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Admitted:

1988, New Hampshire and U.S. District Court, District of New Hampshire; 1989, Maine; 1992, U.S. District Court, District of Maine and U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

Law School:

University of Maine School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1988

College:

Boston College, B.A. *magna cum laude*, 1985

Member:

Cumberland County, Maine State and New Hampshire Bar Associations; Maine Trial Lawyers Association; Defense Research Institute; Tri State Defense Counsel Association; Chair, Advisory Committee on the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

Elizabeth Germani has more than 25 years of litigation experience in Maine and New Hampshire. She specializes in civil trial work, representing both plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of matters, including insurance defense, insurance coverage, products liability, personal injury, medical malpractice defense, attorney malpractice, fire losses, construction litigation, business litigation and contract disputes. She practices in all the state and federal courts in Maine and New Hampshire, and before the state boards in Maine.

Liz also has a busy mediation practice, serving as a mediator and as an arbitrator in more than 400 civil cases.

In addition, Liz has handled a number of appeals before the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine, sitting as the Law Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and the Supreme Court of New Hampshire. A partial list of the appellate decisions in which Liz was counsel of record includes:

- Thurston v. W.C. Weatherbee and Sons, Inc., 2014 Me.Unpub.LEXIS 156 (affirmed trial verdict and judgment for electrician and property owner in a claim alleging negligence and premises liability);
- Estate of Kristin Cummings v. Davie, 2012 ME 43 (wrongful death claim arising from a suicide);

- Samaan v. St. Joseph's Hospital, 670 F.3d 21 (1st Cir. 2012) (concerned the exclusion of an expert for the plaintiff under the *Daubert* analysis and summary judgment for the defendants);
- State v. Russo, 2008 ME 31 (a criminal case involving the double jeopardy clause as it applied to a filing agreement);
- Reid v. Town of Mount Vernon, 2007 ME 125 (negligence action);
- Koken v. Black & Veatch Construction, Inc., 426 F.3d 39 (1st Cir. 2005) (product liability case where several issues were appealed);
- Ashe v. Enterprise Rent-a-Car, 2003 ME 147 (reach and apply action);
- Coffin v. Lariat Associates, 2001 ME 33 (premises liability claims);
- Martin v. Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Co., 145 NH 498 (2000) (insurance coverage issues arising from an intentional punch);
- Shaw v. Jendzejec, 1998 ME 208 (wrongful death case involving the death of an unborn fetus);
- Gasson v. St. Pierre, 1998 ME 41 (appeal of evidentiary rulings at trial);

- Moulton v. Rival Co., 116 F.3d 22 (1st Cir. 1997) (product liability case addressing several issues);
- Porn v. National Grange Mutual Insurance Co., 93 F.3d 31 (1st Cir. 1996) (bad faith claims); and
- Butler v. Walker Power, 137 NH 432 (1993) (breach of employment contract).

Liz has been given a *Martindale-Hubbell* **Preeminent Rating of AV**, and scored a 5 out of a possible 5 in peer review ratings for litigation, personal injury and alternative dispute resolution, based on ratings given by a number of attorneys and judges who have worked with Liz over the years.

Benchmark Litigation has named Liz one of the **top 250 women in litigation** in the United States. Liz was 1 of only 4 Maine attorneys so recognized.

Every year since 2007, Liz has been selected for inclusion in the *New England Super Lawyers* magazine. Super Lawyers is the only legal publisher that uses a multi-step evaluation process that incorporates peer recognition and professional achievement. Through a system of nominations, peer evaluation and internal research the legal publisher selects only the very best of New England attorneys in a variety of practice areas.

Liz is a former Board Member and Officer, and a current member of the Maine Trial Lawyers Association, a member of the Defense Research Institute, and a member of the Tri-State Defense Lawyers Association.

Liz was appointed by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court as Chair of the Advisory Committee on the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, and still serves in that role. Over her years of practice, she has also volunteered her services to the Campaign for Justice, Maine Equal Justice Partners, the Justice Action Group, and a committee formed by the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to propose changes to the way in which civil cases proceed through the Maine state court system. Liz has also presented at numerous seminars over the years – primarily those sponsored by the Maine State Bar Association and the Maine Trial Lawyers Association.

Liz has a large extended family and enjoys cooking, skiing and boating.