

# Jennifer L. Mikels

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Jennifer Mikels is an experienced trial lawyer representing clients in high stakes legal malpractice matters, complex commercial disputes, and fiduciary-related litigation. She has tried numerous cases to verdict in federal and state court as well as private arbitration.

Jen is particularly known for her experience defending the country's largest law firms and their lawyers against claims asserted by former clients or aggrieved partners. She also advises clients concerning alleged violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct and other disciplinary matters.

Jen's broad-based commercial and fiduciary litigation experience includes representing private individuals, closely held entities, trustees, partnerships, LLCs, private equity portfolio companies, and other clients in contract, fraud, probate, and fiduciary duty disputes.

Before entering private practice, Jen served as a Law Fellow to the Justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court. In this role, Jen assisted the justices of the Superior Court in all phases of civil litigation.

## **Accolades**

- Best Lawyers in America® Ones to Watch (2021-2025): Commercial Litigation
- Excellence In the Law - Up & Coming Lawyer, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, 2021

## **Affiliations**

- Boston Bar Association, Insurance and Torts Litigation Section, Member
- Boston Bar Foundation
  - Junior Fellows Society, Member
  - Junior Fellows Society Steering Committee, Former Co-Chair
  - Young Lawyers Advisory Committee, Former Member
- MCLE, Civil Litigation Curriculum Advisory Committee, Member

- Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Workshop, Faculty
- 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.

## **Jury Verdict in Wrongful Termination Suit**

Successfully obtained a defense jury verdict in Superior Court against a claim of wrongful termination in violation of public policy brought by a former business manager, who sought damages in excess of \$1 million.

## **Contract and Fraud Claims Arising from a Private Equity M&A Transaction**

Representation of a private equity portfolio company in pursuing \$50 million contract and fraud claims arising from the concealment of tax liability during an M&A transaction. Obtained a rare sanction for witness intimidation in a civil matter against the principal defendant, and successfully achieved a favorable resolution for the client.

## **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. Achieved a favorable resolution for the client following the preliminary judgment victory.

**National Retailer Contractual Dispute**

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

**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.

**Trust Interpretation Dispute**

Represented multiple trustees in defense of claims for breach of fiduciary duty arising from their interpretation and administration of a multi-generational family trust.