

John C. Blessington

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OVERVIEW

John Blessington is an experienced trial lawyer who has successfully tried cases in state and federal courts, including many bet the company cases. He has had success at every phase of litigation. He has represented small businesses as well as Fortune 100 companies in complex business disputes. His clients include multinational banking and financial services companies, investment advisory firms, bio-pharma companies, software companies, sovereigns, municipalities and construction firms. His cases include business, securities and loan fraud, class action, intellectual property, construction and land use disputes. In addition to his extensive and varied trial experience, John has arbitrated disputes before the American Arbitration Association, the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association, FINRA and the International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution, among other organizations. He has also handled appeals, including before the First Circuit Court of Appeals, and has successfully mediated many cases.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

John has been a lawyer with K&L Gates since 1993 and a partner since 1998.

ACHIEVEMENTS

John is currently listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the field of Commercial Litigation and has been listed as a *Super Lawyer* in Massachusetts. In 2009, he was the recipient of the Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, S. Jeanne Hall Pro Bono Award for outstanding contribution to the arts community.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

John is admitted in all state and federal courts of Massachusetts and by pro hac vice to various federal and state courts throughout the United States.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Boston College Law School, 1986

- B.A., Boston College, 1982 *(magna cum laude)*

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Massachusetts

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 4 May 2020, COVID-19: Class Actions in Session
- 25 March 2020, COVID-19: Insurance Policy Considerations for Higher Education Institutions

NEWS & EVENTS

- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 19 August 2021, Nearly 300 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2022 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- Construction and Infrastructure
- International Arbitration

INDUSTRIES

- Energy