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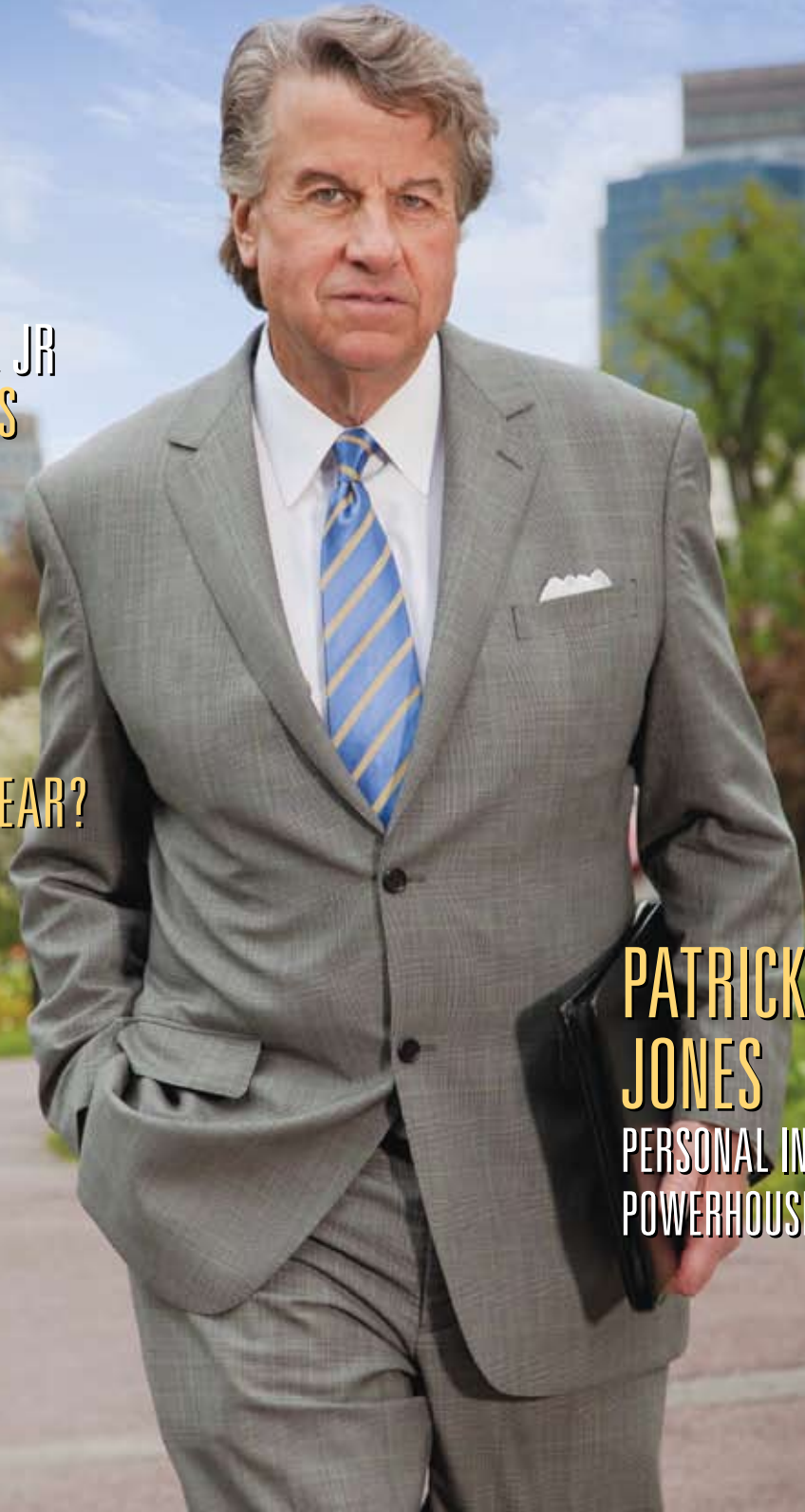
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Since its inception in 1978, Thornton & Naumes has established itself as a leading injury law firm in Massachusetts and as the largest plaintiff law firm in New England. The firm, which specializes in complex business and banking litigation and personal injury law, has recovered billions of dollars on its clients' behalf. With 21 nationwide attorneys, Thornton & Naumes has represented thousands of clients in a wide variety of plaintiff-side work.

