



NEUTRAL PROFILE
Michael J. Merriam, Esq.

EMPLOYMENT:

Litigation and Coverage Counsel

Plymouth Rock Assurance Corporation, Boston, MA

May 2004 – Present

Lead counsel in over twenty-five jury trials which were tried to a verdict. Represent insurer and its insureds in the defense of cases in Superior and District courts throughout the Commonwealth as well as the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Lead counsel in six successful appeals in the Massachusetts Appeals Court and the Appellate Division of the District Court.

Associate

Jagger Smith P.C./Lash & Associates, P.C., Boston, MA

April 2002 – May 2004

Prosecuted and defended cases in the areas of general liability, premises liability, and employment liability. Advised corporations on employment and general litigation matters including contract disputes, severance agreements, and wage and hour law issues.

Associate

Burns & Farrey, Boston, MA/Worcester, MA

October 1996 – April 2002

Conducted bench and jury trials in courts throughout the Commonwealth. Defended cases in the areas of general liability, products liability, municipal liability, auto claims, premises liability, liquor liability, and construction litigation. Handled initial discovery, depositions, motions, settlement negotiations, and pre-trial conferences. Represented insurers at arbitration hearings.

PRO BONO EXPERIENCE:

President, Greater Lynn Bar Association

Executive Board, Essex County Bar Association

Court Certified Mediator/Conciliator and Mediation Trainer

Volunteer mediator in courts throughout Essex County

EDUCATION:

Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA, Juris Doctor, Cum Laude

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Stonehill College, North Easton, MA, Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude

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