Martell L. Johnson

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Overview

Martell is an associate representing public and private clients in various litigation, transactional, advisory, and investigatory roles. Martell's practice focuses primarily on the following:

- **Litigation:** From disputes covering commercial and residential real estate, enforcement of federal and state regulations for public and airport clients, zoning and land use disputes, to public law matters, Martell zealously advocates on behalf of his clients.
- **Transactions:** Martell regularly drafts, reviews, and negotiates agreements on behalf of public and private clients. His analysis and drafting always seeks to strike a balance of allowing a deal or agreement to move forward without delay, while also ensuring risk to his clients are minimized.
- **Public Law:** Martell works on behalf of several Town clients and regularly advises them on a plethora of complex legal questions ranging from issues of constitutional and statutory interpretation, aspects of the role of federalism and the way federal, state, and local laws interact, code enforcement, drafting and adopting legislation, contracts, litigation, and other important matters.
- **Internal Investigations:** Martell regularly conducts internal investigations, investigates allegations of wrongdoing, and reviews internal policies for public and private clients dealing with allegations of race-based discrimination, allegations of sexual harassment and assault, and patterns and practices. Martell has conducted investigations and reviews on behalf of Fortune 500 clients, universities, independent schools, police departments, and other private clients.
- Martell is also committed to pro bono and civic matters. Martell has advocated on behalf of minority immigrant tenants in corporate leasing disputes, a landowner to preserve her right to maintain an agricultural use exemption in a complex zoning matter, a class of mobile home tenants against deceptive and unfair practices from their landlord, advised and created transactional documents on behalf of an entity seeking to bring fresh food to the North Shore of Boston, students with disabilities seeking accommodations, and many other matters. Martell has had the honor of being named to the Supreme Judicial Court's High Honor Roll several times for the hours spent working on behalf of pro bono clients.

Martell's experience and steadfast determination to work on behalf of his clients have been recognized by his peers in *Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch*.

PRACTICE AREAS

White Collar Defense & Government Enforcement
Public Law
Airports
Litigation
Internal Investigations

CREDENTIALS

Education

- University of Kentucky Law School, J.D., 2021
- Staff Editor, *Kentucky Law Journal*
- University of Kentucky, M.S., 2018
- University of Kentucky, B.S., May 2014

Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of Michigan
- Massachusetts

Clerkship

- Kentucky Court of Appeals, Honorable Chief Judge Denise Clayton

Recognitions

- Massachusetts Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2026
- *The Best Lawyers in America©: Ones to Watch*, Municipal Law – 2024-2027
- *The Best Lawyers in America©:*

Ones to Watch, Commercial Litigation – 2026-2027

- Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Pro Bono High Honor Roll – 2022 – 2025
- Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston: Leadership in Pro Bono and Community Service Award – 2023