

John P. Ryan

Mr. Ryan is a senior partner at Sloane and Walsh where he has concentrated his practice in the trial and appeal of civil cases since joining the firm in 1980. He is an honors graduate of Boston College and a graduate of Suffolk University Law School where he was the recipient of the Frederick McDermott Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Ryan has tried numerous high exposure jury trials in both state and federal court. His trials have encompassed a wide spectrum of civil disputes including medical malpractice, product liability, general liability, wrongful death, employment discrimination, workplace harassment, legal malpractice, defamation, declaratory judgment, insurance fraud, and bad faith insurance claims practices including alleged violations of G.L. c. 93A and G.L. c. 176D. He has argued appellate cases in the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and the First Circuit Court of Appeals. A number of Mr. Ryan's appellate cases have involved questions of first impression in Massachusetts.

Mr. Ryan is a member of the American Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association, Rhode Island Bar Association, New Hampshire Bar Association, Norfolk County Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, and the Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association where he has served as a member of the Board of Directors and Treasurer. In addition to his trial and appellate practice, Mr. Ryan is frequently asked to serve as a mediator or arbitrator in civil disputes, and he has served as such in well over 1,000 cases including such diverse areas as medical malpractice, product liability, construction accidents, commercial disputes, legal malpractice, property damage claims, and insurance coverage disputes including claims of bad faith and violations of G.L. c. 93A and G.L. c. 176D.

Representative mediations have included a \$55M legal malpractice claim involving an international marketing agreement for consumer products in South America; a multi-party damage claim arising out of a chemical facility explosion which destroyed a residential neighborhood resulting in approximately \$25M in claims; a multi-party, multi-million dollar mediation involving a gasoline truck turnover with a resultant explosion and fire causing severe personal injuries and property damage giving rise to approximately fifty individual claims and lawsuits; environmental liability mediation involving the allocation of responsibilities among parties to a complex environmental remediation agreement which had been entered into by private parties and environmental government agencies; and a multi-million dollar mediation involving the destruction of an historical Boston church. Mr. Ryan's mediations have included cases in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

Representative arbitrations have included automobile UM claims, automobile liability claims, general liability, wrongful death, insurance coverage disputes, property damage disputes, an errors and omission claim for a negligently designed retirement/investment

program, and an errors and omission claim for an alleged failure to secure coverage for an insured.

Mr. Ryan has lectured for continuing legal education programs concerning civil trial practice, and he has been a faculty member for Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association, and the Suffolk University Law School Advanced Legal Studies program. He has also been asked to present at legal seminars for clients and their insurer representatives. Mr. Ryan was elected as a Member of the Board of Trustees for Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc., the leading provider of continuing legal education for attorneys in Massachusetts, and he served on the Board from 2013-2019. Mr. Ryan also served as a member of MCLE's Curriculum, Content Delivery and Operations Committee.

Mr. Ryan has served as a member of the Town of Needham Finance Committee from 1995 – 1998, and he served as its Chairman from 1997-1998. From 1999-2001 Mr. Ryan served as Vice-Chairman of the Needham Government Review Study Committee. Mr. Ryan was elected a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1992, and he has been listed in the Best Lawyers in America for more than twenty-five years. In addition, Mr. Ryan has been designated a Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers in America in 2011, 2013 and 2014. Mr. Ryan holds an AV[®] Preeminent[™] rating from Martindale-Hubbell[®] for thirty-five years. In 2005, Mr. Ryan was honored by the Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association which selected him for the Defense Lawyer of the Year award. In 2013, Mr. Ryan was awarded the American Board of Trial Advocacy (ABOTA) James N. Esdaile Memorial Award for Civility in the Practice of Litigation, ABOTA's Massachusetts Chapter's highest award.