

Jennifer L. Mikels

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Jennifer Mikels is an experienced civil trial lawyer who handles a wide range of complex commercial disputes involving business torts, breaches of fiduciary duty, and partnership and intra-enterprise disputes. She is also known for her specific expertise in defending regional, national, and global law firms in high-stakes legal malpractice and professional liability matters.

Jen's practice includes guiding C-suite executives, owners, high net worth individuals, and general counsel from diverse industries through complicated legal processes.

In her professional liability practice, Jen defends prominent law firms against legal malpractice claims arising from their prior work in the fields of complex litigation, corporate, tax, and estate planning, among others. She also has experience defending lawyers alleged to have violated the Rules of Professional Conduct and in other professional disciplinary matters.

Jen has tried numerous cases to verdict in state and federal courts as well as private arbitration. She has also successfully obtained many pre-trial judgments for clients and guided clients through complicated pre-trial mediations and other settlement efforts.

Prior to joining Goulston & Storrs, Jen was an associate in a prominent Am Law 100 firm. She also served as a Law Fellow to the Justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court.

Accolades

- Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch (2021-2022): Commercial Litigation
- Excellence In the Law - Up & Coming Lawyer, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, 2021

Affiliations

- Boston Bar Foundation
 - Junior Fellows Society, Member
 - Junior Fellows Society Steering Committee, Former Co-Chair

- Young Lawyers Advisory Committee, Former Member
- Boston Bar Association, Member
- Rhode Island Bar Association, Member
- Women's Bar Association, Member

Admissions

- Massachusetts
- Rhode Island
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Education

- Boston University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2011)
- University of Rochester (B.A., *cum laude*, 2008)

Representative Matters

Arbitration in Legal Malpractice Dispute

Prevailed in trial through private arbitration involving a legal malpractice claim against an Am Law 100 law firm.

Italian-Based Company License Dispute

Successfully defeated motion for preliminary injunction filed against an Italian-based company in connection with a dispute arising from a license agreement.

National Retailer Contractual Dispute

Successfully represented a national retailer in a complex contractual dispute, resulting in complete victory after trial in federal court.

Business Torts and Intra-Enterprise Disputes

Representation of individuals and corporate clients in matters relating to business torts, business divorces, equity stakes disputes, and other intra-enterprise matters.

Individuals and Corporate Restrictive Covenants and Trade Secrets Law

Representation of individuals and corporate clients in matters regarding restrictive covenants and trade secrets law.

National and Local Law Firms Allegations of Ethical Breaches, Malpractice Claims

Representation of national and local law firms in defense of allegations of malpractice and disciplinary claims of conflict of interest.