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Commission. Listed in Best Lawyers in America in the categories of Commercial Litigation, Construction Litigation, Labor and Employment Litigation, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Arbitration and Mediation, Jerry has also been named by Best Lawyers as Maine's 2010 "Lawyer of the Year" in the category of Alternative Dispute Resolution, the first year the award was given. In addition, Jerry is listed in the Chambers USA Guide of America's Leading Lawyers for Business and Commercial Litigation, and Benchmark Litigation 2013 has recognized Jerry as a Maine Litigation Star. He has served as an adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Maine School of Law, where he taught Trial Practice.

**Christopher C. Dinan — Monaghan Leahy, LLP** (Portland, ME): Chris graduated from Harvard College in 1977 and from the University of Maine Law School in 1982. He has been admitted to practice in Maine and the U.S. District Court, District of Maine, since 1982. He is also admitted to the bar of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, First Circuit, and is "AV" rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Chris has tried well over one hundred civil jury trials, both as Plaintiff's counsel and as defense counsel, with verdicts in all but one of Maine's sixteen counties. He has frequently argued cases before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, including significant tort and insurance coverage matters. The Maine Superior Courts have selected him to serve as a discovery master in complex commercial litigation and appointed him to mediate sharply disputed civil litigation. He has served as a mediator or arbitrator in over one thousand cases, beginning in 1993. In this role he has helped resolve



personal injury matters, insurance coverage cases, business and construction disputes, as well as intensely emotional matters involving alleged abuses of the priest-parishioner and therapist-patient relationships. He has been listed in *New England Super Lawyers* for his work in Alternative Dispute Resolution for many years and been listed for in *The Best Lawyers in America*, since 2007 for ADR and, since 2010, for personal injury litigation. For the 2013 *Best Lawyers* publication he was named "Lawyer of the Year" in greater Portland for his ADR work.

**Matthew T. Mehalic — Norman, Hanson & DeTroy LLC** (Portland, ME): Matt focuses his work on insurance related matters, including, but not limited to, first party claim investigation, coverage analysis, defense, and subrogation matters. His practice also involves diverse matters arising in general negligence, premises liability, product liability, contract disputes, construction, and trespass. His clients value the degree of scrutiny that he brings to all inquiries, his due diligence, special investigation, and equal attention to both complex and simple matters. Prior to attending and graduating from the University of Maine School of Law, Matthew trained as an archeologist and anthropologist at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He serves as Vice President of Maine's Tri-State Defense Lawyers Association and is Identified among the New England Rising Stars since 2013.



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