



## James F. Martin

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James F. Martin practices in the area of corporate and business counseling, commercial real estate, real estate planning and permitting, solar and wind, and litigation.

Jim is recognized as a leading automotive franchise attorney throughout New England (including heavy duty truck dealerships) and has successfully handled the purchase and sale of numerous car dealerships and related real estate, franchise negotiations, floor plan and real estate financing and all types of litigation arising from the operation of a dealership.

Jim sees the role of a good business lawyer as similar to that of a coach. As a student-athlete in Springfield, MA, a college athlete at Georgetown University, where he served as the co-captain of the men's soccer team, and later a youth sports coach in Springfield and Longmeadow, he learned that a good coach is an advisor, a motivator, and a problem solver.

As a lawyer, he works to understand his clients' culture and their concerns so that he can provide sound counsel based on what serves their goals and objectives and is in the best interests of their businesses. He analyzes transactions and litigation from a business perspective, creating innovative and efficient solutions.

## Practice Areas

Business and Finance, Real Estate, Alternative Energy, Litigation

## Bar and Court Admissions

Massachusetts

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Massachusetts

U.S. Tax Court

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## James F. Martin

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### Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., 1978

Georgetown University, A.B., 1975

### Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association

Real Estate Bar of Massachusetts (REBA)

Hampden County Bar Association

American Bar Foundation – Life Fellow

Massachusetts Bar Foundation - Life Fellow and Trustee

National Association of Dealer Counsel

Massachusetts Automobile Dealer Association

### Community Involvement

Springfield Riverfront Development Commission

Western Massachusetts Georgetown University Alumni Association

Springfield Museums – trustee and vice chair of Museum Committee

Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Classic - former chairman, board of directors

Baystate Medical Center - former trustee and former chairman of Baystate Medical Center and its related entities

### Honors & Recognitions

Massachusetts Super Lawyers: 2004, 2006–2007, 2009 – present

Best Lawyers, 2001 – present

Rated AV by Martindale Hubbell, a peer-review rating system for the legal profession