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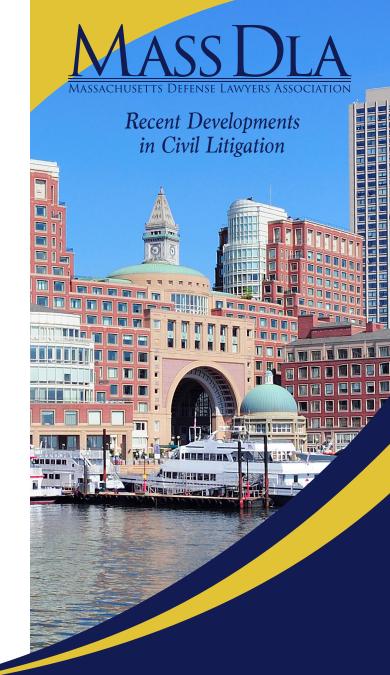


#### **ABOUT US**

Massachusetts Defense Lawvers Association (MassDLA) is an association of attorneys practicing defense work in the field of civil litigation. It is a growing, dynamic institution committed to increasing its diverse membership. Although the organization is based in Massachusetts, our members conduct business and service clients located throughout the United States and abroad. The MassDLA is dedicated to advancing the collective goals of both our members and their clients, through educational programming, the filing of amicus briefs on important defense issues, pro bono initiatives, and through our Substantive Law Committees and other opportunities for professional growth and development.

We believe that our greatest resource is the shared knowledge and involvement of our members, from the most senior established shareholder to the most junior associate. Our members are active through publishing, hosting programs, lecturing and chairing our Substantive Law Committees. The MassDLA also is a wonderful place to network, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. It offers not only the Mid-Winter Social and Annual Meeting as times to get together, but miscellaneous programming throughout the year.

Together, our programs, articles and events foster collegiality, education and professionalism in the defense bar.



MASSACHUSETTS DEFENSE LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

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**2023 Annual Meeting** June 2, 2023

INTERCONTINENTAL BOSTON HOTEL



### 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Recent Developments in Civil Litigation

### JUNE 2, 2023 | INTERCONTINENTAL BOSTON HOTEL

7:30 – 8:15	Registration and Breakfast
8:15 – 8:30	Welcome and Introduction Christine A. Knipper, Esq. President of MassDLA Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP
8:30 – 9:30	DRI Sponsored Speaker Nuclear Verdicts Steven O'Brien, Esq. Tyson and Mendes, P.C.
9:30 – 10:15	Recent Developments in Defense Practice Martin Rooney, Esq. Curley & Curley, P.C.
10:15 – 10:45	Culprits or Collateral Damage? Lithium-ion Batteries in Fire Investigations Dr. Michael Barry Exponent

10:45 - 11:00Break 11:00 - 11:45 How to 'Win' at Mediation Christopher Kenney, Esq. Kenney & Sams, P.C. 11:45 - 12:30 **Law Firm Management: Bridging the Gap Between** Law Firm Economics and **Changing Associate Expectations** Erin Higgins, Esq. Conn Kavanaugh Rosenthal Peisch & Ford Avana A. Epperson-Temple, Esq. Peabody and Arnold Jennifer Creedon, Esq. Martin, Magnuson, McCarthy & Kenney 12:30 - 2:00**Luncheon, Keynote** Speaker, and Award **Presentations** Keynote Speaker Honorable Camille F. Sarrouf, Jr.

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THE MASSDLA WILL BE HONORING THE FOLLOWING OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF MASSACHUSETTS' LEGAL COMMUNITY.



**Lawyer of the Year** Michael P. Sams *Kenney & Sams* 



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