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William J. Egan has over thirty years of commercial litigation and business law experience. He handles trials at the state and federal level, along with arbitrations and mediations, involving both domestic and international matters.

Bill counsels clients on issues concerning commercial business matters including technology related contracts, distributorship disputes, as well as real estate and commercial leasing-related matters. Bill is an arbitrator who serves on the American Arbitration Association's panel of arbitrators, and he also represents clients in arbitration matters. Additionally, Bill is a lecturer on the topics of commercial litigation, commercial lease law, and commercial contract law.

Commercial, Business, + Technology Litigation

Bill has advised clients in a wide range of business disputes, including lawsuits and negotiations involving technology vendors, health care and medical organizations, banks, retailers and e-retailers, an international electrification and process automation company, an international cruise line, as well as other domestic, foreign, and international companies in their general commercial contract and business litigation. His experience includes trials in Massachusetts and Connecticut, where he is admitted in both the state and federal courts. Bill has prevailed in multiple commercial arbitration matters for clients as well as served as an individual and panel arbitrator for commercial arbitrations.

In addition to years of trial and arbitration experience, Bill has also successfully resolved, mediated and settled matters to when clients seek to avoid the significant time and expense of litigation, including quick resolution of numerous ADA website accessibility claims.

Recent examples of commercial litigation success include the defense of a client in a claim against successor liability claims arising from an asset purchase agreement. *Weinshel v. Southcoast Physicians Group, Inc.*, Docket No. 1973-CV-00378, Superior Court, Bristol County, Mass. (2021); *aff'd. Weinshel v. Southcoast Physicians Group, Inc.*, Docket No. 22-P-685, Mass. App. Ct. (Rule 23 Order) (2023).

Franchise + Distributorship Litigation

Bill represents companies in franchise and distributorship disputes, including lawsuits, contract negotiations and dispute resolutions. The United States District Court of Massachusetts's decision in *C.N. Wood Company, Inc. v. Labrie Environmental Group*, Case No. 1:12-cv-11778 (D. Mass. 2013) is an example of a decisive ruling for our client. The ruling confirmed that as a manufacturer, our client was not liable to the plaintiff, who asserted claims under Massachusetts franchise law. Mr. Egan has also served as a panel arbitrator for a multi-million dollar claim regarding ownership and claims involving multiple franchises of a national franchise operation.

Real Estate Litigation

Bill represents clients with regard to commercial real estate disputes including leasing disputes for commercial, retail and

industrial property. He has handled lease litigation and dispute resolution for national and international retailers, commercial landlords, medical organizations and banking institutions. His representation in lease litigation matters includes successfully defending a large internet retailer against an overreaching landlord in an arbitration proceeding and prevailing in a JAMS arbitration enforcing a lease against a commercial tenant, and successfully obtaining a court order confirming the award over a multi-pronged motion to vacate the arbitration award. *Southcoast Physicians Group, Inc. v. Rapoport*, 1873 CV 00991, Superior Court, Mass. (2021).

Pro Bono + Community Involvement

Bill regularly represents veterans who are threatened with eviction and facing the possibility of homelessness. He received our firm's 2011 Pro Bono Award for his efforts.

Services

- Litigation
- Business Litigation + Dispute Resolution
- Distributorship + Franchise Law
- Employment Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- International
- Real Estate Litigation
- Title Insurance Litigation
- Website Compliance Law

Industries

- Construction
- Real Estate Developers + Owners

Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law (Juris Doctor)
- Harvard University (Bachelors)
 - B.A., History

Admissions

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- State of Connecticut
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- Mohegan Tribe Of Indians Gaming Disputes Bar

Recognitions

Connecticut Veterans Legal Center, 2012 Volunteer Hero

Robinson+Cole Pro Bono Service Award Recipient, 2011, for service in representing veterans facing homelessness

Leadership + Memberships

American Arbitration Association

Commercial Arbitration Panel

Connecticut Bar Association

Business Torts Section

Commercial Law and Bankruptcy Section

American Bar Association

Section of Litigation

Boston Bar Association

Harvard Alumni Association

President of Regional Alumni Organization (2009 - Current)