



Justin P. O'Brien

Partner

Boston

Biography

Justin O'Brien appears in state and federal courts representing clients in civil litigation and government enforcement actions. He negotiates, litigates, tries, and resolves commercial disputes including claims of fraud and misrepresentation, negligence, breach of contract, professional malpractice, wrongful death, breach of fiduciary duty, and unfair and deceptive business practices.

Justin advises public and private companies, professional service firms, nonprofits, government entities, executives, managers, partners, shareholders, and licensed professionals in a wide variety of industries, including financial services, insurance, software, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, and medical devices. His clients also come from the engineering, construction, real estate, telecommunications, government, legal, manufacturing, and retail sectors.

In government investigations and criminal defense matters, Justin represents clients in cases involving various federal and state government agencies.

Before joining the firm, Justin served as a law clerk to the Honorable Patti B. Saris on the United States District Court and as an attorney at another large firm. He also previously worked as a public affairs consultant and as a political campaign organizer for candidates including



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Practices

Litigation

Investigations

Industries

Consumer

Diversified Industrials

Financial Institutions

Life Sciences and Health Care

TMT

Areas of focus

White Collar Crime and Fraud

U.S. Senators Edward Kennedy and John Kerry.

Justin grew up in Brookline, Massachusetts. A student of history and politics, he has worked in all three branches of the federal government, committed the names of every U.S. president in order to memory, and is an avid reader of historic markers and plaques.

Representative experience

Won dismissal of three False Claims Act whistleblower cases in federal court.*

Won jury trial for plaintiff in state Superior Court regarding multiple fraudulent transfers of financial assets.*

Won Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court decision setting precedent on enforcement of arbitration agreements.*

Won dismissal of federal housing fraud claims against a city and its mayor.*

Won a multi-million dollar federal court verdict for utility services company in case of alleged public procurement fraud.*

Successfully settled civil lawsuit concerning engineering intellectual property rights, attaining the goals set by the client.*

Won reversal on appeal of a trial court's damages award against our client regarding real estate finance transactions.*

Defended Central Artery Project ("Big Dig") public contractor in federal and state investigations and in civil litigation with successful pretrial resolutions of all matters.*

Represented national health services provider CEO and national laboratory company in federal fraud investigations that were successfully concluded.*

Bribery and Corruption

Health Care Services

Commercial Litigation

Financial Services Litigation

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Boston College Law School, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif, 2003

B.A., Harvard University, cum laude, 1994

Memberships

Chair, Life Sciences Interest Group, ABA Health Law Section

American Bar Association

Boston Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

Massachusetts

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Rising Star, General Litigation, Criminal Defense: White Collar, Business Litigation, *Super Lawyers*, 2009-2013
- General Litigation, Criminal Defense: White Collar, Business Litigation, *Super Lawyers*, 2014 - 2018

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Artificial Intelligence and your business: A guide for navigating the legal, policy, commercial, and strategic challenges ahead *Hogan Lovells*