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Eric is a Boston-based lawyer focused on the insurance sector, representing state insurance regulators in the liquidation, rehabilitation and examination of insurance companies, as well as handling administrative, insurance coverage, reinsurance and other disputes and litigation.

Eric joined the firm in 1995. Before that, he served as

- Assistant Attorney General, Administrative Law Division, Government Bureau, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office (1991-1995)
- Law Clerk, Honorable Walter Jay Skinner, United States District Judge, (1985-1986)

Eric has represented the liquidators of large property/casualty insurance companies in complex disputes with corporate claimants and reinsurers. He has also represented insurance regulators in examinations and reorganizations of insurers, in addition to representing insurers and others in coverage and other contractual disputes. These matters have involved litigation in the state and federal trial and appellate courts.

His reported decisions include *In the Matter of the Liquidation of American Mut. Liab. Ins. Co.*, 440 Mass. 796 (2004) and *Solis v. Home Ins. Co.*, 848 F.Supp.2d 91 (D.N.H. 2012). While at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Eric represented the Commonwealth, state agencies and officials in cases challenging statutes, regulations and administrative decisions in areas such as taxation, insurance and rate setting.

In his free time, Eric enjoys singing and is a member of the Jameson Singers.

Education

- Stanford Law School (J.D.)
- Harvard College (B.A., *magna cum laude*)
 - Economics

Services/Industries

- Corporate Governance & Board Advisory
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Business Law
- Securities Offerings & Private Placements
- Litigation & Trial

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire

Honors

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® under Insurance Law in Boston, Massachusetts (2024)

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Court and Other Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, District of New Hampshire
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court