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Practice Areas

- [Litigation Law](#)
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A trial attorney in state and federal courts and agencies throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Dan Deutsch has extensive experience resolving disputes in complex business and commercial, environmental, employment termination, insurance coverage, and family matters. With past involvement in his own family's paint business, he is especially sensitive to the needs of closely-held enterprises. When not advocating for his clients, Dan often can be found in the great outdoors, capturing landscapes by camera.

Work with Clients

For more than 35 years, Mr. Deutsch has prepared complex civil and white-collar criminal cases and tried them before judges and juries in the state and federal courts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire and numerous administrative tribunals. He also has argued extensively before the Massachusetts Appeals Court, Supreme Judicial Court, and the First Circuit Court of Appeals in a wide array of cases, including matters of first impression.

In 2007, Mr. Deutsch tried in the federal court in Boston, with several other attorneys, a wrongful imprisonment case arising from the 1968 capital murder conviction of four innocent men (*Limone et al. v. United States*). That trial resulted in an award of \$100 million for the plaintiffs and their families, which was upheld on appeal. It is the largest such award in United States history.

As a counselor, Mr. Deutsch regularly advises individuals and businesses on insurance coverage matters. Informed by his litigation experience, he also negotiates and drafts corporate and transactional documents, employment contracts, and severance agreements. Because he has operational experience in a family-run manufacturing business, he is especially attuned to the concerns of small businesses, for whom he acts as general counsel.

Professional Activities

Mr. Deutsch is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and New Hampshire; United States District Courts for the Districts of Massachusetts and New Hampshire; United States Courts of Appeal for the First and Tenth Circuits. Mr. Deutsch served as a Vice-Chair of the Appellate Advocacy Committee, Torts Trials and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association. He served the Massachusetts Bar Association as a member of its September 11 Committee and has presented to students in the public schools. Mr. Deutsch received the Boston Bar Association President's Award in 2014 for his assistance to a business victimized by the Boston Marathon bombing.

Personal and Community Activities

Mr. Deutsch has served on Vision 2020, a strategic planning committee for the Town of Lexington, and the Executive Committee of the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. He is a member and former President of the Executive Committee of Boston University School of Law Alumni Association. Dan is an accomplished landscape and architectural photographer and enjoys bicycling and cross-country skiing.

Publications/Presentations

Mr. Deutsch lectures on environmental law to visiting Chinese pre-law students at Boston University School of Law each summer. He also has lectured and authored articles on business planning, litigation prevention, and employment practices for trade groups, including several chapters of the Painting and Decorating Contractors Association, the nation's oldest trade association. His professional publications include:

- Co-author: "Recent Developments in Appellate Advocacy," 45 TORT TRIAL & INS. PRAC. L.J. 179 (Winter 2010).
- Co-author: "Recent Developments in Appellate Advocacy," 46 TORT TRIAL & INS. PRAC. L.J. 195 (Winter 2011).

Cases that Mr. Deutsch has litigated have resulted in decisions published by state and federal appellate courts:

- Cardoso v. Liu; Soares v. Liu, App. Div. No. 10-ADMS-10036, 10038 (May 4, 2011)
- Limone v. United States of America, Court of Appeals, Case No. 08-1327 (2010)
- [Limone v. United States of America, U.S. District Court for District of Massachusetts, Civil Action No. 02-cv-10890NG \(2007\)](#)
- Grassia v. Magee, 10 Land Court Rptr. 179 (2002)
- California Plant Protection, Inc. v. Durand, 39 Mass. App. Ct. 627 (1996)

Education

Mr. Deutsch served as a law clerk with the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, practiced law in southern New Hampshire, and for 29 years practiced with the Deutsch Williams law firm in Boston, where he also served as co-Managing Principal. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Government, with distinction, from Cornell University and his Juris Doctorate from Boston University School of Law.

Awards

- Super Lawyer 2021-2025 – Civil Litigation
- *Boston Magazine* “Top Lawyer” 2025 – Commercial Litigation