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Education:

Harvard University (LL.M, 1974)

George Washington University (J.D., 1973)

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (B.S., 1967)

Description:

Mr. Brady joined Murtha Cullina in 1974 and is a former Chair of its Litigation Department. He has a broad base of business litigation experience. That experience includes the representation of corporate policyholders in insurance coverage litigation. He has represented policyholders in a wide range of complex insurance coverage disputes including claims involving environmental, directors and officers and professional liability. As a representative case, Mr. Brady served as the principal appellate attorney in the successful environmental coverage case of R.T. Vanderbilt Co. v. Continental Casualty Co., 273 Conn. 448 (2005). There, in a case of first impression, the Connecticut Supreme Court reversed the trial court and held that insurance carriers must provide corporate policyholders with a defense to certain administrative proceedings (e.g., "PRP" letters issued by the Environmental Protection Agency) under the "suit" provisions of general liability policies.

As to general corporate litigation, Mr. Brady has a wide range of experience representing corporations and their officers and directors. That experience includes litigation in connection with the banking laws, securities laws, corporate take-over practices and unfair trade practices. As a representative case, Mr. Brady successfully served as the principal trial attorney for the corporate defendant in Mason Capital, Ltd. v. Kaman Corporation, et al., 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 25900 (D. Conn. Oct. 31, 2005). There, also in a case of first impression, the United States District Court rejected plaintiff's challenge under a Connecticut corporate statute and allowed the consummation of a transaction that greatly expanded the public stock ownership of the corporation.

Practices & Industries:

- Litigation
- Insurance Recovery
- Business Litigation
- Environmental Litigation

Bar & Court Admissions:

- Connecticut
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

Professional Associations & Memberships:

- President of the Connecticut Bar Association (2009-2010)
- Officer of the Connecticut Bar Association (2007-2011)
- Member of the Connecticut Bar Association's House of Delegates (2001-2011)

- Chairman of the Connecticut Bar Association's Legislation Review Committee (2008-2009)
- Chairman of the Connecticut Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee
- Chairman of the Connecticut Bar Association's Council of Bar Presidents (2008-2009)
- Co-Chairman of the Connecticut Bar Association's Federal Practice Section (2003-2004)
- President of the Hartford County Bar Association (2000-2001)
- Chairman of the Civil Justice Advisory Group for the District of Connecticut (1996-2000)
- Member of the Connecticut State Bar Examining Committee (2001-2006)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Hartford
- Member of the Connecticut Bar Association's Executive Committees for the Federal Practice Section and for the Insurance Practice Section
- Member of the American, Connecticut and Hartford County Bar Associations and of several bar association committees
- Member of the Board of Finance of the Town of Granby, Connecticut
- Mayor of the Town of Windsor, Connecticut (1994-1997)
- Deputy Mayor of the Town of Windsor, Connecticut (1993-1994)
- Past member of several community boards and commissions

Awards & Achievements:

- Best Lawyers in America™, Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2012 Lawyer of the Year
- Best Lawyers in America™, Commercial Litigation
- Best Lawyers in America™, Insurance Law
- Chambers USA™, highest ranking for Commercial Litigation
- Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation
- United States District Court Pro Bono Award Recipient (2000)
- Benchmark Litigation Star, Insurance (*Benchmark Litigation, The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms & Attorneys*)