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Michael J. Dyer engages in the general practice of law with an emphasis on civil and criminal litigation. Mr. Dyer's litigation practice consists of representing individuals and corporate clients at trials before our state courts, administrative proceedings before state agencies, and preparing briefs and arguing cases before the Connecticut Appellate Court. Mr. Dyer particularly enjoys representing clients before the Department of Motor Vehicles, students in school expulsion hearings (both secondary and college) and matters before the state's Workers' Compensation Commissioners.

Mr. Dyer's commercial litigation practice involves representing our corporate clients in matters involving contract disputes, negligence, the unfair trade practices act, the unfair insurance practices act, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, unjust enrichment and statutory theft. Mr. Dyer is also experienced in handling State Highway condemnation and eminent domain litigation, having successfully litigated in this area through trial and appeal. Mr. Dyer's personal injury practice consists of representing individuals who have been hurt in motor vehicle accidents, slip-and-fall incidents and other negligence cases. Mr. Dyer is also regularly assigned matters by our regional probate court in which he represents indigent people in areas such as voluntary and involuntary conservatorships as well as guardianships.

A member of the Connecticut Bar Association (CBA), Mr. Dyer is also a member of the Manchester Bar Association, the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association and the Workers' Compensation Section of the CBA. Mr. Dyer was educated at the College of the Holy Cross where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. He received his law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law. While in law school, Mr. Dyer worked as a judicial extern for United States District Court Judge Dominic J. Squatrito. He also interned for the legal department of a major insurance company.

Mr. Dyer is a member of the Manchester Scholarship Foundation, which provides financial help to graduating seniors who are residents of Manchester based on academic achievement, financial need, community service, and work experience. He and his wife Cathleen live in Manchester and are communicants at St. James Church.

### Areas of Practice

- Civil Litigation
- Criminal Litigation
- Commercial Litigation
- Workers' Compensation
- Personal Injury
- State Highway Condemnation
- Eminent Domain Litigation

## **Bar Admissions**

- Connecticut

## **Education**

- University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, Connecticut
  - J.D.
- College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts
  - B.A.
  - Major: Sociology

## **Professional Associations and Memberships**

- Connecticut Bar Association (CBA), Member
- Manchester Bar Association, Member
- Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, Member
  - Workers' Compensation Section of the CBA, Member

## **Past Employment Positions**

- United States District Court Judge Dominic J. Squatrito, Judicial Extern

## **Pro Bono Activities**

- Manchester Scholarship Foundation, Member
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