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# Brian M. Gibbons

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## Overview

Brian Gibbons represents businesses and insurers in insurance coverage, product liability, toxic tort, and professional liability claims.

Brian's experience includes defending attorneys, architects, engineers, accountants, and other professionals in professional liability matters. He assists clients in resolving claims at a variety of stages, including pre-suit negotiations, dispositive motions, and mediation. Brian has litigated general liability claims for complex construction disputes, as well as catastrophic personal injury, wrongful death, and high-value property damage cases. Brian has specific experience defending professionals and businesses in plumbing, HVAC, and petroleum-related industries.

## Experience

- Defended businesses in high-exposure and catastrophic claims involving serious injuries, wrongful death, property damage, and environmental contamination.
- Negotiated multiparty settlements in complex construction and condominium-related litigation and arbitrations.
- Counseled insurance companies and insureds on large claims and coverage disputes.
- Handled extensive asbestos litigation in multiple jurisdictions.
- Defended automobile manufacturers in product liability claims.
- Represented architects, engineers, construction managers, and contractors in complex construction defect matters and construction-related insurance coverage issues.
- Defended high-end retailer from discrimination claim, resulting in finding by Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) of no probable cause.
- Defended construction equipment dealership from claims related to alleged wrongful repossession of excavator, resulting in a voluntary withdrawal of all claims and a payment to the dealership for counterclaim damages.
- Won defense verdict at trial in favor of auto servicer in case in which plaintiff alleged that improperly installed tires caused vehicle's transmission to fail.
- Prevailed on a motion to dismiss negligence claim against a homeowner on the basis that the homeowner had no duty to control the actions of another resident who allegedly injured a police officer on the premises.
- Won summary judgment in favor of a regional water authority on negligence claims brought against it by a hotel arising out of a water outage.

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- Prevailed on a motion to dismiss claim brought against a foreign bank on the basis that Massachusetts had no personal jurisdiction over the bank, its officers, and other foreign co-defendants.
- Won summary judgment in favor of a dissolved corporation on asbestos-related claims on the ground that the dissolution was proper and the corporation was no longer capable of being sued.

# Credentials

## Practices

- Litigation
  - Products Liability/Toxic Tort/Mass Torts
- Construction
- Insurance Coverage & Defense

## Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law, (J.D., 2014)
- Elon University, (B.S., 2009)

## Admissions

- Massachusetts
- Rhode Island
- Connecticut
- Maine
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, District of Maine
- U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

## Honors

- Selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2026 & 2027 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America®* in the field of Insurance Law.

## Seminars/Publications

- Co-author, "What is Loss and When Does it Occur?" *Fidelity Law Journal*, vol. 85, 2020.

## Professional Affiliations

- Member, Defense Research Institute (DRI).
- Member, Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association.

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