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Overview

Michael K. (Mike) Lane is a trial attorney who represents corporate clients in an extensive range of litigation matters, including those involving employment and bankruptcy law.

Mike regularly represents consumer lending institutions, such as mortgage lenders, investors and servicers, in connection with the defense of claims by borrowers. He also assists corporations in contractual disputes relating to purchase and sale agreements, service contracts, loan agreements and security interests. Mike represents secured and unsecured creditors in bankruptcy proceedings and related litigation, including adversary proceedings and actions relating to commercial and consumer loans and mortgage servicing.

Mike has a diverse litigation practice, which includes commercial real estate disputes and fiduciary and probate litigation, including claims of undue influence and lack of capacity. He also represents employers in matters relating to prevailing wages, sales commissions and misappropriation of trade secrets, as well as enforcement of non-competition and non-solicitation covenants.

Mike has significant trial experience in state and federal courts, which helps him identify key issues at the early stages of litigation to effectively position cases that cannot be resolved short of trial.

Prior to joining Day Pitney, Mike practiced law at a boutique litigation and bankruptcy firm. He also served as judicial law clerk for the Hon. Joyce London Alexander and then the Hon. Judith Dein, both of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Experience

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Represented mortgagee and loan servicer in four-day adversary proceeding bench trial relating to alleged misapplication of post-petition payments

Represented loan servicer in defense of borrower's claims for violations of the FDCPA and bankruptcy discharge injunction

Represent aircraft and engine manufacturers, suppliers and lessors in numerous aviation and aerospace bankruptcies, including cure claim

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objections and defense of preference claims relating to priority of artisan liens

Represented commercial lessors and lessees in litigation relating to lease provisions and the impact of governmental COVID-19 orders

Represent homeowner in Land Court trial relating to easement rights for recreational beach use

Obtained partial summary judgment on behalf of assignee of commercial mortgage and lost promissory note, entitling lender to recoup proceeds from foreclosure sale

Obtained judgment in favor of Chapter 11 debtor-developer against purported purchaser's claim for specific performance of contract to purchase condominium unit

Prosecuted Wage Act claims on behalf of former employee relating to unpaid commissions on long-term service contracts

Successfully defended cases on behalf of business owners over alleged violations of Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, including through summary judgment

Defended non-dischargeability claims under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a) relating to purported efforts to thwart collection of debt

Defended employer through 10-day Superior Court jury trial against claims brought under Massachusetts' Wage Act

Education and Credentials

Education

Suffolk University Law School, J.D., Dean's List, 2008

Lake Forest College, B.A., 2005

Admissions

State of Connecticut

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

Affiliations

Boston Bar Association

American Bankruptcy Institute

Connecticut Bar Association

Recognition and Community

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Recognitions

Selected to the list of New England *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars (Thomson Reuters), Business Litigation, 2014-2016; Bankruptcy, 2017-2018

Recipient of the Macaronis Civil Litigation Concentration, with Distinction, 2008

Insights

Legal Updates for Mortgage Lenders and Servicers

February 29, 2024

Abortion & Race: Why Abortion Bans and Restrictions Disproportionately Affect Black Women and People of Color

January 28, 2023

Don't Be Late Paying Terminated Employees in Massachusetts

April 27, 2022

Don't Be Late on Wage Payments to Terminated Employees in Massachusetts

April 7, 2022

Massachusetts Ends COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave Program

March 11, 2022

In The Media

"Credit Reporting," Northeast Bankruptcy Conference and Northeast Consumer Forum, American Bankruptcy Institute

July 10, 2024

Issues in Dischargeability Litigation

December 3, 2018

Understanding Taggart v. Lorenzen

21st Annual New England Bankruptcy Law Conference, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, December 6, 2019