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Practice Areas

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Business Litigation
Environmental and Energy
Health Care
Personal Injury
Real Estate and Finance

James Q. Shirley

Shareholder

Practice Focus

Jim has tried cases in state and federal court in New Hampshire, as well as in neighboring jurisdictions, for over 30 years. Over time, he has increasingly focused on matters involving commercial disputes, professional negligence, product liability, toxic torts, real estate and insurance coverage.

Sample Matters

- Defended isocyanate exposure claim for two and a half weeks in the Federal District Court in Maine. Defendant's verdict upheld at the First Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Prosecuted two-week quiet title action involving high value boundary line and easement issues. Verdict for the plaintiff upheld in the New Hampshire Supreme Court.
- Prosecuted six-day injunction proceeding to enforce non-competition and non-solicitation covenants on behalf of employee leasing company. Decision in favor of employer and award of attorney fees affirmed by New Hampshire Supreme Court.
- On behalf of an association of thirty-five Lake Sunapee shorefront property owners, obtained a waiver of Department of Environmental Services "no bathing ban" at the department appeals level. Decision upheld upon rehearing.
- On behalf of restaurant owner, invalidated municipal no smoking ban at the New Hampshire Supreme Court.

Memberships and Admissions

Jim is a member of the New Hampshire, California and American Bar Associations; the Dartmouth Lawyers Association; the American Board of Trial Advocates; and the International Society of Barristers. He is admitted to practice in New Hampshire and California.

Honors

Jim is a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has been named a *Best Lawyer in America* from 2005-2011 in the Business Litigation Section and was named Best Lawyers' 2010 Manchester Bet-the-Company Litigator of the Year. Jim has been recognized as one of "America's Leading Business Lawyers" by *Chambers USA* and has been selected as a *New England Super Lawyer*.

Education



B.A., Dartmouth College

M.A., San Francisco State University

J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law