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MCGANN, BARTLETT & BROWN, LLC

The firm of McGann, Bartlett & Brown, LLC was founded over 30 years ago and is comprised of 13 lawyers with cumulative experience of over 300 years. The firm has a strong emphasis in workers' compensation defense litigation in the State of Connecticut. While the firm does handle some civil litigation, wrongful termination, and subrogation matters, it focuses primarily on defending employers and insurance companies in relationship to work injuries.

Richard S. Bartlett: Attorney Bartlett is a principal of the firm with 35 years of experience. He graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law with honors in 1981 and was admitted to the Connecticut Bar Association that same year. He received a Masters Degree in the field of Nutritional Biochemistry in 1974 and worked in that field prior to obtaining his law degree. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and is also admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

Jonathan F. Reik: Attorney Reik is a principal of the firm with 36 years of experience. He graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law and was admitted to the Bar in 1980. He graduated with honors from Trinity College in 1974. He is a past Chairman of the Committee on Administration of Civil Justice of the Connecticut Bar Association. He is admitted to practice before both State and Federal Court. He has represented most of the major municipalities and businesses and many worker's compensation insurers in worker's compensation hearings, trials, and appeals and also has extensive experience handling defense of claims in the Superior Court of Connecticut.

David C. Davis: Attorney Davis is a principal of the firm with 30 years of experience. He graduated from Western New England College School of Law in 1986 and was admitted to the Connecticut Bar Association that same year. He graduated with honors from Southern Connecticut State University in 1980, with a Bachelor of Science in Special Education. He is admitted to practice before both State and Federal Court and has participated in oral argument before the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals and the Connecticut Supreme Court. He is also a member of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association and the Connecticut Bar Association.

Timothy D. Ward: Attorney Ward is a principal of the firm with 30 years of experience. He received his B.A. Degree from Boston College in 1983. He graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1986 and was admitted to the Connecticut Bar that same year. He is also admitted to practice in the Federal Court System. Attorney Ward has given lectures to insurance company representatives on various aspects of premises liability. He has served as an arbitrator in underinsured/uninsured motorist cases. Attorney Ward is a member of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association and the Connecticut Bar Association.

Diane D. Duhamel: Attorney Duhamel is a principal of the firm with 29 years of experience. She obtained her A.B. degree from Saint Michael's College in 1982 and a Juris Doctorate from Franklin Pierce Law Center in 1987. She was admitted to practice in the State of New Hampshire in 1987, the State of Connecticut in 1988, and the State of Massachusetts in 1998. She is a member of both the Connecticut and New Hampshire Bar Associations. As an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Connecticut she handled many workers' compensation matters while representing the Second Injury Fund. She is a past-Chair of the Executive Committee of the Workers' Compensation Section of the Connecticut Bar Association. Presently, she is the chair of the Examining Committee for Workers' Compensation Certification in the State of Connecticut and serves on the Legal Advisory Panel to the Workers' Compensation Commission Chairman, John A. Mastropietro. She was a member of the editorial board for *Compensation Quarterly* from 1996 to 2000 and is a frequent speaker at workers' compensation seminars.

Erik S. Bartlett: Attorney Bartlett is a principal of the firm with 16 years of experience. He graduated from the Quinnipiac College School of Law in 2000, and was admitted to practice that same year. He received a Bachelor of Science in Biology at the University of Connecticut in 1997. Attorney Bartlett has successfully argued cases before the Connecticut Appellate Court and has appeared before the Connecticut Supreme Court as well. Currently he is a member of the Workers' Compensation Section of the Connecticut Bar Association and serves on the annual charity golf tournament committee that has raised substantial funds for Connecticut Food Bank and Foodshare.

Lawrence R. Pellett: Attorney Pellett is a principal of the firm with 33 years of experience. He obtained his Juris Doctorate degree from Pepperdine University School of Law in 1983 and was admitted to practice in Connecticut in 1984. He graduated from Lehigh University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Business and Economics. He joined the firm in 2004 having been a partner in the firm of Feeley, Nichols, Chase, McDermott & Pellett, P.C., in Waterbury where he represented clients in both civil matters and workers' compensation cases. Attorney Pellett was Board Certified as a Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy in 1995 (re-certified in 2000) and has been Board Certified as a Workers' Compensation Specialist by the Connecticut Bar Association since 2001.

Michael M. Buonopane: Attorney Buonopane is a principal of the firm with 20 years of experience. He graduated from the University of Connecticut with honors in 1993 and received his law degree from New England School of Law in 1996. He is currently a member of the Connecticut Bar and the United States District Court of Connecticut. Attorney Buonopane served as an intern in criminal matters with the Public Defender's Office in Hartford and Rockville Superior Court. He has worked as a general practitioner, educating himself in diverse areas of the law before focusing on workers' compensation and personal injury law. For the past twenty years, Attorney Buonopane has appeared before the Workers' Compensation Commission, the Compensation Review Board and the Appellate Court for the State of Connecticut. He handles subrogation, litigation and all aspects of workers' compensation matters. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, & the Workers' Compensation Section of the CBA. Mr. Buonopane has lectured to local business entities and the State Department of Labor on issues of Workers' Compensation Law. In 2003, he became board certified with the Connecticut Bar Association as a specialist in workers' compensation law.

Terrance M. Brennan: Attorney Brennan is a principal of the firm with 17 years of experience. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Connecticut. He received his Juris Doctorate from Western New England School of Law in 1999, and was admitted to the Connecticut Bar that same year. He is also admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court. Prior to joining McGann, Bartlett & Brown, he worked in all areas of civil practice with an emphasis on workers' compensation defense. Attorney Brennan is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association.

George F. O'Donnell: Attorney O'Donnell is an associate of the firm with 6 years of experience. He graduated in 2007 from Gettysburg College with a B.A. in Management and a minor in economics. In 2010 he earned his J.D. from Western New England College, School of Law. Following law school, he practiced primarily in the areas of personal injury, workers' compensation, and criminal defense. Prior to joining McGann, Bartlett & Brown in 2015, he was employed by another defense firm where his practice focused on representing employers, self-insureds, and insurance carriers in workers' compensation claims. Attorney O'Donnell is admitted to the state bar of Connecticut and the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association, Workers' Compensation Section. His practice involves mainly workers' compensation defense.

Laurie M. Lavoie: Attorney Lavoie is an associate with the firm with 20 years of experience. She graduated from Fairfield University with honors in 1993, and from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1996. Attorney Lavoie began her legal career in 1996 as In-house Counsel for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, where she spent several years defending both workers' compensation and personal injury cases, including bringing civil cases to jury defendant verdicts. Attorney Lavoie spent the past ten years with another defense firm where she focused exclusively on defense of workers' compensation cases. During the past two decades Attorney Lavoie has handled all aspects of workers' compensation claims, including appellate experience with the Compensation Review Board. Attorney Lavoie is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association.

Michael A. Burton: Attorney Burton is an associate with the firm with 22 years of experience. He received a Bachelor of Political Science at the University of Connecticut in 1989. He graduated from Western New England College School of Law in 1994 and was admitted to practice that same year. Attorney Burton began his legal career in 1994 practicing in civil litigation and workers compensation matters. Attorney Burton was a partner and successfully operated his own practice at Cantarella & Burton where he specialized in practicing general liability and workers' compensation law. From 2000 to 2016, Attorney Burton was employed as in-house counsel for Zurich Insurance, defending workers' compensation matters.