

Anderson & Kreiger's Nina Pickering-Cook and Sean Grammel Secure a Mask Mandate Victory for the Town of Dover

Teamed up with the Attorney General's Office and a coalition of municipal and school attorneys, Nina Pickering-Cook and Sean Grammel secured an important win before a single justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court for the Town of Dover, Massachusetts last month. In a combined case, the Children's Health Rights of Massachusetts, Inc. and Citizens for Medical Freedom, Inc. brought a suit against the Town, the City of Cambridge, 17 school districts in Massachusetts, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Counsel for these municipalities and public agencies fought to protect the defendants' authority to institute reasonable health measures during the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically mask requirements for schools and Town buildings, which were challenged as unnecessary and a violation of parents' constitutional rights.

Nina Pickering-Cook serves as Town Counsel for Dover. In her practice, she helps both public and private sector clients navigate issues related to construction, land use and real estate and, when needed, litigates on behalf of those clients.

Sean Grammel recently joined Anderson & Kreiger after working as a public defender in the children's welfare system and prior to that he worked as a litigator in the Boston office of a large international law firm. Since joining Anderson & Kreiger, he has litigated on behalf of the firm's public and private clients and helped conduct sensitive internal investigations.