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PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate Litigation
Bad Faith
Class Actions
Construction Litigation
First-Party Claims
Insurance Coverage
Professional Liability

EDUCATION

Vermont Law School, J.D., *cum laude*
Villanova University

ADMISSIONS

Connecticut
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
U.S. District Court, District of New Hampshire
U.S. District Court, District of Vermont
Vermont

MEMBERSHIPS

Massachusetts Bar Association
Worcester County Bar Association
New Hampshire Bar Association
Connecticut Bar Association
Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association (MassDLA)
Defense Research Institute (DRI)
Claims and Litigation Alliance (CLM)

Overview

Scott's practice focuses on complex insurance coverage analysis and bad faith litigation. He regularly provides formal coverage opinions involving intricate and multi-layered insurance policies and legal issues. He has successfully defended large insurers against allegations of bad faith and prosecuted a variety of declaratory judgment actions in high-stakes matters throughout the New England area.

Scott is an accomplished litigator with more than two decades of experience in handling cases before federal and state courts in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Connecticut, as well as before various administrative agencies. He has successfully served as lead trial counsel in numerous civil jury and bench trials and has accrued many notable defense verdicts, dismissals, summary judgment, and appellate wins.

Select Results

- First Circuit Court of Appeals Affirms Dismissal of Lettuce Grower for Lack of Jurisdiction
- Massachusetts Appeals Court | Ruling of First Impression Holds Faulty Workmanship Without More is Not "Property Damage"
- Defense Verdict on Chapter 93A Claim
- Mass. Appeals Court Determines No "Occurrence" for Intentional Business Act
- Jury Finds for Insurer in Case of First Impression Involving Death of Policyholder
- Summary Judgment Granted for Insurer in Declaratory Judgment Action Arising from UIM Claim
- Judgment for Insurer in Chapter 93A Bad Faith Trial
- Appeals Court Affirms Defense Verdict in MVA / Verdict Not Against Weight of Evidence
- Defense Verdict in Motor Vehicle Case / $2 Million Dollar Award Against Co-Defendant
- First Circuit Affirms Dismissal of TCPA Class Action / $12 Million in Statutory Damages Avoided
- Summary Judgment Granted / Arson at Vacant Property
- Summary Judgment in Bad Faith Case / Atty's Fees and Costs Should Not Be Considered in Offer
- Defense Verdict – Motorcycle and Truck Collision with Claims of Permanent Disability
- Summary Judgment / Insurance Coverage Dispute Involving Initial Premium Payment
- Hassett and Donnelly, P.C. Prevails on Behalf of Insurer Before Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court
- Massachusetts SJC Denies Insurer's Attempt to Net Attorney Fees
- Hassett & Donnelly Obtains Judgment for Insurer in c. 93A Action
- Defense Verdict Obtained in Connecticut Slip and Fall Action
- Defense Verdict: Toxic Mold Exposure

Recognitions

- Scott was included in the Massachusetts Super Lawyers list in 2013-2016 and 2023-2026
- Scott was included in the The Best Lawyers in America list for Insurance Law (2025-2027)

Notable

- Scott has represented clients in notable appellate court wins:
  Lawrence H. Lessard & another vs. R.C. Havens & Sons, Inc., & others, 104 Mass. 572 (2024)

  Surabian Realty Co. Inc. vs. NGM Insurance Company, 462 Mass. 715 (2012)

  John T. Callahan & Sons, Inc. v. Worcester Insurance Company, 453 Mass. 447 (2009)

  Scott obtained the Dismissal of a TCPA Class Action which was affirmed by the First Circuit Court. The dismissal prevented an award of $12 million dollars in statutory damages.