

Teresa M. Cloutier

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Terri serves as trial counsel to a wide range of Maine businesses and individuals, as well as businesses and insurers located throughout the United States. Her litigation practice focuses on commercial disputes, including construction litigation, as well as products liability and insurance matters. Terri has successfully handled product liability claims arising in the context of construction litigation, as well as cases involving consumer goods, industrial equipment, and federally-regulated products, such as herbicides. As part of her insurance work, Terri regularly provides advice to insurers on coverage, claims management, and subrogation issues. Her commercial litigation work has involved representation of businesses, individuals, and lenders in Maine's state and federal courts, including bankruptcy.

“As my client, my work for you is driven by a desire to achieve true understanding – of you and/or your business, your problem, your adversary, and the rules that govern or should govern your situation – and to design effective, imaginative strategies that are right for you.”

Terri has also represented businesses and individuals in estate-related disputes, including undue influence claims and suits otherwise involving inheritance rights. She joins her many years of courtroom experience with the expertise of the firm's business and estate planning attorneys to give clients sophisticated and complete advice in the estate and probate areas.

Terri's diverse practice has included representation of clients in intellectual property matters. Terri has counseled a number of clients, including artists and businesses, on the enforcement of their copyright, trade secret, and trademark rights against infringers, competitors, and former employees.

Family law cases involving parental rights in the context of non-traditional families, including custody disputes between same-sex couples, are a special interest of Terri's. She has represented clients before the Maine District, Superior, and Probate Courts on these issues and successfully litigated, through trial, one of the first few cases in the state to apply and define the concept of de facto parental rights.

Terri lives with her partner and their son in Gray. In her spare time, she enjoys kayaking, the visual arts and literature, and throwing pottery.



PRACTICE AREAS:

Professional and Products Liability
Civil Litigation
Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
Intellectual Property

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS:

Selected for inclusion in Super
Lawyers Rising Stars 2008

EDUCATION:

Yale University, B.A.
University of Maine
School of Law, J.D. *cum laude*
Managing Editor, Ocean and
Coastal Law Journal

BAR ADMISSIONS:

State of Maine
United States District Court for the
District of Maine
United States Court of Appeals
First Circuit
United States Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Maine State Bar Association
Cumberland County Bar Association
Maine Trial Lawyers Association
Defense Research Institute

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

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