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Profession:

Attorney with practice focusing on insurance, professional liability and negligence cases.

Work History:

Partner, Thompson & Bowie, 1978-present; Attorney, Robinson, Hunt & Kriger, 1977-78; Law Clerk, Richardson, Hildreth, Tyler & Troubh, 1976.

Experience:

Primarily engaged in the litigation of the above law specialties. Legal experience in negligence cases since 1977. Currently 60% of Mr. Bowie's practice is in professional liability litigation focusing primarily on the representation of attorneys and accountants; 20% of his practice is in insurance and insurance-related litigation, including litigation of coverage disputes and arbitration of coverage-related issues; and 20% of the practice is in construction law, primarily representing architects/engineers/designers and some general sub and specialty contractors and suppliers, manufacturers involving public and private (commercial, highway/heavy industrial, institutional, residential) projects. Served as lead counsel in over 100 jury trials, numerous jury-waived matters, arbitration proceedings and administrative matters. Has argued over 60 cases before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court and the First Circuit Court of Appeals. Is lead counsel in over 100 reported decisions.

Teaching and Expert Witness Experience:

Has served as a panel and faculty member for a wide variety of insurance, construction and professional liability-related issues both nationally and within the State of Maine. Has taught loss prevention seminars for a number of professional specialties including attorneys, accountants, medical care providers and hospitals as well as for insurance carriers of these specialties. Has appeared as an expert witness on insurance professional liability issues before the Maine Superior Court.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience:

Has served as an Arbitrator and as a Mediator in a variety of cases, including insurance, construction, business and employment-related issues. Has served as an Arbitrator in over 70 cases, and has served as a Mediator in over 1000 cases. Has lectured with regard to alternative dispute resolution at various continuing legal education seminars sponsored by both private and public professional organizations, including the Maine State Bar Association and the American Arbitration Association.

Professional Designations:

Listed in Best Lawyers of America, Legal Malpractice (2006 - present); Listed in New England Super Lawyers, Legal Malpractice since 2007; Mediation, arbitration and early neutral evaluation panels maintained by CADRES for the Maine Superior Court (M.R.Civ.P. 16B ADR) (2000-present); AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

Bar Admissions:

Admitted to the Bar: Maine and U.S. District Court, District of Maine, 1977; 1st Circuit Court of Appeals, May 7, 1982; U.S. Supreme Court, 1987; U.S. Claims Court, 1989.

Professional Associations:

ABA; MSBA; Cumberland County Bar Association; MTLA; DRI; Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Maine State Bar Association (Vice-Chair 2004 – 2009); The Maine Task Force on Ethics (focusing on conforming Maine’s Code of Professional Responsibility to the Model Rules of Professional Conduct) (2005-2007); Professional Ethics Commission of the Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar, 2011-present).

Education:

Bowdoin College (A.B.-74 cum laude); University of Maine School of Law (JD-77 cum laude).