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Overview

Jonathan Handler represents corporate clients in complex commercial litigation with an emphasis on large-scale contract and product liability disputes. He has represented clients in state and federal courts in Massachusetts and elsewhere in matters involving toxic torts, wireless telecommunications, construction, accounting, litigation, insurance broker malpractice, unfair and deceptive trade practices, and mergers and acquisitions. He also assists corporate clients in a variety of industries, including specialty chemicals and aerospace, in evaluating the risks and benefits of particular actions and counsels them on ways to mitigate risk and avoid litigation.

Jonathan has been published on a variety of legal subjects, including "earn out" disputes, Chapter 93A, the work product doctrine and recent developments in product liability law. He is a former member of the firm's Executive Board and previously served as office managing partner of the firm's Boston office.

Practices & Industries

Class Action Litigation

Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes Litigation

Mass Tort Litigation

Product Liability & Torts Litigation

Experience

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Secured summary judgment for insurance brokers - later confirmed on appeal - against a financial services firm seeking an eight-figure recovery on a "failure to procure" claim.

Achieved a highly favorable settlement for the seller of a mature technology business in an "earnout" dispute.

Defeated a Bankruptcy Trustee's "failure to procure" claim against an insurance broker through a successful motion for summary judgment in an adversary proceeding.

Prevailed on summary judgment for an alternative fuels system manufacturer in a breach of contract dispute over earnout payments.

Successfully represented non-profit Educational Broadband Service providers in obtaining preliminary injunction and partial summary judgment against a wireless telecommunications company.

Defended construction products/specialty chemicals company in cost recovery and wrongful death lawsuits arising from ceiling collapse in I-90

Connector Tunnel on Boston's Big Dig project; all claims were settled on highly favorable terms.

Successfully defended a "Big Four" accounting firm against claims of professional malpractice before a three-member panel, which issued a favorable decision on plaintiffs' claims against our client after a five-day arbitration, and a Superior Court judge, who entered summary judgment in our client's favor on a related third-party claim for contribution.

Represented a commercial building owner in a complex tort action seeking to recover for the failure of pre-stressed concrete pilings that led to the collapse and condemnation of a waterfront office building, where we obtained a favorable settlement for our client after extensive discovery and mediation.

Obtained summary judgment on behalf of an aerospace subsidiary of a Fortune 100 company on a tortious interference claim.

Education and Credentials

Education

University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1992

Harvard College, A.B., *magna cum laude*, 1988

Admissions

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

State of Maine

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

U.S. District Court, District of Colorado

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

U.S. District Court, District of Maine

Affiliations

New England Legal Foundation, Board of Directors, 2022-2025; State Advisory Council, Massachusetts, 2006-2022

Federal Bar Association, Massachusetts Chapter, President, 2018-2019, Board of Directors, 2009-2021

Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers, Hearing Committee, 2006-2011, 2014-2019, 2023-Present

Boston Bar Association, Federal Practice & Procedure Committee, Litigation Section, Co-Chair, 2009-2010

American Bar Foundation, Fellow, 2016-Present

Recognition and Community

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Recognitions

Chosen for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.), Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2024-2027

Selected to the list of Massachusetts *Super Lawyers*®, Business Litigation, 2004, 2006, 2010-2021, 2023-2024

Community Involvement

Thrive Scholars, Boston Board of Directors, 2026-Present; Mentor, 2018-2022

Alray Scholars Program, Mentor, 2017-2021; 2024-Present

Big Brothers Big Sisters/2.0 Program, Mentor, 2017-2018

Greater Boston Legal Services, Board of Directors, 2001-2010

Boston University School of Law, Program on Legal Writing, Instructor, 1998-1999

Insights

The Role of the Independent Accountant in Post-Acquisition Disputes
M&A Lawyer, December 1, 2025

Day Pitney Continues Support of GLAD
October 30, 2020

Wills for Veterans
November 8, 2018

Day Pitney Pro Bono Client International Spy Museum Holds Grand Opening at L'Enfant Plaza in DC
May 12, 2019

Geographic Information Systems For Environmental Litigation
September 18, 2018

Citizenship of LLCs and Subject Matter Jurisdiction in the Federal Courts: A Serious Concern Begging for Resolution
October 10, 2016

Update on Recent Developments in Earn-out Law
November 23, 2015

Citizenship of LLCs and Subject Matter Jurisdiction in the Federal Courts: A Trap for the Unwary
October 28, 2015

Jonathan Handler and Jillian Hirsch Discuss Trends in Earn-Out Clauses in M&A Lawyer
August 14, 2014

Jonathan Handler Discusses Work Product and Attorney-Client Privilege in Mass. Lawyers Weekly
December 27, 2012

News

Jonathan Handler Elected to New England Legal Foundation Board of Directors
July 11, 2022

Day Pitney Partner Jonathan Handler Elected as President of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Federal Bar Association
November 8, 2018

87 Day Pitney Lawyers Named to 2016 Super Lawyers List
November 10, 2016

91 Day Pitney Lawyers Named to 2015 Super Lawyers List
October 30, 2015

Eighty-Four Day Pitney Attorneys Recognized by Super Lawyers for 2014
November 3, 2014

Eighty-eight Day Pitney Attorneys Recognized by *Super Lawyers* for 2013
October 22, 2013

Ninety-eight Day Pitney Attorneys Recognized by *Super Lawyers*
October 22, 2012

In The Media

Work product privilege doesn't protect AI docs created by girlfriend
July 17, 2026

Judge declines to apply ‘subject-matter waiver' in business spat
August 25, 2025

Expert's ‘Pilot' Surveys Discoverable in Trademark Case
Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, June 4, 2025

Despite Challenges It Presents, Influx of Federal Judges Seen As Positive
Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, December 15, 2023

Auditor's report discoverable: Not covered by work product, attorney-client privilege
Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, December 27, 2012

A Growing Number of States Recognize Medical Monitoring Claims
BNA Inc., Product Safety & Liability Reporter, April 26, 2010

The SJC on data privacy and 93A's injury requirement
Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, May 23, 2013

Split Mass. Top Court Says Strict Time Bar Can Apply To 93A
Law360, August 29, 2018

Federal Bar Association: The Twenty-Six Words That Created The Internet
May 19, 2021

'We All Lost A Year': Boston Attys Return To Changed Hub
Law360, February 22, 2021

Info From Journalists Isn't 'Work Product'
Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, January 3, 2020

New Mass. Top Court Favors Tough Queries, Long Arguments
Law360, March 20, 2019

Massachusetts Trends And Cases To Watch In 2019
Law360, January 1, 2019

Split Mass. Top Court Says Strict Time Bar Can Apply To 93A | Summer 2018
Law360, August 29, 2018

Injunction Secures Internet Access for Nonprofits
Fairfield County Business Journal, December 3, 2015

Sprint Barred From Shutting Off Low-Income Users' Internet
Law360, November 9, 2015

Judge Issues Injunction Against Sprint Over Network Shutdown
Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, November 6, 2015

The Application of 'Plausibility' to Affirmative Defenses: Has the Wave Crested?
U.S. Law Week, October 28, 2015

Chair, "Contract Disputes & Litigation," MCLE, February 11, 2013
February 11, 2013

Jonathan Handler and Emily Zandy Discuss Recent SJC Decision on Consumer Privacy Statute
Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, May 23, 2013

Co-author, "A Growing Number of States Recognize Medical Monitoring Claims," *BNA Inc., Product Safety & Liability Reporter*, April 26, 2010
Product Safety & Liability Reporter, April 26, 2010