



# Katie L. Howayeck - Associate

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#### Bio

Katie L. Howayeck is a member of DarrowEverett's Business Litigation & Dispute Resolution and Commercial Real Estate Practice Groups, focusing mainly on commercial litigation and land use matters. Katie has extensive experience representing clients in civil matters in Rhode Island and Massachusetts courts. In addition to representation in the courtroom, she advises and represents clients in alternative dispute resolutions. Katie prides herself on utilizing effective communication and legal skills in working to resolve matters efficiently.

#### Practice Areas

- Business Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Land Use

### **Prior Experience**

Before joining DarrowEverett, Katie defended insurance companies in civil litigation matters of varying complexity. She has appeared in Rhode Island and Massachusetts state courts on behalf of clients and has extensive experience representing clients in depositions, arbitrations, settlement conferences, and mediations. Additionally, in law school, Katie was a Rule 9 student attorney, representing clients in misdemeanor criminal and civil matters before the Rhode Island District Court and Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal.

#### **Representative Matters**

- Achieved dismissal of 13 actions pending in various federal courts against our client, the CEO of a former national company with over 2,000 employees. Through successful motion practice, the disgruntled customers' claims of corporate officer liability were dismissed, resulting in the claims for punitive damages, consumer protection violations, and civil conspiracy being dismissed.
- Secured six-figure judgment on behalf of real estate entrepreneur whose tenants engaged in significant vandalism.
- Secured five-figure reimbursement for food service entrepreneur whose vehicle vendor failed to supply our client with a customized food truck for her business. The payment followed our pre-suit demand letter that saved our client significant litigation fees.
- Obtained a favorable judgment on a motion to dismiss pertaining to a corporate officer liability claim against our client. We successfully argued that the complaint failed to support the claim.
- Obtained five-figure arbitration judgment on behalf of client who sustained significant injuries in a motor vehicle accident.

#### Insights

- <u>Vibe Check on TikTok: Legal Changes May Force App to Take the L via JD Supra,</u> January, 2025
- <u>Short-Term Rental Proposal is Latest Threat to Airbnb/Vrbo Business Model via JD</u> Supra, April, 2024
- <u>Rhode Island's New 'Housing Legislation' Does Not Just Benefit Housing Efforts</u>
- Stick It Where the Sun Don't Shine: Land Use Challenges Siting Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Projects - via JD Supra, July, 2023
- Ed Sheeran's Court Victory Adds Important Layer to Copyright Law via JD Supra, June, 2023

## Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts
- Rhode Island
- U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island

## Education

- Roger Williams University School of Law J.D.
- Framingham State University B.A., Political Science