

ATTORNEY BIOGRAPHY



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Practice Groups and Specialty Areas

Litigation

Personal Injury Litigation

Ted is a partner and chair of the firm's Personal Injury Litigation Group. He has practiced in the area of civil litigation for more than 25 years. Ted is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, membership in which is limited to trial lawyers who have demonstrated exceptional skill in advocacy by achieving a trial verdict, award or settlement in the amount of \$1 million or more. *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* named Ted as one of the "Top Ten Lawyers in Massachusetts." *Boston* magazine and *Law & Politics* chose him as a Massachusetts "Super Lawyer" in 2004-2009, and 2011-2021 and as a New England "Super Lawyer" in 2007-2009. Ted has received an AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rating by *Martindale-Hubbell*, the highest rating available for legal ability and professional ethics.

In 2016, Ted was installed as the President of the Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America and received the Thurgood Marshall Fighting for Justice Award at the 2016 APITLA Summit.

Ted receives referrals from other attorneys in Massachusetts and from attorneys outside of Massachusetts. He has earned a reputation for handling serious personal injury cases in an aggressive and professional manner.

Representative Matters

- Obtained a \$22.65 million judgment in a drunk driving case - this is reported to be the largest award ever for a Worcester County personal injury case.
- Served as co-counsel for Drs. Sunil and Deborah Eappen in the well-publicized wrongful death case of *Matthew Eappen v. Louise Woodard*
- Volunteered legal services to obtain a \$2.15 million award for a young boy who lost his father on September 11 onboard Flight 11

Publications/Presentations

- ["April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month,"](#) *On Air with Mirick O'Connell* legal podcast (April 2022)
- Quoted in "Accountability remains elusive for veterans who died at Holyoke Soldiers' Home," *The Boston Globe*, December 1, 2021
- Quoted in ["Case Against 'Careless' Smoker Survives Summary Judgment,"](#) *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, May 20, 2021
- ["Take Me Out to the Ball Game... and Take Away My Right to a Jury Trial,"](#) *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, April 26, 2021
- ["Whiplash: It's No Laughing Matter,"](#) *On Air with Mirick O'Connell* legal podcast (January 2021)
- "Whiplash: It Is Only Funny Until It Happens to You," Mirick O'Connell's Massachusetts Injury Lawyer Blog, November 6, 2020
- ["The Importance of Having Enough Automobile Insurance Coverage,"](#) *On Air with Mirick O'Connell* legal podcast (October 22, 2020)

Education

JD, Boston College Law School

BA, *magna cum laude*, Boston College

Bar and Court Admissions

Massachusetts

Professional/Community Affiliations

Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America (APITLA), president

Massachusetts Academy of Trial Lawyers, Board of Governors

Northborough and Southborough Education Foundation, former president

Southborough Zoning Board of Appeals, former chair

Anna Maria College, Board of Trustees, former member of the Executive Committee

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Publications/Presentations

- Quoted in "How effective are liability waivers in the age of the novel coronavirus?" *American Bar Association Journal*, July 2, 2020
- Quoted in "State to send another \$130 million in emergency aid to long-term care sites," *The Boston Globe*, April 27, 2020
- "[COVID-19 Nursing Home Funding](#)," *On Air with Mirick O'Connell* legal podcast (April 24, 2020)
- "Protecting the Elderly: Coronavirus and Nursing Homes," Mirick O'Connell's Massachusetts Injury Lawyer Blog, April 22, 2020
- Quoted in "Appeals Court revives case against Cape Cod skydiving company," *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, July 12, 2018
- "The U.S. Department of Transportation is accepting comments on a proposal requiring speed limiters on certain trucks and buses," Mirick O'Connell Client Alert, November 2016
- "Understand the New 'Hours of Service' Regulations", *The Lawyer's Log Book*, Volume 5
- "What You Need to Know When Traveling the Skies During the Holidays," NECN interview (November 27, 2013)
- "Trucking Regulations and Trucking Company Liability," The National Business Institute
- "Litigating Spinal Cord Injuries," *The Lawyer's Log Book*, Volume 3
- "What to do When You are Injured by a Drunk Driver," *The Lawyer's Log Book*, Volume 2
- "Underinsurance Coverage – Purchase the Maximum Coverage Available," *The Lawyer's Log Book*, Volume 1
- Quoted in "Lawyers Predict Expansion of Social Host Liability Law," *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, February 29, 2012
- "Legislative Update – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Including Hours of Service," The Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America National Conference (September 2009)
- High-profile cases have been featured in many news publications, including the *National Law Journal*, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, *The Boston Globe*, the *Boston Herald* and the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*. He has also been interviewed or featured on television news programs in New England and Canada.