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Practice Areas

Asbestos Litigation
Catastrophic Personal Injury
National and Regional
Coordinating Counsel
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Toxic Tort Litigation

OVERVIEW

Steve Armato is a Martindale-Hubbell AV Peer Rated attorney that serves as trial counsel for several national and multi-national corporations in complex litigation involving personal injury and wrongful death. Steve has served more than 15 years in the day-to-day management of the firm's role as court appointed Liaison Counsel in both the Rhode Island and Massachusetts consolidated asbestos dockets consisting of more than 500 active cases. In this capacity, he works extensively with the court, the court appointed Special Master, plaintiffs' and defense counsel on pre-trial schedules, trial settings, motions, global docket issues, and docket management.

Steve has also served as part of a national coordinating counsel team for several companies that manage thousands of claims, develops and implements trial strategies, and negotiates global and per case settlements throughout the United States. As part of the team, he has participated in the selection and development of expert witnesses, corporate representatives, pathologists, industrial hygienists, material scientists, epidemiologists, and medical historians.

Steve has successfully tried numerous felony criminal, product liability, personal injury, business disputes, and unfair and deceptive trade practices cases to verdict. He has pre-trial and trial experience before Massachusetts and Rhode Island Superior Courts, the United States Federal District Court for the Districts of Hawaii, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, and General Courts-Martial.

EXPERIENCE

Presentations, Classes & Seminars Taught

- "Update on Talc Litigation", Perrin National Asbestos Litigation Panelist (2018)
- "Closing in on the Trial Date", Defense Asbestos Litigation Seminar Speaker (2018)

- “Daimler: Where Do We Belong and Where Are We Going”, Perrin Asbestos Litigation Panelist (2016)
- “As Judges See It; Top Mistakes Lawyers Make in Civil Litigation”, Moderator (2015)
- Environmental & Toxic Tort Litigation, MCLE Panelist (2013)
- HBL Northeast Asbestos Litigators/Judges Forum, Panelist on Massachusetts and Rhode Island Overview (2013)
- ACI: Asbestos Summit, Panelist on Epidemiology in the Courtroom (2012)

HONORS

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Peer Rated
- Corporate Counsel Super Lawyers, 2009
- Massachusetts Super Lawyers, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- America’s Most Honored Lawyers, 2020, 2021
- Best Lawyers, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- United States Navy Meritorious Service Medal for service at Naval Reserve, Naval War College 2011-2013

EDUCATION

- J.D., Cum Laude, Suffolk University Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, 1992
- B.S., Summa Cum Laude, Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, 1989
Major: Political

ADMISSIONS

- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Rhode Island
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court Massachusetts
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court Rhode Island
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island

MEMBERSHIPS

- Defense Research Institute
- Boston Bar Association

OUTSIDE CETRULO

Prior to joining Cetrulo LLP, Steve served in the United States Navy Judge Advocate General's Corp. from 1993 to 1997. He was stationed at the Navy Legal Service Office, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii as a legal assistance attorney, defense counsel, staff judge advocate for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and as special assistant United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii.

Currently, he is a Commander in the United States Navy Reserves and recently concluded tours as an International Law Instructor at the Defense Institute for International Legal Studies, Newport, Rhode Island, Legal Counsel to the Chief of Naval Personnel Command, Washington, DC, and a Reserve Professor of International Law at the Naval War College Newport, Rhode Island.

He currently serves as a Reserve Trial Advocacy Instructor at the Naval Justice School, Newport, Rhode Island.