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The firm currently represents whistleblowers in public cases brought against large custodial banks. These cases relate to foreign exchange transactions executed by the banks for public pension systems, and reflect the firm's innovative approach to litigation. They are also an example of Thornton & Naumes' work for its clients on cases of nationwide significance.

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### A NATIONWIDE REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN PLAINTIFF PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATION

Experience in complex litigation over the last three decades has led to the firm's involvement in cases of local and national importance and recognition as one of the exceptional Massachusetts personal injury law firms. Some noteworthy clients include The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which Thornton & Naumes represented in its lawsuit against the tobacco industry in a case that settled for \$8 billion in 1998, and the State of Rhode Island in its fight against the lead paint industry.

The firm also represents children and children's families with severe birth defects as a result of exposure to toxic chemicals at the workplace and at home. Attorneys at the firm further provide compassionate representation for victims of catastrophic injuries, including severe physical and brain injuries, bringing claims for personal injury, products liability, workers compensation, and under FELA.

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## METHODOLOGY

This list is excerpted from the 2011 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®, the preeminent referral guide to the legal profession in the United States. Published for more than a quarter of a century, Best Lawyers® lists attorneys in 79 specialties, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia, who have been chosen through an exhaustive survey in which thousands of the nation's top lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers. The 2011 edition of Best Lawyers, which was published in November 2010, is based on more than 2.8 million evaluations of lawyers by other lawyers.

The method used to compile Best Lawyers remains unchanged since the first edition was compiled more than 26 years ago. Lawyers are chosen for inclusion based solely on a vote of their peers. Listings cannot be bought, and no purchase is required to be included. In this regard, Best Lawyers remains the gold standard of reliability and integrity in lawyer ratings.

The nomination pool for the 2011 edition consisted of all lawyers whose names appeared in the previous edition of Best Lawyers, lawyers who were nominated since the previous survey, and new nominees solicited from listed attorneys. In general, lawyers were asked to vote only on nominees in their own specialty in their own jurisdiction. Lawyers in closely related specialties were asked to vote across specialties, as were lawyers in smaller jurisdictions. Where specialties are national or international in nature, lawyers were asked to vote nationally as well as locally. Voting lawyers were also given an opportunity to offer more detailed comments on nominees.

Voting lawyers were provided this general guideline for determining if a nominee should be listed: "If you had a close friend or relative who needed a real estate lawyer (for example), and you could not handle the case yourself, to whom would you refer them?" All votes and comments were solicited with a guarantee of confidentiality – a critical factor in the viability and validity of Best Lawyers surveys. To ensure the rigor of the selection process, lawyers were urged to use only their highest standards when voting, and to evaluate each nominee based only on his or her individual merits. The additional comments were used to make more accurate comparisons between voting patterns and weight votes accordingly. Best Lawyers uses various methodological tools to identify and correct for anomalies in both the nomination and voting process.

Ultimately, of course, a lawyer's inclusion is based on the subjective judgments of his or her fellow attorneys. While it is true that the lists may at times disproportionately reward visibility or popularity, the breadth of the survey, the candor of the respondents, and the sophistication of the polling methodology largely correct for any biases. For all these reasons, Best Lawyers lists continue to represent the most reliable, accurate and useful guide to the legal profession in the United States.

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Communications Law 6	Immigration Law 15	Real Estate Law 20
Construction Law 6	Information Technology Law 16	Securities / Capital Markets Law 20
Corporate Governance and Compliance Law 6	Insurance Law 16	Securitization and Structured Finance Law 20
Corporate Law 6	Intellectual Property Law 16	Sports Law 20
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Prince Lobel Tye is the go-to firm for value-minded companies in New England because its midsize structure allows it to offer responsive and personalized service.

"Our attorneys truly partner with clients to understand their business," says Managing Partner Craig Tateronis. "Some attorneys will only look at liability and risk, and protect their clients from that. We strive to also look for opportunities and ways we can help our clients grow their businesses while still limiting their risks."

Founded in 1988, the firm is primarily focused in the New England area, but has clients throughout the country. Its wide scope of practices includes construction, corporate, employment, insurance, estate planning, real estate, media, telecommunications and domestic relations. In 2010, the firm established a renewable energy practice, which has since experienced rapid growth. This practice area offers turnkey project management expertise for renewable energy projects that will quickly impact the client's bottom line.

Attorneys at the firm offer clients efficient solutions to their legal issues, while making a concerted effort to build and maintain their trust. Clients benefit from easy access to the firm's most experienced partners, who routinely get involved in the day-to-day development of cases and transactions. The firm's loyal and well-established clients come from a diverse array of industries such as health care, closely held businesses, construction, education, media and real estate.

