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PRACTICE AREAS

Class Action Litigation
Construction
Design Professionals
Employment Litigation
General Liability
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Professional Liability

EDUCATION

Suffolk University Law School, JD, *cum laude*, 2014
University of New England, BA, *cum laude*, 2011

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts
US District Court, District of Massachusetts
Maine
US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Overview

Joe Bussiere is a seasoned litigation and trial attorney with a proven record of success in complex, high-stakes cases involving professional liability, construction defect, catastrophic personal injury, and other complex tort matters. With more than a decade of experience, he brings strategic insight, technical acumen, and unwavering advocacy to every stage of litigation—from pre-suit claims through trial.

Joe is widely recognized for his work in professional liability defense, particularly his representation of architects, engineers, project managers, third-party inspection agencies, and other licensed professionals. He also defends clients and represents insurers in catastrophic injury and wrongful death matters arising from design defects, industrial incidents, construction accidents, and related claims. His practice spans state and federal courts, where he has achieved favorable outcomes through dispositive motion practice, mediation, and trial.

Known for his proactive, results-driven approach, Joe combines sharp analytical skills with a collaborative mindset, working closely with clients and opposing counsel alike to achieve efficient and effective resolutions. He partners with clients to assess risk, streamline litigation strategies, and develop practical solutions that align with business goals. Joe serves as a trusted advisor to insurers, design professionals, contractors, and corporate clients facing significant legal exposure.

Joe began his legal career as a law clerk for a national commercial general liability and professional liability insurance carrier and as a judicial intern for the Hon. Kenneth Fishman, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court.

Experience

+ Successfully secured the dismissal of all claims with prejudice for a third-party inspection agency following a 15-day jury trial in Massachusetts Superior Court. The dismissal was granted after exposing the plaintiffs' lack of evidence, misrepresentations by their structural engineering expert and bad faith discovery practices, including withholding key structural investigation evidence.
+ Defended owner's representative involved in design bid build project on historical renovation of a town hall. Obtained favorable outcomes

on dispositive motions throughout litigation and defended client over the course of 25-day trial in Middlesex Superior Court.

+ Defended third party evaluation and testing agency for modular and manufactured buildings in tort claim brought by owner of modular building. Following years of litigation and 15-day trial, obtained dismissal of all counts and attorneys' fees.
+ Defended engineer of record of auto auction facility where five people died following motor vehicle accident. Successfully mitigated risk for client and obtained dismissals of all but one claim based upon application of Massachusetts statute of repose.

Recognition

+ *Best Lawyers in America*: Ones to Watch, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions—Defendants, 2022–2025; Professional Malpractice Law, 2022–2025; Litigation—Labor and Employment, 2024-2025; Product Liability Litigation—Defendants, 2024-2025
+ *Boston* Magazine Top Lawyers™, Construction, 2023–2024, Civil Law Litigation, 2021–2022
+ Thomson Reuters, *Super Lawyers Rising Star*, 2023–2025

Involvement

+ MG+M Trial Academy, 2025–2026 Participant

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