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### Practice Areas

Litigation  
Attorney Discipline  
Mediation and Arbitration  
Public Utility Law  
School & Education  
Higher Education  
Employment & Labor  
Health Care

Jerry Crouter is a member of the Trial Services Group. He has four primary practice areas: civil litigation, alternative dispute resolution, higher education, and public utility regulation. He has 30 years' experience as a civil trial attorney in both federal and state courts, including employment, commercial and construction litigation. He has extensive experience as a mediator and arbitrator in commercial, construction, employment, real estate, probate, family law, malpractice and complex personal injury cases. His practice concentration also includes representation of colleges and universities on a wide-range of higher education law issues, including student discipline, faculty and staff employment, and tenure cases. He regularly appears on behalf of public utilities and interested parties in water, electric, and gas proceedings before the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

Jerry concentrates his trial practice on commercial, employment and construction cases. He has tried jury and jury-waived cases, including employment discrimination, antitrust, commercial torts, construction disputes, contract disputes, and patent infringement.

Listed in Best Lawyers in America in the categories of Commercial Litigation, Construction Litigation, Labor and Employment Litigation, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation, Jerry has also been named by Best Lawyers as Maine's 2010 "Lawyer of the Year" in the category of Alternative Dispute Resolution, the first year the award was given. In addition, Jerry is listed in the Chambers USA Guide of America's Leading Lawyers for Business and Commercial Litigation, and Benchmark Litigation 2013 has recognized Jerry as a Maine Litigation Star. He has served as an adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Maine School of Law, where he taught Trial Practice.

### Representative Clients and Matters

- NB Power before Maine Public Utilities Commission on EMERA-Maine's petition for approval of transmission line
- The Maine Water Company on application for approval of conservation easement to Coastal Mountains Land Trust.
- Thayer Corporation v. M.S.A.D. No. 61

- Barr v. Dyke and Bangor Savings Bank
- Maine School Administrative Dist. No. 37 v. Pineo

## Education

- George Washington University, J.D., 1983
- Colby College, B.A., 1978

## Bar & Court Admissions

- Maine
- U.S. District Court, District of Maine
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

## Memberships

- New England Legal Foundation
- National Association of College and University Attorneys
- Maine Trial Lawyers Association
- Litigation Section of the Maine State Bar Association, Chair
- Maine State Bar Association

## Community/Public Service

- Maine Concussion Management Institute  
*Board Member*
- Maine's Campaign for Justice  
*Past Campaign Chair*
- Maine Equal Justice Project, a non-profit organization providing legal services to the indigent  
*Treasurer and Past President*
- University of Maine School of Law  
*Former Adjunct Professor*

## Awards

- Litigation - Construction Lawyer of the Year, Portland, ME (Awarded by Best Lawyers) (2016)
- Arbitration Lawyer of the Year, Portland, ME (Awarded by Best Lawyers) (2015)
- Litigation - Labor and Employment Lawyer of the Year, Portland, ME (Awarded by Best Lawyers) (2015)

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year, Portland, ME (Awarded by Best Lawyers) (2010)
- New England Super Lawyers, Alternative Dispute Resolution (2007-2015)
- Best Lawyers USA
  - Arbitration (2011-2016)
  - Litigation - Construction (2011-2016)
  - Litigation - Labor and Employment (2011-2016)
  - Mediation (2011-2016)
  - Bet-the-Company Litigation (2010-2016)
  - Commercial Litigation (2007-2016)
- Benchmark Litigation, Local Litigation Star (2013-2015)
- Chambers USA, Maine, Litigation: General Commercial
- Martindale Hubbell, AV Preeminent

## News

- **Seven Drummond Woodsum Attorneys Earn 2016 Lawyer of the Year Distinction from Best Lawyers USA**  
August 17, 2015
- **Thirty Attorneys from Drummond Woodsum are listed in The Best Lawyers in America 2016**  
August 17, 2015
- **Chambers USA 2015 Recognizes Sixteen Drummond Woodsum Attorneys as Notable Practitioners**  
May 19, 2015
- **Twenty-Two Drummond Woodsum Attorneys Selected For 2014 Super Lawyers List**  
October 15, 2014
- **Three Drummond Woodsum Attorneys Earn Best Lawyers' 2015 "Lawyer of the Year" Distinction**  
August 1, 2014
- **Chambers USA Recognizes Drummond Woodsum for the 10th Consecutive Year as a Top U.S. Firm**  
June 23, 2014
- **Drummond Woodsum Earns Maine Bar Pro Bono Award Fifth Year in a Row**  
January 15, 2014

- **Best Lawyers in America 2014 Highlights 29 Drummond Woodsum Attorneys**  
September 3, 2013
- **Benchmark Litigation highlights Drummond Woodsum as leading litigation firm**  
February 7, 2013

## Articles

- **Sexual Assault on College and University Campuses**  
May 7, 2014
- **The Maine Supreme Court Weighs In: Municipal Officials Lack Authority to Block Properly Initiated School District Referendum**  
Maine School Law Advisory, Spring 2010

## Upcoming Events

- **Family BBQ Gone Awry: Investigating, Litigating and Mediating an Interesting Product Liability Case**  
Maine State Bar Association Annual Meeting, Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks, South Portland, Maine, January 22, 2016

## Presentations

- **PUC Regulation Seminar: "Ethics - The Ex Parte Rule"**  
Presenter, HalfMoon Education, November 12, 2015
- **2015 Bench Bar Conference**  
Presenter, Maine State Bar Association, Clarion Hotel, Portland, Maine, October 20, 2015
- **The Ultimate Litigation Seminar: From Fundamentals to Advanced Skills**  
Maine State Bar Association Litigation Section, Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport, ME, September 3, 2015
- **The Use of Focus Groups for Trial Strategy and Settlement Value in Civil Litigation**  
Moderator, Maine State Bar Association, 2014 Summer Session, Samoset Resort, Rockport, ME, June 27, 2014
- **The Arbitration Choice vs. Arbitrary Choice**  
Presenter, Maine State Bar Association ADR Section and the Maine Association of Mediators, MSBA Offices, Augusta, ME, February 6, 2014
- **Lawyer Trust Accounts**  
Presenter, Maine State Bar Association, MSBA Offices, Augusta, ME, December 2013