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Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, LLP

Boston, MA

Retired *Partner, Securities Litigation*

- Defended public and private companies and their directors and management against breach of fiduciary duty claims and securities fraud allegations, including those arising out of mergers and acquisitions and public offerings.
- Represented public companies in the defense of Securities and Exchange Commission investigations and class actions.
- Supervised numerous pro bono cases involving veterans seeking benefits from the US Department of Veterans Affairs and individuals seeking housing and Social Security Administration assistance.
- Joined WilmerHale in 1982; served as member of the firm's Senior Associates evaluation and advancement committee.

Representative Former Clients

Raytheon, Canaccord Genuity, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Gulf Oil, Cumberland Farms, Vonage, Discovery Communications, Chicago Bridge & Iron, Babcock Power, Aspect Medical Systems, Sonus Networks, Peritus Software Services, Akamai Technologies, BioSphere Medical, Inc., Copley Pharmaceuticals, Fallbrook Technologies, Storage Technology, Avid and Michaels Stores.

Honors

Included among the [*Best Lawyers in America*](#) in the 2014-2018 editions for commercial litigation and securities litigation; recommended in the 2017 edition of [*The Legal 500 United States*](#) for securities litigation: defense; recognized as a Massachusetts leader in the Litigation: Securities field in the 2006-2015 editions of [*Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*](#); and recognized as a "New England *Super Lawyer*" (formerly "Massachusetts *Super Lawyer*") in securities litigation in *Boston Magazine's* annual listing.

Professional Activities

Senior Lecturer, Harvard Business School, "Law, Management and Entrepreneurship." Previously, guest lecturer in both first and second year courses, including Legal Aspects of Entrepreneurship, the Founders' Journey, and the Entrepreneurial Manager.

Former Visiting Teacher at MIT's Sloan School of Management, co-taught several sessions in both the Fall and Spring semester in second year MBA course entitled "Essential Law for Business."

Served as Panelist on Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education programs entitled "Securities Litigation Demystified," "The Private Securities Reform Act of 1995" and "Fundamentals of Civil Litigation Preparation." Primary author of the chapter entitled "Federal Securities Litigation in the First Circuit" in *MCLE Massachusetts Business Lawyer*.

Member, Marine Biological Laboratory Council, Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

Former Director, New England Legal Foundation, Boston non-profit public interest firm addressing policy concerns related to free enterprise.

Former member of the Finance Committee for the Town of Weston; previously served as a Regional Chair of the Harvard College Parents Fund.

Harvard Law School

Cambridge, MA

J.D., 1982 Third year paper: "*Onshore Impacts of Offshore Oil: Extensions and Limitations of State and Local Regulation*"

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

S. B., Management Science, 1978