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Education:

New England School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1997)

Boston College (B.A., 1993)

Description:

Michael Connolly is a partner in the Firm's Litigation Department.

He represents owners and managers of family-owned businesses and closely-held businesses in connection with disputes between business owners under LLC operating agreements, shareholder agreements, and partnership agreements; claims against directors and officers concerning company management and operations; and other internal disputes concerning business valuations, corporate distributions, and access to company information.

Michael also has an active business litigation practice. He represents businesses in commercial disputes involving contracts and trade practices, including business asset purchase and sale agreements, commercial leases, financing and franchise agreements, and disputes concerning trademarks, trade secrets, and other confidential business information.

Michael is also the Editor of Murtha Cullina's [Family Business Perspectives Blog](#).

Presentations:

- *Common Causes and Outcomes in Family-Owned Business Legal Disputes*., Family Firm Institute Annual Meeting, October 2018
- *Representing the Family-Owned Business (Ethically)*: ABA Business Law Section Annual Meeting, September 2018
- *Fiduciary Duties in Action: Advising Small to Mid-Sized Business Fiduciaries in Drafting, Decision-Making and Disputes*, ABA Business Law Section Spring Meeting, April 2017
- *ADR in Action: How Arbitration and Mediation Clauses Work on Paper and in Practice*: ABA Business Law Section Spring Meeting, Presenter and Co-chair, April, 2016
- *Business Divorce from Prenup to Breakup*, ABA Webinar, April 2015 and April 2014, Moderator and Presenter; also presented at ABA Business Law Section Annual Meeting, August 2013
- *Small Client, Big Problems: Identifying Potential Criminal Issues and Preventing Them From Becoming Criminal Prosecutions*, ABA Business Law Section Fall Meeting, Moderator, November, 2014

Practices & Industries:

- Private Company Owner Disputes
- Probate and Trust Dispute Resolution
- Business Litigation
- Family Business
- Privately Owned Businesses
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Retail, Restaurant & Hospitality
- Litigation

Bar & Court Admissions:

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BOSTON HARTFORD NEW HAVEN STAMFORD WOBURN

- Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Memberships:

- Family Firm Institute, New England Chapter, President 2014-2015 Term
- American Bar Association
 - Middle Market and Small Business Committee, Chair of the Family-Owned Business Subcommittee
 - Member of Business Divorce Subcommittee

Recognition:

- Law Clerk to the Justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court

Publications:

- December 2016 - Contributing Author, "Litigating the Business Divorce" Treatise, *Bloomberg BNA*
- April 10, 2015 - "[Cell-tower partners found liable for fiduciary breach](#)," *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*