



# Joan A. Lukey

## Practice Group Leader

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For more than thirty years, Joan Lukey has tried complex business litigation in state and federal courts nationwide. She has tried approximately 100 jury trials, and a myriad of bench trials and arbitrations in all aspects of business disputes. In addition, she is an accomplished appellate lawyer, having argued approximately 60 federal and state appeals. For the past two years, she has been honored by Benchmark as one of the top 10 female litigators nationally.

Since 1983, Joan has been selected by her peers for each edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of business, bet-the-company, commercial, personal injury, employment and First Amendment litigation. She has also been routinely recognized for the last several years in Chambers USA and Chambers Global as a Band One Litigator.

Joan is a past President of the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers, the first woman ever to hold this position. Before joining Choate in 2014, she was a partner at Ropes & Gray in the Complex Business Litigation Practice Group from 2008 until 2014, after almost thirty years as a partner at WilmerHale. She has served twice as a Massachusetts Special Assistant Attorney General and has written extensively on issues of Gubernatorial and Presidential Executive Privilege.

### PRACTICE AREAS

Complex Trial & Appellate Litigation

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- *Massachusetts Lawyers "Circle of Excellence"* (2020)
- *Who's Who Legal* Litigation practice area (2017).
- Benchmark Litigation: Top 10 Female Litigators (2015) (2018) (2019).
- Benchmark Litigation: Top 100 Trial Lawyers (2017-2019).
- Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business (2010-2019).
- Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business (2009-2021).
- *The Legal 500's* "Leading Trial Lawyer" ranking (2016-2019).

## EDUCATION

Boston College Law School  
*JD, cum laude*, Order of the  
Coif  
Editor, *Environmental Affairs  
Law Review*  
Member, National Moot Court  
Championship Team  
First woman selected as Best  
Oral Advocate at National  
Moot Court Competition

Smith College  
BA, *magna cum laude*

## ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts

New Hampshire

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals, First  
Circuit

U.S. District Courts,  
Massachusetts &  
New Hampshire

- Acritas Stars: independently nominated by multiple clients as one of the most outstanding lawyers they have worked with, and is included in the Acritas Stars multinational, peer recommended lawyers database (2020).
- *The Best Lawyers in America* (1983-2019), listed under Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, First Amendment Law, Labor and Employment Law and Personal Injury Litigation.
- Benchmark Litigation: National Litigation Star (2013-2019)
- *Massachusetts Super Lawyers*
- *Lawdragon 500* (2013-2019).
- Has been listed among *Boston Magazine's* "Top 50 Female Massachusetts Super Lawyers" and as one of its "Fabulous 40," a group of forty Bostonians celebrated for their career success and dynamic, unique personalities.
- Named one of the "35 influential judges and lawyers in Massachusetts of the past 35 years" and "Leaders in the Law" in 2013 in *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*.
- "America's 50 Top Women Litigators," *National Law Journal*.
- Named one of the most powerful attorneys in Massachusetts by the Massachusetts edition of the *National Law Journal*.
- Burton Award for Legal Achievement In Writing.
- Founders' Medal from Boston College Law School (2004).
- St. Thomas More Award from Boston College Law School (2003).
- Inducted into YWCA's Academy of Women Achievers (1996).

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

An accomplished writer, Ms. Lukey's OpEd pieces have appeared in *The Washington Post* and *The Boston Globe*. She is a co-editor and co-author of the treatise *Federal Litigation in the First Circuit*.