

Michael B. Keating

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Michael Keating is past Chairman of the firm's Litigation Department and has been the firm's leading trial lawyer for over thirty years. Michael has been consistently listed in The Best Lawyers in America, Chambers USA, and Massachusetts SuperLawyers and was recognized by The National Law Journal, all reflecting his reputation as one of the leading trial attorneys in Massachusetts. In 2011, he was named "Lawyer of the Year" by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly.

Michael practices extensively in both the federal and state courts. He has represented major corporate clients in matters as diverse as alleged marketing fraud, toxic torts, trademark and trade secret litigation, and a private RICO action. He also has substantial experience in the commercial arbitration and mediation of disputes both as counsel and as an arbitrator/mediator.

Michael is an Instructor of Civil Trial Practice at Northeastern Law School and serves as Chairman of the Massachusetts Court Management Advisory Board by appointment of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, to advise the Supreme Judicial Court and the trial courts on court administration. He is a past President of the Boston Bar Association. In 2011, the Massachusetts Bar Association gave Michael its Gold Medal Award for distinguished public service.

In October 2011, Michael was appointed by the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court to serve as Chair of a search committee to select the first Court Administrator for the Massachusetts court system.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Appointed on two occasions by the Supreme Judicial Court as Special Counsel to the Commission on Judicial Conduct and represented the Commission in disciplinary proceedings through presentation to the Supreme Judicial Court

Represents the former President of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in overturning his discharge for cause

Represents a mutual insurer in the defense of four national class actions alleging life insurance marketing fraud

Represented Federal Express in trademark litigation and The San Francisco Chronicle in a private RICO action

Represented W.R. Grace & Company in a six-month trial of a toxic tort groundwater case brought by residents of the City of Woburn

Persuaded, on behalf of several life insurers, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to invalidate the Insurance Commissioner's regulations on gender-based premiums

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor of Civil Trial Practice at Northeastern Law School, 1995 to present

Instructor at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy of Harvard Law School

Visiting Professor at Williams College, teaching course entitled "Law and Public Policy"

Visiting Lecturer at Harvard Business School and the Yale School of Management, co-author of business school case involving intellectual property litigation

Frequent Lecturer, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education

HONORS & INVOLVEMENT

Honors

Ranked by CHAMBERS USA: AMERICA'S LEADING LAWYERS FOR BUSINESS as one of Massachusetts' leading general commercial litigators (2003 to 2015)

2013 President's Award, Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

2013 Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall Award, American Constitution Society for Law and Policy

Named by the NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL as one of the ten outstanding litigators in Massachusetts (1999)

Appointed Special Counsel by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to the Commission on Judicial Conduct

Selected by the Center for Public Resources to serve on its permanent mediation panel; Member of Executive Committee

Served as Special Master for the U.S. District Court

Listed in BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA and MASSACHUSETTS SUPER LAWYERS

Involvement

The Boston Foundation, Chairman of The Board of Directors

Chair, Court Management Advisory Board, appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court to advise on all matters of court administration

Law clerk to Associate Justice Francis J. Quirico of the Massachusetts Superior Court and to Judge W. Arthur Garrity, Jr. of the United States District Court for Massachusetts

American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow, Committee on the Teaching of Trial and Appellate Advocacy, Former Chairman

U.S. District Court's Panel of Criminal Defense Counsel, Member

Boston Bar Association, President, 2001 - 2002

Williams College, Trustee, 1996 - present

Brooks School, Trustee Emeritus

Foley Hoag Foundation, Trustee

The Boston Children's Museum, Trustee

Crime and Justice Foundation, Past President

Massachusetts Council on Crime and Corrections, Past President

Administration of Justice Section, Boston Bar Association, Co-Chair, 1997

Task Force on Sentencing Policy, Boston Bar Association, Chairperson, 1991

Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, Trustee

Lieutenant (Judge Advocate General's Corps) U.S. Naval Reserve (ret.)

PUBLICATIONS

"The Impact of Changes in Superior Court Practice on Attorney Training,"
MASSACHUSETTS LAW REVIEW, Volume 92, No. 3 (December 2009)

Michael B. Keating with Katherine J. Fick, chapter on Civility, BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION IN FEDERAL COURTS (2005)