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Bio

David A. Sullivan is a Partner and member of DarrowEverett's Business Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Group with a focus on business, municipal, real estate, employment, family law, and commercial litigation. David's extensive experience involves representing a wide array of clients, including individuals, municipal boards, municipal corporations, and other entities. Accordingly, David has been lead counsel in over 350 trials and more than 2,000 non-litigation disputes, representing clients in proceedings involving land use and development, the purchase, sale, and construction of residential and commercial real estate, business and contract disputes, as well as employment matters. David also represents clients in civil, criminal, and family court matters.

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Real Estate
- Family Law
- Labor & Employment

- White Collar Crime, Government Investigations & Criminal Defense

Prior Experience

Prior to joining DarrowEverett, David was a managing partner at a highly regarded Southcoast law firm and was also the owner of a Southcoast boat manufacturing company.

Representative Matters

- Successfully defended a multistate cannabis company in a high-stakes $2.5 million commercial lease dispute following a 7-day jury trial in Massachusetts Superior Court. The plaintiff, a commercial landlord, alleged breach of a letter of intent, breach of contract, and multiple violations of Massachusetts unfair and deceptive trade practices laws. We aggressively challenged the landlord's claims, and the jury ultimately found in favor of our client, resulting in a complete defense verdict and eliminating all exposure to damages. Our trial team's strategic approach and command of the facts were instrumental in securing this victory. The jury verdict came after multiple attempts to resolve the matter prior to trial in an effort to mitigate the client's litigation costs.
- Successfully obtained dismissal at the pleading stage of claims seeking to hold our client, a corporate officer, personally liable for alleged defects in products sold by the corporate entity. The plaintiff asserted multiple claims, including breach of contract, fraudulent and negligent misrepresentation, negligence, fraud in the inducement, negligent hiring and training, violation of the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act, and civil conspiracy. The court granted our motion to dismiss, ruling that the plaintiff failed to plead individual liability under either the alter ego doctrine or the personal participation theory, resulting in a complete dismissal of the claims against our client.
- Scored a significant win on behalf of a Massachusetts cannabis retailer, securing a $3.4 million damages judgment for the client stemming from a theft of proprietary information.

Insights

- AIA Contracts Are Especially Best Measured Twice and Cut Once - via JD Supra, February, 2023
- No Such Thing as Finders Keepers Among Attorney Referrals - via JD Supra, December, 2022
- Morgan v. Sundance, Inc., and its Implications Pertaining to Litigants and the Right to Arbitrate - via JD Supra, September, 2022

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Education

- University of New Hampshire School of Law, J.D.
- University of Massachusetts, B.A.