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Overview

Curriculum Vitae

PAUL E. DWYER is a litigator whose 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.

Awards

- Martindale-Hubbell has awarded Mr. Dwyer with its AV Peer Review Rating, its highest level of professional excellence and a Preeminent Lawyer.
- Listed in Super Lawyers® (2018-2022), a Thomson Reuters business, in the areas of Professional Liability: Defense, Personal Injury - Products: Defense, and Health Care. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found [HERE](#)

Cases

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

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Practices

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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

Rhode Island Bar Association