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Areas of Practice

Litigation

Financial Services

Cross Border

Securities, Government Enforcement &
Corporate Governance Litigation

Securitized and Subprime Debt

Insurance & Reinsurance

Claims and Coverage

Education

McGill University, Faculty of Law, LL.B.

with distinction

McGill University, Faculty of Law, B.C.L.

with distinction

McGill University, B.A.

joint honours

Bar Admissions

Massachusetts

Memberships

Massachusetts Bar Association

New England-Canada Business Council,

First Vice President

Languages

French

Mary-Pat practices civil litigation and has trial and appellate experience in both state and federal courts. Mary-Pat focuses her practice in the area of financial services and securities litigation, including disputes arising out of bad faith claims handling against professional and specialty lines liability carriers, banking, creditors' rights, and limited partnership disputes. Mary-Pat, who is fluent in French, is also knowledgeable about the scope and terms of the European Union's personal data privacy directive and analogous Canadian Federal and Provincial legislation, and their implications for North American companies. Mary-Pat's particular experience in financial services issues, coupled with her reasoned tenacity, provides Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge's clients with quick, efficient and desirable results.

Notable Experience

- Defense of national financial institutions insurers in coverage and alleged bad faith claims handling cases.
- Mary-Pat is actively involved in the representation of liability insurers in coverage litigation throughout the country in state and federal courts, including bankruptcy courts.
- Mary-Pat has represented investment advisers in fee dispute litigation under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940 and state law.
- Currently part of a team of EAPD lawyers serving as regional counsel to a large domestic insurance company for extra-contractual/bad faith insurance litigation.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of an insurance company in a Massachusetts state court action on bad faith claims on D&O and E&O policies.
- Mary-Pat participates in the ongoing representation of a financial institution in a Delaware Chancery Court action concerning alleged breaches of contracts arising from the transfer of a \$12 billion credit card portfolio.
- In Ohio, Mary-Pat obtained summary judgment for a captive finance company against the guarantor/dealer in a deficiency action. The

guarantor's counterclaims included conspiracy, breach of fiduciary duty, and failure to conduct a private secured party sale in a commercially reasonable manner.

- Mary-Pat also obtained summary judgment in Ohio for a captive finance company against dealer claims of wrongful conspiracy against a manufacturer and the captive finance company in connection with the captive's possession of a dealership and the manufacturer's denial of the replacement dealer.
- Mary-Pat executed the successful litigation of a wholesale floor plan lender, which was initiated by a party claiming to be a cosigner.
- Mary-Pat defended a wholesale floor plan lender of a defaulted car dealership in connection with consumer claims against floor-plan lender and dealership.
- Mary-Pat analyzed the risks of remarketing methods in connection with a retail lenders' treatment of off-lease and repossessed vehicles.

Recent Speaking Engagements and Publications

- Presenter with Mike Gass, Stan Keller and Matt Martell (EAPD Litigation - SGE) --- "What The Subprime/Credit Crisis Means For Your Company" as part of the ongoing *Association of Corporate Counsel* webcast series.
- "Errors and Omissions Policies: When is a Professional Service Not a "Professional Service" Under Massachusetts Law?" *Professionals', Officers' And Directors' Liability Committee Newsletter*, Spring 2008 and *Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge Insurance and Reinsurance Update*, September 2007.
- *Speaker*, Committee on Insurance Law of The Association of the Bar of the City of New York's Mentoring Meeting, New York, February 26, 2008.
- "Where Does It All End?," *co-author*, *Insurance Day*, February 22, 2008.
- "Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Rules "Follow Form" Excess Insurer is Not Bound by Primary Insurer's Settlement Decision," *Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge Insurance and Reinsurance Update*, December 2007.
- "How do I Get There from Here? - Building Your Brand, Contacts and Relationships as a Young Professional," *speaker*, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, October 2007.

- "U.S. Exposures of Directors and Officers of International Groups: The Protection Offered by Side-A DIC Policies," *speaker*, XL Europe, Madrid, Spain and Paris, France, September 2007.
- "Recent Developments in Coverage Disputes, Including Bad Faith Litigation," Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge School of D&O, Bermuda, April 23-24, 2007.
- "Long Distance Marketing - Building Contacts and Relationships from a Remote Undisclosed Location," *keynote speaker*, Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Exporters (NLOWE), St. John's, Newfoundland, March 22, 2007.
- Atlantic Canadian Women Exporter's Initiative to New England, *keynote speaker*, Fairmont Copley Plaza, Boston, February 25-28, 2007.
- "Investment Funds Liability Developments," *co-speaker*, Report From the Front Lines: Litigation and Regulatory Developments Affecting Public Companies, Financial Institutions and Investment Funds, Bermuda, September 27, 2005.
- "The Suitability Requirement in the Sale and Regulation of Variable Annuities," *Edwards & Angell Insurance & Reinsurance Update*, December 2004.
- "A Comparative Analysis of Legal Liability for Failure to Adequately Protect Personal Data on the Internet," *New England-Canada Business Council, Spring Technology Seminar*, April 2002.

Before Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge

While attending law school, Mary-Pat was the Editor-in-Chief of the McGill Law Journal. Additionally, she was extremely active in Moot competition, placing first in the Stikeman, Elliot Competitive Moot in 1993. In 1994 she was a Top Pleader in the Quebec Bar Prize Competitive Moot, and was a member of the Semifinal Bora Laskin Competitive Moot Team in 1995. Upon graduation from McGill University, Mary-Pat was awarded the Rosa B. Gultieri and Chief Justice Greenshields Awards.

Besides Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge

Mary-Pat was elected the First Vice President of the New England-Canada Business Council. She is also on the Board and is co-Chair for the New England-Canada Business Council's annual U.S.-Canada Technology, Trade, and Investment Conference.