

Stephen B. Segal

Partner

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Steve brings a practical and personalized approach to his busy civil litigation practice. Whether at the pre-litigation stage or in the midst of trial, Steve can be counted on to understand the fine details and nuances of every case he handles, while also keeping at the forefront the “big picture” and each client’s unique circumstances and goals. He frequently represents individuals, businesses, and multinational corporations in a wide variety of civil matters, particularly in the areas of complex commercial and bankruptcy litigation.

Steve has litigated cases in several jurisdictions in and outside of New England. His broad and diverse commercial litigation practice has included disputes involving breach of contract claims, matters arising under the Uniform Commercial Code, enforcement of mortgages and security agreements, product liability, and other business torts. He has also litigated numerous disputes before the United States Bankruptcy Court, including those involving fraudulent and unauthorized post-petition transfers, preferences, aiding and abetting, and directors’ and officers’ breaches of fiduciary duties.

Before joining Verrill, Steve served as a law clerk to the Honorable John A. Woodcock of the United States District Court for the District of Maine. During law school, Steve served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Kermit V. Lipez of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

When Steve is outside the office, he enjoys spending time with his wife, their young son, and their two dogs. Steve is also a “baseball guy” and tries to incorporate the game into his life as much as he can. During his time as a graduate student at Clark University, he wrote his master’s thesis on the role of baseball during Reconstruction, which was subsequently published in an academic history journal. Currently, Steve enjoys obsessing over the Boston Red Sox and discussing baseball history. When the Red Sox are not in play, Steve turns his attention to the Boston Celtics and New England Patriots.

Education

- University of Maine School of Law (J.D., *summa cum laude*)

Services/Industries

- Litigation & Trial
- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
- Probate Litigation

- Articles Editor, Maine Law Review
- Teaching Assistant for the following courses: Contracts, Constitutional Law, and Legal Writing
- Clark University (M.A.)
- Clark University (B.A., *magna cum laude*)

Public Service

- Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Member, Board of Directors (2022-present)
- Foundation for Portland Public Schools, Member, Board of Directors (2017-2023)
- Portland High School Mentoring Program, Mentor (2011-2012)

Bar Admissions

- Maine
- Massachusetts

Memberships

- Maine State Bar Association, Leadership Academy (2019)
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Maine Trial Lawyers Association
- Cumberland County Bar Association
- Maine State Bar Association
- Gignoux Inn of Court

Honors

- Received Katahdin Counsel Recognition for *pro bono* efforts (2016-2017)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*® under Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law in Portland, Maine
- Selected by peers for inclusion in *New England Super Lawyers*® under Business Litigation
- Faculty Significant Achievement Award, University of Maine School of Law

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Clerkships

- U.S. District Court for the District of Maine, Hon. John A. Woodcock

Court and Other Admissions

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

