



Michael P. Garrity

Of Counsel

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Michael Garrity concentrates his practice in insurance defense, commercial litigation, and complex tort and general casualty, with an emphasis on general liability. He represents insurance companies and their insureds in a wide array of civil litigation matters.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Mike spent 10 years as staff counsel for one of the largest insurance companies in the United States where he handled a sizeable caseload of motor vehicle and premises liability cases. He represented insured clients in numerous jury trials in Massachusetts district and superior courts, as well as in federal court and at mediations and arbitrations. Mike's multiple licenses have also allowed him to gain experience defending clients in the federal and state courts of Rhode Island and Maine. His experience as staff counsel strengthens his understanding of the insurance business, from procedures to policy language, and contributes to his effectiveness as a litigator.

Mike takes pride in his ability to bring matters to successful resolutions that align with client objectives. He is a zealous advocate and never loses sight of his clients' interests.

Education

- Suffolk University Law School (J.D., 2013)
- Boston College (B.A., 2010)
 - cum laude

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts
- Rhode Island
- Maine

Services

- Insurance & Reinsurance Defense
- Construction
- Complex Tort & General Casualty

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, District of Maine
- U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island

Representative Matters

Successfully defended an individual insured in Plymouth Superior Court in a catastrophic injury case where the plaintiff claimed in excess of \$500,000 in medical expenses. Convinced the jury that his client held no liability with regard to the subject incident and the jury agreed, returning a defense verdict in client's favor.

Client Wins

Bjorlin and Garrity Obtain Summary Judgment Defeating Wrongful Death Claim

Roy Bjorlin (Of Counsel-Boston) and Michael Garrity (Associate-Boston) prevailed on a motion for summary judgment in Suffolk Superior Court, Boston, Massachusetts, for Wilson Elser's client, a residential property management company. The case involves a wrongful death action brought by the estate of the decedent, who was a tenant at a property owned and managed by the firm's client. The tenant died in the hospital ten days after suffering smoke inhalation and burn injuries following a stove fire in his apartment. The estate alleged that the client failed to provide adequate smoke detection, alarms and fire suppression equipment. Roy and Mike filed a motion for summary judgment, which the court granted based on insufficient evidence of negligence on the client's part and the inability of the plaintiff's estate to meet its burden of proof at trial.