Prince Lobel attorneys give back to the local community through a number of charitable organizations and have consistently been recognized for their high standard of legal excellence. Six of the firm's lawyers were selected for inclusion in this year's edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and the firm has been ranked as a Tier 1 Boston law firm in the area of Media & First Amendment Law by *U.S. News & World Report*.



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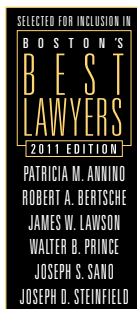
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# ANDREW C MEYER JR

*Boston's Medical Malpractice Lawyer of the Year Discusses What Shaped His Career*

**T**he goal has always been to give a voice to those who did not have a voice. I have always seen it as an obligation of those of us who went to law school with the idea of improving society to leave the path a bit better than the way we found it.”

So says Andrew C Meyer Jr, founding partner of the prominent medical malpractice and personal injury boutique law firm, Lubin & Meyer. At the time of the firm's founding in the mid-1970s, Meyer's mission was embodied by his dedication to consumer issues in the products liability arena, where Meyer fought for those individuals who had been injured by faulty or defective products.

Meyer quickly began to see the fruits of his labors, as verdicts and settlements arrived for his clients. However, an unexpected thing happened: the more issues that Meyer exposed and addressed through prosecution, the more the shape and practices of the industry changed for the better. Corporations were not just seeing verdicts and settlements as a slap on the wrist; they were putting into place greater safety precautions in the way products were manufactured, tested, and sold. Flammable fabrics all but disappeared from the market, along with other unsafe products.

At the same time, an equally deserving and dangerous concern was coming to light in the health care industry. Hospitals lacked proper regulations, safeguards and medical professionals were essentially held unaccountable for their actions. Meyer found that his passion for representing the proverbial little guy against corporate titans easily transposed itself onto the medical system, and a new pursuit was born. “As we began to hear from various clients about what had happened to them in hospitals, it became clear to us that there needed to be exposure and further attention given to quality of care and patient safety, and we began to address those issues on behalf of our clients,” he says.

Up until this point, very few attorneys had been willing to take on so-called “medical consumers,” those who had been injured or killed as a result of malpractice on the part of a physician or hospital. Doctors had a sort of de facto immunity from claims since they typically had colleagues who would testify on their behalf, and it was very difficult to find medical professionals who were willing to testify against them. Staying true to the original creed, Meyer sought out some of the top members of the profession in order to impose upon them the idea that if they wanted to cre-



From Left: Andrew C Meyer Jr\*, William J Thompson\*, Adam R Satin, Robert M Higgins\*, Krysia J Syska

ate a better standard of care, then they would have to be the ones to speak up. “We were capable of convincing doctors and medical professionals to come on board—to be on the right side of this issue—to all work towards creating better medicine and better environments in which people can be treated,” says Meyer.

As Lubin & Meyer gladly took on this mantle, they changed the evaluation of practices and protocols to create safer environments in hospitals, and developed a reputation for being the patients' advocate in exposing the lack of quality care in many institutions. Aside from the satisfaction of helping their clients, they developed a deep appreciation for the reach of their work across all sections of society. “Poor medicine is not limited simply to one socioeconomic level. We represent doctors, nurses, and corporate leaders, as well as blue collar workers. What we do affects all of us as medical consumers.”

Now, after 37 years of practice, Meyer has been able to assemble a “dream team” of the bar's best and brightest attorneys who share his passion for patient advocacy. Partners Robert M. Higgins\*, Krysia J. Syska, William J. Thompson\* and Adam R. Satin are instrumental in the firm remaining at the forefront of achievement for record-setting results, having collectively received almost 600 verdicts or settlements in excess of \$1 million, including some as high as \$40 million. “My vision from the beginning was really to accomplish a practice that not only does well, but does good. We have, I think, effectively accomplished that, not only by achieving compensation and justice for our clients, but also by improving the practice of medicine.”

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# MICHAEL E. MONE

*Esdaile, Barrett, Jacobs & Mone*

Por-ing over hundreds of pages of complex medical records, detailed transcripts, and never-ending depositions isn't just work for attorney Michael E. Mone, but a means of changing law and protecting consumers.

A young man visited one of Boston's teaching hospitals to get his wisdom teeth removed and complained of chest pain. An X-ray was ordered and the man continued with his surgery. His discharge papers noted that his X-ray was normal.

