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PRACTICE SUMMARY

John focuses his practice on defending doctors, hospitals and other health care providers in malpractice lawsuits. John also provides a wide range of other services to hospitals and health care providers; including representation before the Department of Health, representation of health care providers in depositions and as fact witnesses in civil and criminal cases, and consultation regarding HIPAA, Rhode Island Confidentiality of Health Care Communications Act and related topics.

John also has extensive experience in civil litigation; including insurance defense, actions for declaratory judgments, and appeals to the Rhode Island Supreme Court and the U.S. First Circuit Court of Appeals. He also provides clients with assistance preparing wills, trusts, estate planning and probate litigation.

In addition, a part of John's practice focuses on commercial and residential landlord-tenant matters, including evictions, drafting leases and negotiating resolutions to disputes arising out of commercial tenancies. John also assists the firm's banking clients when borrowers have defaulted on their obligations and litigation is necessary.

PRACTICES

Civil Litigation
Professional Malpractice Defense/Insurance Defense
Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning
Real Estate, Residential and Commercial Evictions
Criminal Defense

EDUCATION

Suffolk University Law School, J.D., *cum laude* (2006)
College of the Holy Cross, B.A. (1999)

BAR ADMISSIONS

Rhode Island, 2006
Massachusetts, 2006
Federal District Courts for RI and MA
First Circuit Court of Appeals

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Rhode Island Bar Association
The Rhode Island Foundation's non-profit Emerging Leaders Program
Moderator, Buttonwoods Fire District, Warwick, R.I.
Volunteer, Little Sisters of the Poor, Pawtucket, R.I.

Prior to joining the firm, John served as an Assistant Public Defender. At RCF&P, John continues to provide the firm's clients with immediate access to an experienced criminal defense lawyer should the need arise.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Obtained summary judgment based upon statute of limitations for an anesthesiologist who has alleged to have failed to timely diagnose cancer.
- Successfully briefed and argued appeal to the R.I. Supreme Court which upheld a lower court decision to admit a Connecticut resident who was a patient at Westerly Hospital for emergency state certification and care for mental health issues.
- Prepared and administered complex wills and special needs trusts for clients.
- Most of the criminal cases that John has handled for the firm's clients have resulted in either outright dismissals or filings, which is a very favorable outcome for the client. Most recently John secured a very favorable plea bargain for a client involved in a fatal hit and run accident and a separate dismissal of a DUI charge and accompanying Refusal to Submit to a Chemical Test charge.
- Successfully litigated many eviction matters in favor of landlords up to and including obtaining and levying of execution of judgment.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS OR PUBLICATIONS

Presenter regarding practice before the R.I. Department of Health for Lifespan Litigation "Boot Camp", February 2020;

- *Continuing Legal Education Seminar: Commercial and Residential Eviction Update, April 2012;*
- *Guest Lecture: Rhode Island Criminal Procedure, Roger Williams University School of Law, November 2009.*