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Overview

Owners of real estate, developers, public sector entities, and Massachusetts towns turn to Nina to represent them in construction, land use, commercial, and real estate litigation matters. Nina's practice focuses primarily on the following:

- **Litigation:** Branching out from general commercial litigation, Nina now litigates primarily construction, real estate, and insurance coverage matters for her clients at all levels of state and federal courts. Whether it is a dispute over real estate contracts, zoning, or a significant construction defect claim by a hub airport, Nina smartly pursues her clients' goals through leveraging the litigation process.
- **Construction Contracts:** Nina regularly drafts and negotiates design and construction contracts for owners with large development portfolios that minimize risk, while also keeping the project moving forward. She is fluent in modifying AIA form contracts. In the past few years, she developed suites of contract forms for multiple developers, and negotiated design and construction contracts for a variety of projects including specialized lab spaces and large institutional redevelopment.
- **Advisor to Public Sector Entities:** Nina advises public sector clients, such as the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), Massachusetts Lottery Commission, and the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, on a full range of legal matters – from routine compliance issues to litigation. She has guided these clients through procurements, public or administrative hearings, defending claims or enforcing decisions.
- **Town Counsel:** Nina serves the towns of Acton, Bedford, and Dover, Massachusetts. She regularly advises all Town clients of the Firm, on land use, procurement, governance, compliance issues, and complex litigation. She guides her towns through developing procurements, providing support for Town Meeting and public or administrative hearings, and training on the requirements of the State Ethics Act, the Open Meeting Law, and the Public Records Act. Nina regularly defends her towns against appeals of town decisions, and enforces its decisions when flouted.

In addition to representing her clients, Nina has been chosen by her peers to be a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and is currently a member of the Amicus Committee for the Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association. She is also past chair of the Real Estate Section of the Boston Bar Association.

PRACTICE AREAS

Construction
Litigation
Public Law

CREDENTIALS

Education

Boston University School of Law,
J.D. 2006 *magna cum laude*
Note Editor, *Boston University Law Review*
Bates College, B.S. 2000 *cum laude*

Admissions

Massachusetts
U.S. District Court,
District of Massachusetts

Recognitions

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®,
Municipal Law and Litigation,
2022
- Massachusetts Super Lawyers,
2021
- Massachusetts Rising Stars,
2015-2016