Four years after the dental procedure, a tumor was discovered in the man's chest and he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. His father, a physician at the hospital, suggested that the man's doctors check his X-rays that were taken four years earlier at the time of his surgery.

Not only was the tumor visible in the X-ray, but it was discovered that the radiologist at the time had reported the X-ray as being suspicious. No one followed up.

The man's case resulted in a change in the X-ray procedures at the hospital to ensure more communication among physicians about such findings.

"This was something that literally saved lives," Mone says.

In a legal career spanning over 40 years, Mone has practiced extensively at all levels of the state and federal trial and appellate court systems. A pioneer in the field of complex tort litigation, Mone's practice focuses on medical malpractice, professional liability, products liability, insurance law, and aviation claims.

In another case, a health care writer for the *Boston Globe* received a quadruple overdose of a chemotherapy drug at a major Boston cancer center in the early 1990s.

Another patient suffered heart damage a few days prior due to the same combination of medications. Yet, several hospital employees missed the overdose administered to the writer. She died from the overdose.

"This case resulted in improvements in the way the pharmacy dispenses drugs and in the checks and balances system among physicians and nursing staff," says Mone, who believes that trial lawyers are only as good as their preparation.

"There are lots of cases that trial lawyers can win regardless of being a 'good' or 'bad' lawyer because the facts are so strong," Mone says. "There are other cases that depend on a lawyer's preparation and ability to try the case well and in the most effective way to represent his or her client."

In addition to securing multiple million-dollar results for his clients, Mone established the discovery rule in medical malpractice cases.

The discovery rule broadened the rights of plaintiffs to file lawsuits by changing the date that the statute of limitations starts to run. As a result of the discovery rule the statute of limitations is measured from the date that a person discovers or reasonably should discover that he was injured rather than from the date of the negligent act. Before the discovery rule changed the law, some people had been prevented from bringing suits even though it was impossible for them to know that they had been harmed as a result of negligence.

Mone is the only plaintiff's personal injury lawyer to serve as the president of the American College of Trial Lawyers. The nationally-recognized civil trial lawyer earned his JD from Boston College Law School in 1967. Middlebury College and Suffolk University awarded Mone honorary Doctor of Law degrees.

"I enjoy the immediacy of the results after trying cases," Mone says. "If you do a will for someone, do a corporate reorganization or represent someone in a tax matter, it may be years before you know the effects of your advice. When you're a trial lawyer, you are going to know very quickly the results of your work."

Mone served as the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Federal Judicial Branch appointments in 2009. When appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court to act as Special Counsel in a judicial conduct investigation, Mone represented lawyers and judges in the disciplinary process. Former Governor Dukakis appointed Mone to serve on the Judicial Nominating Committee in the late 1980s. He has also been asked to write and lecture on issues relating to insurance coverage and disputes, trial practice, and civil litigation and has testified as an expert witness on such topics.

Still, Mone is especially proud of his law firm, his colleagues, and the verdicts and settlements they have achieved for clients.

"Our firm is a great place to work and we all enjoy what we do," says Mone of his 13-lawyer firm. "I also get along very well with the lawyers on the other side of cases. There has never been a day that I didn't want to go to work."



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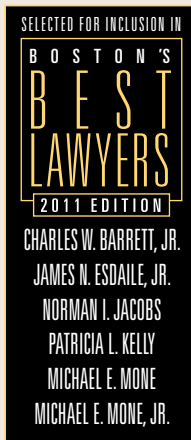
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Lawyers at Esdaile, Barrett, Jacobs & Mone are consistently recognized for their skilled and successful legal representation. Charles W. Barrett, Jr., James N. Esdaile, Jr., Norman I. Jacobs, Patricia L. Kelly, Michael E. Mone and Michael E. Mone, Jr. have been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers of America this year. Michael E. Mone, Jr. was awarded the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys Courageous Advocacy Award for



his pro bono representation of a Guantanamo Bay detainee. In a *Super Lawyers* poll of his peers, domestic relations veteran Norman I. Jacobs was voted as the #1 lawyer in the state among all areas of discipline and he was recognized as the #1 lawyer in the field of domestic relations by *Boston's Best Lawyers*®. Michael Mone is the 2011 *Best Lawyers* Lawyer of the Year for Personal Injury Litigation. The late J. Newton Esdaile, James N. Esdaile Jr., Norman I. Jacobs and Michael Mone have all been elected to membership in the American College of Trial Lawyers. Norman I. Jacobs has also been elected a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Founded in 1938 by two law school classmates, the now 13-lawyer firm has a strong history of leadership in the Massachusetts legal community. Partners have served as officers of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Boston Bar Association, the Middlesex Bar Association, the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys.

