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Bio

Mark Franco is a seasoned litigator with more than 35 years of experience in state and federal courts, advocacy before government agencies, and alternative dispute resolution. He represents clients in a broad range of civil disputes and has specific expertise litigating in the fields of employment, municipal, construction, transportation, maritime, civil rights, defamation/slander, commercial disputes, real property, professional malpractice, personal injury, premises liability, auto liability, and subrogation. Over the course of his career, Mark has managed and tried over a 100 jury trials, as well as many non-jury and administrative hearings.

Regarded among his peers for his expertise, Mark has achieved AV Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell. He has also been recognized as part of New England Super Lawyers in personal injury defense, professional liability, and employment law since 2007. Mark is also regularly invited to speak at seminars and training sessions for attorneys and insurance professionals on employment law, professional liability, and trial practice.

Mark enjoys spending time with his wife and their grown children. He is an avid golfer and appreciates everything Maine has to offer including the outdoors, excellent food, and vibrant communities. Mark is active in community service and currently serves as President of the Val Halla Golf Association. Formerly, he served as President of the Boards of both the Maine Children's Cancer Program and Falmouth Little League.

Education

University of New Hampshire School of Law, J.D.

Practice Areas

Employment & Labor
Health Care
Litigation
Business & Commercial
Litigation
Civil Rights Defense
Employment Litigation
Insurance Defense
Medical Malpractice &
Professional Liability
Product Liability & Personal
Injury
Municipal Law

Admissions

Maine
New Hampshire
Vermont
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
First Circuit
U.S. District Court for the
District of Maine
U.S. District Court for the
District of New Hampshire
U.S. District Court for the
District of Vermont

Bowdoin College, B.A.

Recognition

Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent

New England Super Lawyers, Employment Litigation, Professional Liability, Personal Injury – General 2007-2008, 2010-2018

Best Lawyers USA, *Lawyer of the Year*, Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants 2026

Best Lawyers USA, Employment Law-Management 2020-2026

Best Lawyers USA, Litigation-Insurance 2020-2026

Best Lawyers USA, Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants 2020-2026

Best Lawyers USA, Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants 2026

Best Lawyers USA, Mediation 2025-2026

Lawyer of the Year, Portland, ME (Awarded by Best Lawyers), Litigation-Insurance, 2022

Memberships

American Bar Association
Member

Maine State Bar Association
Member

Cumberland County Bar Association
Member

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals

New Hampshire Bar Association

Maine Trial Lawyers Association
Member

Trucking Industry Defense Association
Member

Transportation Lawyers Association
Member

Association of Defense Trial Attorneys

Member

Defense Research Institute

Member

Tri-State Defense Lawyers Association

Member

Community/Public Service

Val Halla Golf Association

President and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee

Maine Children's Cancer Program

Former Board Member and President

Falmouth Little League

Former Board Member and President