



Celeste E. Laramie, Shareholder

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Celeste Laramie is a litigation attorney at Gravel & Shea. Prior to joining the firm, she served as a trial attorney for five and a half years in the Committee for Public Counsel Services' Public Defender Division in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Since joining the firm in 2017, she has applied her litigation skills in a number of practice areas in the Vermont Superior Court, the Vermont Supreme Court and in the United States District Court for the District of Vermont. Celeste most frequently represents survivors of domestic and sexual abuse in personal injury actions against their abusers and those who enabled their abusers. She treats each client as an individual, seeking to achieve a broad range of goals and needs through the civil justice system. Celeste was co-lead counsel with Jerry O'Neill in a 2019 child sexual assault jury trial that resulted in a verdict in favor of the survivor. The Vermont Supreme Court affirmed the verdict in 2021. In 2022, Celeste won a case in federal court, in which the jury awarded \$5.25M to a client whose physician used his own sperm to inseminate her.

Celeste also represents individuals and companies in commercial and contract disputes, including employment disputes. She handles real property related matters, including partitions of property, tax assessment appeals, and appeals relating to local and state permitting of land development. In that capacity, she represents clients before municipal panels and the Vermont Superior Court, Civil and Environmental Divisions.

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School, J.D. 2011

Georgetown University, B.A. 2006, *cum laude*, Psychology

HONORS

Listed as "Ones to Watch" for Personal Injury - Plaintiffs in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, (2020 -2023)

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Member, Chittenden County, Vermont and American Bar Associations

Member, Vermont and American Associations for Justice

Member, Vermont Association for Justice Board of Governors

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts (2011)

Vermont (2017)

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts (2017)

U.S. District Court, District of Vermont (2017)

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Construction & Permitting Litigation
- Crime Victims
- Employment Litigation
- Environmental & Land Use Litigation
- Family Law
- General Business Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Libel & Privacy
- Personal Injury & Products Liability
- Medical Malpractice & Legal Malpractice
- Property Disputes and Litigation
- Property Tax Matters and Appeals