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

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 - 2007)

- Chairman of the Connecticut Bar Association's Legislation Review Committee (2008 - 2009)
- Chairman of the Connecticut Bar Association's Pro Bono Committee (2007 - 2008)
- 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)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the New England Bar Association (2008 - 2011)
- Member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association (2007 - 2010)
- Chairman of the Connecticut Attorney General's Transition Team (2010)
- Member of the Connecticut Legal Specialization Screening Committee (2007-2014)
- Member of the Connecticut State Bar Examining Committee (2001 - 2006)
- President of the Hartford County Bar Association (2000 – 2001) and officer (1998 - 2002)
- Chairman of the Civil Justice Advisory Group for the District of Connecticut (1996 - 2000)
- Member of the Connecticut Bar Association's Executive Committees for the Federal Practice Section (1993 - 2013) and for the Insurance Practice Section (2003 - 2013)
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Hartford (1998 - Present)
- Member of the American, Connecticut and Hartford County Bar Associations and of several bar association committees/sections (1974 - Present)
- Member of the Board of Finance of the Town of Granby, Connecticut (2003 - Present)
- Mayor of the Town of Windsor, Connecticut (1994 - 1997)
- Deputy Mayor of the Town of Windsor, Connecticut (1993 - 1994)
- Past member of several community commissions and committees
- Member of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission (2014 - Present)

Recognition:

- Recipient of the Hartford County Bar Association President's Award for Excellence (2014)
- Recipient of the Connecticut Bar Association Edward F. Hennessey Professionalism Award (2013)
- Recipient of the Connecticut Law Tribune Pro Bono Award (2012)
- Recipient of the Veterans Justice Award (2011)
- Recipient of the Connecticut Legal Service Pro Bono Award (2009)
- Recipient of the United States District Court Pro Bono Award (2000)
- Best Lawyers®, Insurance Law, Hartford Lawyer of the Year (2014)
- Best Lawyers®, Environmental Litigation, Hartford Lawyer of the Year (2013)
- Best Lawyers®, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Hartford Lawyer of the Year (2012)
- Best Lawyers®, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law and Environmental Litigation
Listed as AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale Hubbell
- Listed as a leading commercial litigation lawyer in Chambers USA, Chambers & Partners-Publishing (ChambersandPartners.com)
- Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and Life Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation
- Fellow of the American College of Coverage and Extracontractual Counsel