

NEUTRAL PROFILE

Scott J. Burke, Esq.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:

Scott J. Burke is a seasoned trial attorney and mediator with nearly three decades of litigation experience. A Partner in the Boston office of Cetrulo LLP, Scott focuses his practice on construction, employment, personal injury, insurance, and complex commercial litigation. He has successfully tried more than thirty jury trials to verdict and has participated in hundreds of mediations, arbitrations, and dispositive proceedings.

Scott's extensive courtroom experience informs his mediation practice, where he is known for his practical, candid, and facilitative approach. Drawing on decades of trial work in high-exposure and emotionally charged matters, he assists parties in achieving durable resolutions.

MEDIATION / ARBITRATION PRACTICE:

Scott serves as a mediator and arbitrator in:

- Personal injury and catastrophic injury matters
- Construction disputes (owners, contractors, and design professionals)
- Employment and wage & hour matters
- Commercial and business litigation
- Insurance coverage, risk transfer, and bad faith disputes

Completed a 30-hour interactive mediation training program through MetroWest Mediation Services and has participated in hundreds of mediations throughout his career as both an advocate and a neutral.

TRIAL & LITIGATION EXPERIENCE:

- Successfully tried more than 30 jury trials to verdict in Massachusetts state courts
- Conducted numerous bench trials, arbitrations, and administrative hearings
- Regularly handles expert depositions and complex dispositive motions
- Admitted in Massachusetts state and federal courts; admitted pro hac vice in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island

REPRESENTATIVE RESULTS:

- Seven-figure recovery in high-stakes personal injury action against a national retailer
- Defense verdict following a three-week Middlesex Superior Court trial involving negligent security and traumatic brain injury claims
- Defense verdict in Suffolk Superior Court where the plaintiff alleged permanent spinal injury
- Defense verdict in a Suffolk Superior Court matter involving alleged permanent brain injury after the plaintiff declined policy limits

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Cetrulo LLP – Boston, MA, Partner

January 2023 – Present

- Prosecutes significant personal injury actions on behalf of plaintiffs involving complex damages and liability issues
- Defends catastrophic injury, wrongful death, construction defect, general liability, and commercial matters
- Counsels employers and employees on wage and hour compliance, restrictive covenants, hiring and termination practices, and employment agreements
- Represents corporations, insurers, employers, contractors, design professionals, and individuals in complex litigation
- Defends a large class action on behalf of a waste management company
- Advises clients on risk management, litigation avoidance, risk transfer, and strategic dispute resolution

Works collaboratively with transactional attorneys on labor, employment, and risk allocation issues

MAPFRE USA – Westborough, MA

Supervising Attorney / Manager

March 2011 – January 2023

- Member of a four-person leadership team overseeing staff counsel operations across three states (18 attorneys and more than 30 staff members)
- Created and supervised a subrogation practice focused on construction, product liability, fire loss and catastrophic accidents
- Tried numerous jury matters throughout Massachusetts
- Defended insurers and insureds in all aspects of complex litigation, including large-loss exposure, construction disputes, motor vehicle accidents, underinsured motorist claims, and arbitrations
- Advised claims professionals on coverage, bad faith, venue, excess exposure, and complex litigation strategy

- Conducted legal education seminars on risk transfer, Chapter 93A, social host liability, litigation strategy, and excess judgments

O'Connor & Associates, LLC – Boston, MA

Senior Attorney

2007 – 2011

- Successfully tried several commercial, construction and personal injury matters
- Represented contractors, insurers, and commercial entities in construction and commercial litigation
- Handled employment litigation before MCAD and state/federal courts
- Pursued and defended indemnity and insurance risk transfer claims
- Served as Massachusetts counsel to national restaurant chain

Healy & Healy, P.C. – Wellesley Hills, MA

Litigation Associate

1999 – 2007

- Served as lead trial counsel in more than ten trials
- Defended employment, commercial, personal injury, construction, and general liability matters
- Obtained a defense verdict in a three-week trial concerning negligent security action with a traumatic brain injury claim
- Defended parents in a defamation suit regarding the molestation of a minor
- Successfully defended establishments in liquor liability actions

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts (1998)
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (1999)

EDUCATION:

Boston College – B.A., Political Science (1993)

Western New England College School of Law – J.D. (1998)

Recipient, John J. O'Connor Memorial Scholarship

HONORS & AFFILIATIONS

- Massachusetts Super Lawyers Rising Star (2007, 2008, 2011)
- Member, Boston Inn of Court
- Massachusetts Bar Association
- Middlesex County Bar Association
- Board Member, Holliston Housing Development Corporation
- Completed Harvard Business School Online – Management Essentials