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Curriculum Vitae

THOMAS F. McGUANE has been designated a Certified Civil Trial Attorney by the New Jersey Supreme Court Board on Trial Attorney Certification. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, from Dartmouth College (1971) (Phi Beta Kappa), a Juris Doctor degree from Duke University School of Law (1975), and a Diplome de Langue et Civilisation Francaises from the University of Lyon (1968).

Mr. McGuane's litigation practice includes civil, insurance defense, personal injury, products liability, and legal malpractice. He practices primarily in the state and federal courts of New Jersey. The state court practice includes the active supervision of a volume of insurance defense matters, including discovery, motions and trial. Federal Court matters include defense of civil rights claims, ERISA claims, tort and commercial matters. Current clients in those matters include ConAgra, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and the Hewlett Packard Company. He has served as local counsel for some of those clients in cases involving specialized areas of law.

Recent cases include the successful defense, by way of summary judgment, of a police officer charged with use of excessive force in a shooting of an individual; dismissal of claims of racial discrimination against a superior officer by a patrolman; prosecution of an action in the Central District of California on behalf of a Central American newspaper publisher to recover damages to a printing

press shipped from Los Angeles; claims arising out of theft of computer hardware and violation of reseller agreements; defense of alleged theft of trade secrets; and service as local counsel in a number of alleged patent infringement matters. Prior practice in Massachusetts focused on defense of product liability personal injury claims brought against a manufacturer of printing presses and table saws, and burn injury claims against manufacturers and distributors of clothing (*results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances*).

Mr. McGuane practiced law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for six years before joining this firm in 1982. He has been admitted to practice in Massachusetts and New Jersey, to the U.S. District Courts for the Districts of Massachusetts and New Jersey, and to the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the Federal Circuit. Mr. McGuane is a member of the New Jersey State and American Bar Associations, a Master of the William J. Brennan, Jr., Inn of Court, and is fluent in French.

Awards

 Listed in Super Lawyers® (2006, 2008-2019), a Thomson Reuters business, in the areas of Personal Injury- General:Defense, Insurance Coverage, and General Litigation. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found <u>HERE</u> (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).

Industries

Corporate
Government (Federal, State & Local)

<u>Insurance</u>

Practices

Appellate Practice
Insurance Coverage
Personal Injury Defense
Product Liability
Professional Liability

Education

Dartmouth College (B.A. magna cum laude 1971) Duke University School of Law (J.D. 1975)

Admissions

State of New Jersey

U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit