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Curriculum Vitae

PAUL E. DWYER is a member of the Firm's Commercial Litigation Practice Group, and his practice focuses upon healthcare, professional malpractice, commercial, and products liability litigation. For more than two decades, Attorney Dwyer has represented a Fortune 4 pharmacy chain in a variety of roles, including as national counsel and local counsel, defending professional malpractice, products liability, general liability, and consumer protection cases. He has represented both corporate and individual healthcare professionals before state regulatory bodies.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Dwyer has tried numerous products liability catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death cases on behalf of corporate defendants. Mr. Dwyer has tried medical malpractice, general negligence, contract, and environmental damage lawsuits. He regularly represents railroad corporations in cases brought under the Federal Employers Liability Act and cases for personal injury under state law. He has represented defendants in class actions brought pursuant to ERISA, the Fair Debt Collection Act, and state law contract claims. Mr. Dwyer has represented insurers in insurance coverage disputes in federal and state courts and before the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

Attorney Dwyer regularly litigates cases and counsels clients on patient confidentiality issues, including claims asserted pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

and associated state law confidentiality and privacy statutes. He routinely counsels clients on healthcare privilege issues, including those recognized under state law and the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act, and represents clients before trial and appellate courts to preserve those protections. Mr. Dwyer has advised healthcare clients in establishing Patient Safety Organizations and creating internal Patient Safety Evaluation Systems in accordance with the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act. He has frequently lectured to both regional and national audiences on those topics.

Mr. Dwyer is also New England regional counsel for several corporate clients in asbestos litigation. He has served as Regional Coordinating Counsel for a Fortune 200 company involved in products liability litigation throughout the United States.

Mr. Dwyer is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Rhode Island Bar Association. He is admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the State of Rhode Island, the State of New York, and the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Dwyer received his Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, from Providence College. He received his Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the Boston University School of Law.

Awards

- Best Lawyers® (2026 - 2027), a Woodward/White, Inc. business and partners with U.S. News & World Report, in the areas of Commercial Litigation and Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rated (2014-2027) - Martindale-Hubbell's highest peer rating standard. This is given to attorneys who are ranked at the highest level of professional excellence for their legal expertise, communication skills, and ethical standards by their peers. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Listed in Super Lawyers® (2018-2026), a Thomson Reuters business, in the areas of Professional Liability, Products Liability, and Health Care. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE. (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court)

Cases

Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances

REPORTED DECISIONS

- Tibbs v. Bunnell, 448 S.W.3d 796 (Ky. 2014) (representation of amicus curiae)
- Department of Financial and Professional Regulation v. Walgreen Company, 2012 Ill.App.2d 110452, 970 N.E.2d 552 (Ill.App.Ct.2012) (representation of amicus curiae)
- Wolf v. National Railroad Passenger Corporation, 697 A.2d 1082 (R.I. 1997) (applying the trespasser doctrine to railroad rights of way)
- Gorman v. Abbott Laboratories, 599 A.2d 1364 (R.I. 1991) (represented appellee in a case of first impression rejecting the market share theory of liability)

Industries

Corporate
Health Care Institutions
Insurance
Pharmaceutical, Medical Devices & Life Sciences
Retail

Practices

Class Actions
Health Care
Litigation
Pharmaceutical, Medical Devices & Life Sciences
Product Liability

Education

Boston University School of Law (J.D., cum laude 1988)
Providence College (B.A. magna cum laude 1985)

Admissions

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State of Rhode Island
State of New York
State of Connecticut

Memberships

Massachusetts Bar Association