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The McLane Law Firm, historically a New Hampshire-based law firm, has quickly established a strong reputation among Boston area businesses and is attracting both new clients and new attorneys since opening its doors in 2008. Located just 15 miles north of the city, in the TradeCenter 128 Complex in Woburn, the office of 15 attorneys has gained attention from business leaders, in-house counsel and business owners.

**GROWTH WITH CLIENTS**  
Harmony Healthcare International, a Topsfield-based client, is a perfect example. Recently named one of *Inc. Magazine's* 5000 fastest-growing companies in the U.S., Harmony requires counsel that is responsive, looks closely at its needs, and has the depth and experience in various practice areas to protect its interests as it grows. Harmony's executives were immediately able to tap into McLane's resources to sustain their fast growth while protecting their interests.

"We have been successful in Massachusetts because we have stayed true to our fundamental principles of client service, while maintaining a billing structure that is attractive to companies trying to reduce their legal budgets," says Steve Burke, TradeCenter Managing Director.

"As a consulting firm, our value lies in our intellectual property and our people, period. As we grow, it is becoming abundantly clear that this kind of knowledge-based service business requires more complex legal protection and a team of attorneys at our disposal, when necessary," says Kristen Mastrangelo, President of Harmony Healthcare.

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McLane attorneys spend a significant amount of time understanding clients' businesses and objectives. Attorneys visit with clients to discuss their strategic business plans and will then continually check in with them throughout the legal process to maintain a consistent set of client objectives. The firm's ability to evaluate matters efficiently is reflected in its focus on containing costs. By streamlining its technology and reducing overhead, the firm has been able to offer clients skilled legal work at reasonable rates.

McLane continues to expand their presence through client relationships, but also in the legal community. Recent additions to the TradeCenter operation include Attorney George Cushing, recently named Best Trusts and Estates Lawyer in Boston for 2011, Utility Attorney Carol Holahan, former Director of the New Hampshire Office of Legislative Services and Stoneham-based Real Estate Attorney Eric Shediak. With these new additions, the firm has every intention to grow with its clients' needs and exceed their expectations.

McLane has 90 attorneys, in four locations with experience in virtually every area of the law that affects businesses. Although the rate structure is an enticing incentive, the strength and variety of attorneys in the firm's New Hampshire offices has proved to be an invaluable benefit for clients who have shifted their work to McLane.

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# PATRICK T. JONES

*and the Seven and a Half Year Long 'Station Fire' Case*

There is no way to comprehend how far and long the aftermath of a tragedy can extend. Just ask trial lawyer Patrick T. Jones, who recently concluded a 7.5 year case pertaining to the events of the now infamous fire at West Warwick nightclub, The Station, which resulted in the deaths of one hundred people and physical and psychological injuries to more than two hundred. Pyrotechnics set off during the opening by the headlining band's tour manager ignited flammable acoustic foam on the walls, beginning a fast-moving fire that quickly engulfed the club; patrons and staff of the overcrowded venue stampeded towards the entrance, and many were unable to locate or reach an exit in time to escape the fire and smoke.

Headlines spread as fast as the fire, and an investigation was immediately launched. Though the band and club owners were obviously closest to the ignition, their insurance and assets did not even approach the amount needed to compensate so many victims and families. The real challenge became the identification and imposition of liability on other individuals (and parent entities) that had sufficient control of the circumstances surrounding the fire.

Enter: Pat Jones.

Perhaps best known for his representation of Victoria Snelgrove's family following her accidental shooting and death by Boston police officers following a Red Sox game, Mr. Jones was the head of his firm's catastrophic personal injury and medical malpractice department, and had amassed some fire litigation expertise throughout Boston and the nearby region. He frequently travelled to Rhode Island for trials; however, in the early part of the decade, the state had imposed restrictions that kept out-of-state attorneys from trying cases within the state, and so Mr. Jones found himself taking the Rhode Island Bar Exam at the unlikely age of 52. In early February 2003, twenty days after he was sworn in, The Station went up in flames, and he found himself in a unique position to take on the cases and referrals that soon began to pour in, eventually representing more than eighty estates or injured survivors.

