



Michael J. Smith

Of Counsel

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Mike Smith has more than 25 years of experience handling complex civil litigation, primarily representing insurance carriers and their insureds. Having served as first chair on more than 30 trials, he has extensive experience litigating and resolving matters involving automobile liability, premises liability, wrongful death, and construction.

Before joining Wilson Elser, Mike had his own firm, where he represented insureds in a range of civil matters through their insurers. He also frequently provided guidance to insurers on extra-contractual liability, claims handling, and bad faith matters.

Mike takes pride in providing quick, cost-effective resolutions for his clients through mediations, arbitrations, trial, or by picking up the phone and negotiating with opposing counsel.

Complex Tort & General Casualty

Mike has handled matters ranging from routine motor vehicle accidents to high-exposure claims involving gas explosions and fires resulting in serious injury and death. He has represented a national trucking carrier and handled emergency responses to accidents, oil spills and other releases, and property damage claims. He regularly manages multi-defendant construction accident litigation and frequently advises insurers and adjusters on matters approaching trial, including evaluation of liability and damages.

Education

- Suffolk University Law School (J.D., 1999)
- Hobart College (B.A. History, 1992)
 - Member, Varsity Hockey and Golf Teams

Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Construction
- Transportation

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

Representative Matters

Obtained summary judgement for a funeral home in a case involving a casket falling into a grave during a burial service in front of the deceased's family.

At trial, obtained a defense verdict involving slip and fall on snow and ice at condominium, where plaintiff sustained multiple fractures and permanent injuries.