

J.P. Jaillet

Department Co-Chair, Litigation



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Practice Areas

Insurance & Reinsurance
 Finance & Restructuring

Education

University of Virginia Law School
 JD (2000)

University of Notre Dame
 BA (1997) *magna cum laude*

Admissions

Massachusetts

“He is very skilled in deposition preparation and litigation strategy, and proactive in his handling of all issues.” – Chambers USA

J.P. Jaillet, Co-Chair of Choate’s Litigation Department, focuses on financial litigation. J.P. represents insurers, reinsurers, lenders, and secured creditors in court and arbitration.

In addition, J.P. is a member of Choate’s Executive Committee.

Representative Engagements**Reinsurance**

- Litigation counsel in more than 150 reinsurance arbitrations for nearly 20 years.
- Trial counsel in more than 25 reinsurance arbitrations that have gone to evidentiary hearing.
- Managed various life reinsurance disputes, including with respect to annuity programs, YRT rate increases, and underwriting intent.
- Trial counsel for reinsurers concerning large property claims and aggregation issues, including with respect to ice dam, wildfire, and storm losses.
- Litigation counsel for U.S. cedent that successfully recovered over \$100M from Asian reinsurer.
- Trial counsel for leading reinsurer in \$75 million arbitration concerning treaty underwriting issues.
- Obtained \$100 million recovery in catastrophe bond dispute.

Finance and Bankruptcy Litigation

- Litigation counsel to DIP lenders in various Chapter 11 cases, including the Rite Aid bankruptcies.
- Trial counsel for secured lender in contested debtor-in-possession proceedings, including the Tuesday Morning bankruptcy.
- Represented insurer in \$1 billion bankruptcy adversary proceeding.
- Trial counsel for major technology company in connection with alleged \$40 million fraudulent transfer.

- Successfully defended senior secured bank syndicate from lender liability claims.
- Obtained summary judgment for investor in lawsuit alleging \$25M million investment fraud and breach of fiduciary duty.
- Successfully defended lender from claims alleging breach of restructuring support agreement.

Publications and Presentations

- “Cross-Border Issues,” ARIAS Seminar, March 2025
- “Post-Pandemic COVID Losses,” moderator, ARIAS Re/insurance Seminar, March 2023
- “An Update on Complex and Emerging Risks: Revivor Claims, Opioids and PFAS,” panelist, ARIAS-US Spring Conference, May 2021
- “Opioid Coverage Issues: A Primer,” panelist, Boston, MA, February 2018
- “After the Final Award: When is it permissible and appropriate for panels to retain jurisdiction?,” panelist, ARIAS Webinar
- “Reinsurance Risk,” speaker, American Bar Association – Insurance Litigation Conference
- “Reinsurance Primer,” speaker, Boston Bar Association
- “Deflategate, Reinsurance and Arbitrator Bias,” author, *Employment Law360*
- “Ex Parte Communication in Reinsurance Arbitrations: Impact of Recent Cases,” speaker, ARIAS Arbitrator Workshop
- “The Ins and Outs of Cyber-insurance,” speaker, Boston Bar Association

Professional and Community Involvement

- Former Chair of the Insurance & Reinsurance Group

Recognition

- *The Legal 500* “Boston Elite, Commercial Litigation” (2025)
- *Chambers USA* (2020-2025)
- *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*
- *The Legal 500*: Next Generation Partner (2020-2023)
- *The Legal 500*: Leading Lawyer (2024-2025)
- *Boston Magazine* Top Lawyer (2024)
- Honors Recipient, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Pro Bono Honor Roll (2023)