

Keith E. Glidden

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Keith assists clients by effectively resolving disputes, whether through settlement, mediation/arbitration, or litigation. He advocates for clients in all aspects of civil and regulatory litigation and appeals, and is practical and conscientious when guiding clients through the process of resolving a dispute in state or federal court.

Although Keith has experience in a wide variety of civil and regulatory matters, he focuses on business, real estate, land use, and fiduciary litigation, including Trust and Estate litigation and ERISA litigation. Keith also assists clients with administrative appeals and litigation with state and federal agencies.

Before joining Verrill, Keith served two years as a law clerk for the Honorable Alexander H. Sands of the Massachusetts Land Court, where he participated in the adjudication of numerous appeals of municipal board decisions related to Massachusetts land use permitting and litigation related to claims of right, title, or interest in real property. Keith served as a commissioner for five years on the City of Salem Conservation Commission, and now serves as Commissioner for the Town of Hamilton, where he is involved in hearing matters concerning the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and Hamilton Conservation Bylaw.

During law school, Keith served as a law clerk for the Office of Administrative Law Judges for the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C., where he participated in the adjudication of administrative appeals of federal agency permit decisions and enforcement actions. Keith has also written and spoken on litigating standing in *de novo* land use appeals to the Massachusetts trial courts and on trial practice techniques.

Education

- New England School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*)
 - Case & Note Editor, New England Law Review
- State University of New York, Buffalo (B.S.)

Public Service

Services/Industries

- Litigation & Trial
- Real Estate
- Environmental & Land Use
- Real Estate Litigation
- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Coastal & Shoreland
- Probate Litigation

- Conservation Commission for the City of Salem, Massachusetts
- Conservation Commission for the Town of Hamilton, Massachusetts
- Member, Town of Hamilton Community Preservation Committee
- Director, Hamilton Wenham Open Land Trust

Bar Admissions

- Maine
- Massachusetts

Memberships

- Co-chair of Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Pretrial Preparation Seminar

Honors

- Selected by peers for inclusion in *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*® under Business Litigation, Estate & Trust Litigation and Construction Litigation: Business
- *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* in 2011

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Clerkships

- Massachusetts Land Court, Hon. Alexander H. Sands

Experience

Appellate Practice: Coastal Property Rights in Kennebunkport

We represented coastal landowners in a high-profile appeal before the Maine Supreme Court, in which the Town of Kennebunkport claimed ownership of Goose Rocks Beach against numerous homeowners whose deeds described property down to the low water mark. The case turned on the interpretation of deeds and legal doctrines dating back to the 1600s, including the original land patents from the English Crown to Sir Fernando Gorges creating the Province of Maine. The Law Court affirmed the Superior Court judgment, finding that title to the disputed beach is held by the town. In doing so, the Court appeared to manifest its growing policy preference for greater public access to Maine's coast, particularly its sandy beaches. *Almeder v. Town of Kennebunkport*, 2019 ME 151.