



## Michael R. Creta

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## OVERVIEW

Michael Creta is an associate in the firm's Boston office. Michael focuses his practice on complex civil litigation in the areas of commercial disputes, employment, intellectual property, financial services, and insurance coverage. He has litigated a broad range of business-related issues, including claims of trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract, securities fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, unfair business practices, and defamation.

Michael has experience with many different phases of commercial litigation, including requests for preliminary relief, discovery, and dispositive motion practice. Michael has litigated matters in both state and federal courts, including courts in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Florida, and Vermont. In addition to his trial court experience, Michael has represented clients in mediations, arbitrations, and appeals.

Michael has significant experience with matters involving trade secret misappropriation, breaches of contractual confidentiality requirements, and breaches of contractual non-competition obligations. Through these matters, Michael has helped clients successfully obtain injunctive relief to protect their sensitive business information. Michael has also worked closely with computer forensics experts to determine whether trade secrets were improperly disclosed or used. Outside of litigation, Michael has advised clients on best practices for protecting their proprietary information.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Michael was a judicial intern to United States District Judge William E. Smith of the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island in 2013. He was also a Summer Associate at K&L Gates in 2014.

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Boston College Law School, 2015 (*cum laude*)
- B.S., Northeastern University, 2012 (*summa cum laude*)

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Massachusetts
- Bar of Rhode Island
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 16 November 2020, Litigation Minute: Practical Advice for Protecting Trade Secrets (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 6 May 2020, COVID-19: Congress, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and South Carolina Join Other Jurisdictions Proposing Legislation Addressing Insurers' Obligations to Pay for Pandemic-Related Losses (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 4 May 2020, COVID-19: Class Actions in Session (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 14 April 2020, COVID-19: Defending Class Actions in Massachusetts in the Wake of COVID-19 (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 6 April 2020, COVID-19: Growing Number of U.S. States Propose Legislation Requiring Insurers to Pay for COVID-19-Related Losses Incurred by Small Companies (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 25 March 2020, COVID-19: Insurance Policy Considerations for Higher Education Institutions (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 9 March 2020, Misappropriators Beware: *Motorola* Court Embraces Extraterritorial Application of the Defend Trade Secrets Act (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 21 January 2020, 2019 Non-Compete Statutes Are Officially In Effect: Are Employers Ready? (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 9 April 2018, District Court Finds No Violation of First Amendment in TCPA Suit Brought By Coalition of Bi-Partisan Political Organizations (*BlogPost*)
- 12 October 2017, The Supreme Court Hears Argument to Decide Whether Class-Action Waivers in Employment Arbitration Agreements Are Enforceable (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 26 September 2017, Emerging Trends in Defend Trade Secrets Act Litigation (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 28 July 2017, District Court Set to Rule on Cross Motions for Summary Judgment in First Amendment Challenge to TCPA (*BlogPost*)
- 27 July 2017, District Court Set to Rule on Cross Motions for Summary Judgment in First Amendment Challenge to TCPA (*BlogPost*)

- 27 March 2017, Federal Government Not Successful in Moving to Dismiss First Amendment Challenge to TCPA (*BlogPost*)
- 24 March 2017, Federal Government Not Successful in Moving to Dismiss First Amendment Challenge to TCPA (*BlogPost*)
- 27 January 2017, Arbitration Is Back on the Docket: The Supreme Court to Review the Enforceability of Class Action Waivers in Employment Arbitration Agreements (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 23 November 2016, Trump's Campaign to go it Alone on First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA (*BlogPost*)
- 23 November 2016, Trump's Campaign to go it Alone on the First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA (*BlogPost*)
- 7 November 2016, As Campaign Draws to a Close, Trump's First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA Continues On (*BlogPost*)
- 7 November 2016, As Campaign Draws to a Close, Trump's First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA Continues on (*BlogPost*)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Note, The Accommodation of Last Resort: The Americans with Disabilities Act and Reassignments, *55 B.C.L. Rev.* 1693 (2014)
- Case Comment, A Step in the Wrong Direction: The Ninth Circuit Requires Reasonable Suspicion for Forensic Examinations of Electronic Storage Devices During Border Searches in *United States v. Cotterman*, *55 B.C.L. Rev. E.Supp.* 31 (2014)

## NEWS & EVENTS

- August 2020, K&L Gates Lawyers Provide Insights on Impact of COVID-19 Across Various Industries (*Media Mention*)

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Financial Institutions and Services Litigation
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling