

## Eric B. Hermanson

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### OVERVIEW

Eric represents primary and excess insurance carriers in high-exposure litigation on contested coverage matters. Over a 30-year career he has litigated more than two hundred cases, and successfully advised on hundreds more, in almost every U.S. state and the District of Columbia.

Eric graduated from Columbia Law School, where he served on the Board of Editors of the *Columbia Law Review*; and clerked for Judge Conrad K. Cyr on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Eric is currently Vice-Chair, ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS), Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee; Past Chair, TIPS Self- Insurers and Risk Management Committee; Past Chair, Boston Bar Association (BBA) Insurance Law Subcommittee. In 2019 he was elected a Fellow of the American College of Coverage Counsel.

In addition to his coverage work, Eric has an active litigation practice, representing sophisticated institutional clients in appellate, commercial, product liability, life science and qui tam disputes.

### RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

Eric has been recognized as a Massachusetts "Super Lawyer" since 2004, and as a New England "Super Lawyer" since 2009. He has been named among *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Insurance Law since 2023.

### REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Coverage Team Successfully Defends Insurer In Medical Product Class Action  
3.31.17

### PRACTICES

Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith

Commercial Litigation

Appellate

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

U.S. Supreme Court

### EDUCATION

Columbia Law School, JD, 1991

University of Washington, BA, *magna cum laude*, 1986

### MEMBERSHIPS

American College of Coverage Counsel

American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section

Boston Bar Association

False Claims Act/Wrongful Termination Case Successfully Concluded  
8.18.15

Lead litigation counsel for primary and excess insurers in complex multi-party lawsuits involving tort, environmental, construction defect, asbestos, professional and general liability claims

Lead appellate counsel for insurers and amici in state and federal appellate proceedings.

Co-counsel for major international reinsurer in federal trial and appellate proceedings arising from allocation of long-tail liabilities

Co-counsel to major multinational excess carrier on CGL coverage exposures arising from the COVID-19 pandemic

Lead litigation counsel for Massachusetts engineering firm in professional liability proceedings alleging deficient product design

National coordinating counsel for European medical device manufacturer in U.S. mass tort proceedings alleging injury from implantation of surgical mesh

Co-counsel to multinational defense contractor in qui tam action alleging improper procurement and billing practices under U.S. Government contract

Lead litigation counsel to primary general liability carrier in high-profile mass tort litigation involving The Station nightclub fire

Co-counsel to developer of New England merchant power plant in breach of contract suit against European gas turbine manufacturer

Co-counsel for excess carrier; advised on coverage in MDL and related bankruptcy proceedings arising from contaminated steroids allegedly distributed by New England Compounding Company

Lead regional counsel to national medical publisher and database distributor in tort litigation alleging inadequate technical specifications, failure to warn of pharmaceutical product hazards

National litigation counsel for medical device manufacturer in federal MDL and related state tort proceedings involving product allergy and related injuries

Co-counsel for New Hampshire electronics manufacturer in complex commercial dispute regarding allegedly deficient performance of automated assembly system

Lead trial counsel for domestic property carrier in reference proceedings arising from New England franchise restaurant fire losses

## IN THE NEWS

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 40 White and Williams Lawyers  
8.21.25

Congratulations 2025 DE, MA, MD, NJ, NY, and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
6.16.25

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 49 White and Williams Attorneys  
8.15.24

Congratulations 2024 DE, MA, MD, NJ, NY, and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
6.6.24

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 45 White and Williams Lawyers  
*Firm News*, 8.18.23

Congratulations to all of our 2023 Attorneys Named as Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
5.25.23

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 40 White And Williams Lawyers  
*Firm News*, 8.18.22

Congratulations 2022 DE, MA, NJ, NY and PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars  
7.13.22

White and Williams Obtains Preliminary Injunction in Constitutional Challenge to Massachusetts Police Recertification Procedures  
6.30.22

## EVENTS

Eric Hermanson to Present on "Fraud & Collusion? The Latest in the Assignment Wars"  
ABA 34th Annual Insurance Coverage Litigation Conference (La Jolla, CA), 2.20.26

Coverage College 2025  
Convene CityView, Philadelphia PA, 10.23.25

Eric Hermanson Presents on Construction Coverage  
Intercontinental Chicago, 5.8.25

Coverage College 2021  
10.21.21

Horizontal vs. Vertical Exhaustion of Insurance: Priority of Coverage and Settlement for Below Policy Limits  
Strafford CLE Webinar, 6.8.21

Basic Commercial Coverage Issues  
New Lawyers Section, Boston Bar Association, 1.16.15

## PUBLICATIONS

Massachusetts Nuclear Verdict Leads To \$90M Bad Faith Award  
*Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Alert*, 2.2.26

First Circuit Finds No Coverage For Subcontracted Faulty Work  
*Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Practice Group Alert*, 11.13.24

First Circuit Limits Insurers' Right to Recoup Defense Costs or Settlement Payments  
*Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith*, 2.28.24

The Complex Insurance Coverage Reporter - November 2022 - Special Edition  
*The Complex Insurance Coverage Reporter*, 11.21.22

MA Business Court Reverses Itself on Reconsideration; Finds No Right to Defense Cost Contribution From Insureds  
*Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Alert*, 8.15.22

MA SJC Rules Attorney's Fees Awarded Under G. L. c. 93A Are Not Covered by Liability Policy  
*Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Alert*, 7.11.22

Massachusetts Federal Court Rejects *Adria Towers*, Finds Construction Defects Not an "Occurrence"  
*Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Alert*, 6.1.22

Massachusetts Business Court Addresses Defense Cost Allocation and Non-Cumulation Provisions in Long-Tail Context  
*Insurance Coverage and Bad Faith Alert*, 2.24.22

Connecticut Appellate Court Breaks New Ground on Policy Exhaustion  
*The Complex Insurance Coverage Reporter*, 3.30.21

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Dismisses Medical Device Suit  
*Product Liability Alert*, 2.1.21