



## **Dane E. Ardente - Associate**

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### **Bio**

Dane E. Ardente, a member of our Land Use, Business Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution, Environmental, and Regulatory & Compliance Practice Groups, specializes in land use and commercial litigation. While he is well-versed in many areas of law, his practice primarily focuses on land use, municipal law and permitting, property, and real estate related disputes, with the occasional property-related constitutional challenge of unconstitutional action or regulation. He specializes in business disputes as well, including breach of contract litigation, and additional claims brought by and against our clients.

He successfully represents clients in all aspects of municipal land development, permitting, review, and appeal procedures in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and proactively advises clients on the appropriate strategy as tailored to their specific needs. When dealing with any aspect of land use regulation, permitting, restrictions, or challenges, Dane understands the necessity of diverging from the traditional “one size fits all” approach to ensure his clients have the best possible chance of success with whatever challenges they may encounter. As a native Rhode Islander, Dane has a thorough understanding of the wide array of disputes and issues that come with owning, purchasing, developing, or preserving property in a state with the least

amount of land in the U.S.

## Practice Areas

- [Land Use](#)
- [Business Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Environmental](#)
- [Regulatory & Compliance](#)
- Municipal Law
- Constitutional Claims Litigation
- Breach of Contract Litigation
- Injunctive Relief
- Due Process Claims Under the Federal and State Constitution
- Administrative Law

## Prior Experience

Prior to joining DarrowEverett LLP, Dane obtained invaluable experience in both the public and private sectors, where he focused on the best practices for lawyers who find themselves engaged in complex, multi-layered disputes regarding property and environmental issues between the state and private individuals, as well as private entities. In addition, he has been involved in several cases that have established law and legislative interpretation, such as previously unclear portions of the mechanics' lien statute which subsequently were made clear in a victory for his clients, as well as previously unclear portions of the Right to Farm Act, the Rhode Island Condominium Act, and several issues involving state, federal, and local regulation.

## Representative Matters

- Earned summary judgment in favor of seller of high-end real estate involved in dispute over default of a purchase and sales agreement. Though the buyer contended he was still entitled to purchase the property in addition to receiving monetary damages for the default, we successfully argued that our client's fulfillment of the monetary damages stipulated in the contract completed his obligations.
- Obtained six-figure settlement on behalf of buyer of a premium waterfront property after the seller breached the purchase and sales agreement and refused to sell the buyer the property. As buyer's counsel, we filed suit for breach of contract specific performance in

the Rhode Island Superior Court, and obtained a lis pendens against the property.

- Obtained the grant of dimensional relief and preliminary plan approval by a 6-0 vote in a historic occurrence for the Town of Burrillville (RI) Planning Board's first-ever application to be considered under Unified Development Review for the approval of a four-lot residential compound development.
- Obtained the discharge of a five-figure mechanic's lien against the commercial/agricultural greenhouse leased by our client after arguing the contractor did not follow proper procedure in filing the lien.
- Achieved six-figure settlement and dismissal of lawsuit for residential property owner facing a lawsuit that petitioned the court to release and discharge an ancient mortgage in full. We obtained settlement in favor of the client and release of the claims against our client in full.
- In an action against our client seeking to reverse our client's obtainment of final judgment that foreclosed the redemption rights of a residential property owner at a tax sale, we successfully defended the client against the opposing party's motion to vacate final judgment by successfully asserting the owner lacked the requisite standing to petition the reversal.

## Insights

- [High Rhode Island Property Tax Assessment? Here's What to Do Next - via JD Supra, March, 2025](#)
- [Legal Guidance Can Be Key in Navigating Rhode Island Land Use Matters - via JD Supra, February, 2025](#)
- [Land Use Challenges Showcase What's There for the 'Taking' - via JD Supra, August, 2024](#)
- [Easements: How They're Established, Extinguished And Much More](#)
- [Farmer Designation in Rhode Island Bears Fruit Via Relaxed Land Use Rules](#)

## Bar Admissions

- Rhode Island
- Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court — District of Rhode Island

## Education

- Roger Williams University, School of Law, J.D.
- University of Rhode Island, B.A., Communications Studies

## Accolades

- Super Lawyers — Rising Stars, 2025 (Land Use)

