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## SERVICES

Employment Litigation

Insurance Law and  
Coverage

Personal Injury

## BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

United States Court of  
Appeals, First Circuit

United States District Court  
for the District of  
Massachusetts

## EDUCATION

College of the Holy Cross,  
B.A.

Suffolk University Law  
School, J.D., *magna cum  
laude*

## Overview

Jeff Dolan is a Shareholder in the Braintree office of Boyle | Shaughnessy Law. Jeff's practice concentrates in insurance coverage, bad-faith litigation, personal injury defense, and appellate work. Jeff has tried several cases in Massachusetts trial courts. Jeff has also successfully handled multiple appellate matters as lead counsel before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts and the Appeals Court of Massachusetts. Jeff also has extensive experience in defending claims pursuant to M.G.L. c. 93A and 176D.

Jeff graduated *magna cum laude* from Suffolk University Law School in 2010. At Suffolk Law, Jeff was the Production Editor of the Suffolk University Law Review. During his time in law school, Jeff was published three times in the Suffolk University Law Review and received multiple commendations for legal writing. Jeff also worked as a research assistant for two former justices of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Jeff graduated from The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts in 2005, where he received his B.A. in Political Science.

## Experience

- Successfully obtained summary judgment on behalf of vacation rental company on claims of negligent misrepresentation and breach of G.L. c. 93A, based on application of Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act and inapplicability of Massachusetts statute pertaining to Short-Term Rentals, G.L. c. 175, Section 4F
- Defense verdict as lead counsel in lengthy trial involving claims that insurer-client violated G.L. c. 93A/176D in claims handling and settlement negotiation.
- Lead counsel in multi-million dollar insurance coverage dispute through trial court and before First

Circuit Court of Appeals and Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. Obtained summary judgment in federal trial court, which was subsequently affirmed as issue of first impression under Massachusetts law. See 491 Mass. 200 (2023).

- Summary judgment allowed in defense of G.L. c. 93A/176D claim against insurer due to lack of adequate expert testimony proffered by plaintiff. See 2023 WL 8125994 (Mass. Super. 2023).
- Obtained summary judgment on multi-million dollar G.L. c. 93A, s. 11 claim on grounds that complained-of conduct did not occur primarily and substantially within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as required by statute.
- Prevailed in trial regarding insurance coverage dispute related to whether party qualified as insured member of household. See 2022 WL 3723939 (Mass. Super. 2022).
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of liability insurer with regard to G.L. c. 93A/176D claim on grounds that liability was not “reasonably clear” as a matter of law under applicable statutes due to disputed evidence in underlying tort litigation. See 2021 WL 5972862 (Mass. Super. 2021).
- Superior Court allowed summary judgment in insurance coverage dispute on grounds that complaint did not allege damages because of “bodily injury” or “property damage” caused by an “occurrence” and resulting from the ownership, maintenance or use of a covered “auto” as required by insurance policy. See 2021 WL 5238476 (Mass. Super. 2021).
- Successfully defended G.L. c. 93A/176D claim in Superior Court and Massachusetts Appeals Court on grounds that complaint failed to state a claim upon which relief could be granted as a matter of law based on interpretation of Massachusetts contribution statute. See 2020 WL 7585699 (Mass. App. Ct. 2020).
- Granted summary judgment with regard to G.L. c. 93A/176D claim in first-party property coverage dispute and successfully argued for affirmance of dismissal before Massachusetts Appellate Division. See 2020 WL 5821084 (Mass. App. Div. 2020).
- Superior Court allowed summary judgment in first-party property damage claim after successfully precluding plaintiff from introducing expert testimony and proving plaintiff’s non-compliance with terms and conditions of insurance policy.
- Declaratory judgment granted establishing duty to defend under Owners and Contractors Policy in underlying case involving accidental death on premises of clients.
- Obtained declaratory judgment establishing duty to defend developer with regard to claim for construction defects in condominium project.
- Court allowed summary judgment in favor of retail store in personal injury case after successfully precluding plaintiff from introducing expert testimony to support claim of dangerous and defective condition on store’s premises.

## **Awards & Honors**

- Boston Magazine Top Lawyers 2021



