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Michael Keating is Chairman of the firm's Litigation Department and has been the firm's leading trial lawyer for over thirty years. Michael has been consistently listed in The Best Lawyers in America, Chambers USA, and Massachusetts SuperLawyers and was recognized by The National Law Journal, all reflecting his reputation as one of the leading trial attorneys in Massachusetts. Mr. Keating practices extensively in both the federal and state courts. He has represented major corporate clients in matters as diverse as alleged marketing fraud, toxic torts, trademark and trade secret litigation, and a private RICO action. He also has substantial experience in the commercial arbitration and mediation of disputes both as counsel and as an arbitrator/mediator.

Michael is an Instructor of Civil Trial Practice at Northeastern Law School and serves as Chairman of the Massachusetts Court Management Advisory Board by appointment of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, to advise the Supreme Judicial Court and the trial courts on court administration.

INDUSTRIES

Construction & Development

SERVICES

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Business Crimes & Government Investigations
Insurance Recovery
Litigation
Product Liability & Complex Tort
Property Valuation Litigation
Intellectual Property
Intellectual Property Litigation
Business Disputes and Commercial Litigation

HONORS/AWARDS

Ranked annually by CHAMBERS USA: AMERICA'S LEADING LAWYERS FOR BUSINESS as one of Massachusetts' leading general commercial litigators (2003 to present)

Named by the NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL as one of the ten outstanding litigators in Massachusetts (1999)

Appointed Special Counsel by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to the Commission on Judicial Conduct

Selected by the Center for Public Resources to serve on its permanent mediation panel; Member of Executive Committee

Served as Special Master for the U.S. District Court

Listed in BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA and MASSACHUSETTS SUPER LAWYERS

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- Y Massachusetts
- Y U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- Y U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- Y U.S. Court of Military Appeals

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

The following is a brief summary of Michael's experience and accomplishments:

- Y Persuaded, on behalf of several life insurers, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to invalidate the Insurance Commissioner's regulations on gender-based premiums
- Y Represents the former President of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in overturning his discharge for cause
- Y Represents a mutual insurer in the defense of four national class actions alleging life insurance marketing fraud
- Y Represented Federal Express in trademark litigation and The San Francisco Chronicle in a private RICO action
- Y Appointed on two occasions by the Supreme Judicial Court as Special Counsel to the Commission on Judicial Conduct and represented the Commission in disciplinary proceedings through presentation to the Supreme Judicial Court
- Y Represented W.R. Grace & Company in a six-month trial of a toxic tort groundwater case brought by residents of the City of Woburn

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Y Chair of The Board of Directors, The Boston Foundation
- Y Chair, Court Management Advisory Board, appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court to advise on all matters of court administration
- Y Law clerk to Associate Justice Francis J. Quirico of the Massachusetts Superior Court and to Judge W. Arthur Garrity, Jr. of the United States District Court for Massachusetts
- Y American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow, Committee on the Teaching of Trial and Appellate Advocacy, Former Chairman
- Y U.S. District Court's Panel of Criminal Defense Counsel, Member
- Y Boston Bar Association, President, 2001 - 2002

Adjunct Professor of Civil Trial Practice at Northeastern Law School, 1995 to present

Instructor at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy of Harvard Law School

Visiting Professor at Williams College, teaching course entitled "Law and Public Policy"

Visiting Lecturer at Harvard Business School and the Yale School of Management, co-author of business school case involving intellectual property litigation

Frequent Lecturer, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education

EDUCATION

Williams College, B.A., cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Harvard Law School, LL.B.

Ÿ Williams College, Trustee, 1996 - present

Ÿ Brooks School, Trustee Emeritus

Ÿ Foley Hoag Foundation, Trustee

Ÿ The Boston Foundation, Trustee

Ÿ The Boston Children's Museum, Trustee

Ÿ Crime and Justice Foundation, Past President

Ÿ Massachusetts Council on Crime and Corrections, Past President

Ÿ Administration of Justice Section, Boston Bar Association, Co-Chair, 1997

Ÿ Task Force on Sentencing Policy, Boston Bar Association, Chairperson, 1991

Ÿ Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, Trustee

Ÿ Lieutenant (Judge Advocate General's Corps) U.S. Naval Reserve (ret.)

PUBLICATIONS

Ÿ "The Impact of Changes in Superior Court Practice on Attorney Training," MASSACHUSETTS LAW REVIEW, Volume 92, No. 3 (December 2009)

Ÿ Michael B. Keating with Katherine J. Fick, chapter on Civility, BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATION IN FEDERAL COURTS (2005)