Mr. Jones took on the role of associate lead counsel, acting alongside co-lead counsels Mark Mandell, of Mandell, Schwartz & Boisclair; Max Wistow and

John P. Barylick of Wistow & Barylick; and attorneys from five other firms. Together, the consolidated cases asserted claims on behalf of 98 deceased Plaintiffs, 210 injured Plaintiffs, and multiple estate representatives, spouses and minor children. Thirty-four decedents were from Massachusetts, as were eighty-seven survivors. "This was a regional tragedy, not limited to just Rhode Island. It was a fire that affected the whole region of northern Connecticut, southern Massachusetts, and Rhode Island."

Mr. Jones and his colleagues identified more than twenty potentially culpable parties that had some hand in the events that played out. For many of the defendants, this created potential liability for their employers or parent companies.

"It was an effort to really create sufficient risk on the part of these defendants, who had limited culpability and limited control of the environment, to try to create a fund of money for these people who had suffered a great deal."

After the court had ruled on dispositive motions, and with others pending, most parties engaged in mediation conducted by legendary mediator Paul Finn of Massachusetts, who played a significant role in achieving and distributing settlements in excess of \$176 million. After so many years of proceedings, the first checks for victims and families went out in the mail in June of 2010.

Though Mr. Jones is quick to refuse praise and recognition for his work, he is happy to deflect it to the other attorneys and staff involved. "I don't think any trial lawyer is a one-man band. Any trial lawyer who has achieved any measure of success has done so because he or she has been supported by a great organization and infrastructure that allows them to stand up and be an advocate for other people," he says.



"THIS WAS A REGIONAL TRAGEDY, NOT LIMITED TO JUST RHODE ISLAND."

—PATRICK T. JONES

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## George L. Cushing

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TRUSTS AND ESTATES



Formerly of K&L Gates, Mr. Cushing now practices at McLane Law Firm's TradeCenter office in Woburn, MA. His forty-one year practice has focused on sophisticated estate planning and estate administration. Working extensively with individuals and families, including owners of closely-held businesses, his client service extends to advising clients on the disposition of their property, transfer of tax minimization and wealth preservation through the use of long term trusts, as well as advice on life time gifts, antenuptial agreements, planning for retirement, education of children descendants and charitable planning.

George also provides counsel in connection with tax disputes and probate litigation matters including will contests, interpretation of trusts and trust reformations.

George's recent transition to McLane Law firm is consistent with his client service priorities and allows him to offer the same excellent advice at reduced legal rates. "I am thrilled to be at McLane. The team here supports my client's best interests and is a good fit for their business strategies," explained Cushing.

George has been a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) since 1985 and was selected by the Boston Business and Estate Planning Council as its Estate Planner of the Year in 2001.

George earned his J.D. and his B.A from Harvard University, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and served in the United States Navy.

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## Bruce W. Felmly

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APPELLATE PRACTICE—MANCHESTER, NH



He has won millions in verdicts and settlements for clients, and his recognitions and awards fill pages. Still Bruce W. Felmly maintains that he's received much more from being an attorney than he's given.

With more than 35 years of experience as a trial lawyer, Felmly represents companies and individuals in a wide range of commercial litigation cases.

In one case, Felmly represented a university that was sued by a professor for alleged discrimination activities.

"Winning the case and proving that no discrimination occurred was rewarding because it ratified the high degree of professionalism that the administrators, deans, and staff invested in running a very good university," he says.

Another of his most rewarding cases involved a medical negligence case in which he represented a young woman.

"I enjoyed handling the trial and appeal process, but was especially pleased with the verdict and compensation that enabled my client to move forward in the face of many physical and emotional problems," he says.

Since earning his JD at Cornell Law School in 1972, Felmly has represented companies such as Microsoft, the National Grid, Eastman Kodak, and Bayer Corporation, to name a few. The New Hampshire Bar Association honored Felmly with the award for Distinguished Service to the Legal Profession and he has been selected for inclusion by *The Best Lawyers in America*®, *Chambers USA* and *Super Lawyers* for numerous years.

Plaques on the wall are nice to receive, but it's the attorneys that Felmly has mentored along the way that that are his greatest accomplishments.

"Some of the partners I now work with are attorneys that I helped develop," says Felmly, whose son and son-in-law are also trial lawyers.

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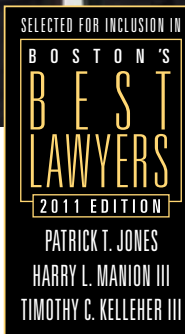
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