lawyers. Further, John was selected for inclusion in Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* in 2014-2021, and 2023.

### Select Results

- · Defense Verdict in Significant Foot Injury at Beach Rental Property
- Summary Judgment Granted in USDC-NH / Flood Damage Subrogation Action
- Employer Not Vicariously Liable for Intoxicated Driver / Appeals Court Affirms Summary Judgment
- Workers' Compensation Benefits Denied in MVA with Depression, Traumatic Brain Injury
- Mind the Gap

#### Notable Articles

Bona Fide Personnel Actions in Massachusetts

## Recognitions

• John was named to Massachusetts Super Lawyers Rising Star list in 2009, 2010, 2014, 2015, and included in the Massachusetts Super Lawyers list in 2017-2021, and 2023, 2024.



Defense Research Institute (DRI)

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