

# Serving Clients and the Community

*To Pat Jones, the law isn't just a career—it's a vocation, one that calls him to serve the community both on the job and off.*

For Pat Jones and the lawyers at Jones Kelleher, service—for deserving clients and the community alike—isn't mere aspiration. No, the idea that helping can be an actual calling, that striving for justice against great odds is simply what they were meant to do, no more and no less, is deeply ingrained at the firm as one of its founding principles.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in the work Jones spearheaded in engaging the local legal community to raise \$1 million for Pine Street Inn, a Boston landmark that provides shelter and housing, job training and placement, and recovery services for the region's homeless population. With the money, raised through the "Boston Legal Community House Challenge," Pine Street Inn plans to buy and renovate a building in which chronically homeless people will take up residency—giving them not only a roof over their heads but a chance to transform their lives as well. Such efforts to get Boston's homeless into permanent housing have helped reduce the overall homelessness rate some 33 percent over the past decade.

"Getting involved and raising the money was a great reminder to the Bar that this is

part of what we as leaders are called upon to do," says Jones, who formed a committee with attorneys from eight other firms to lead the fundraising effort. "Being part of a solution to a community challenge, showing the community that lawyers are more than stereotypes—that's what we try to stand for."

Service is very much part of the culture at Jones Kelleher, which reorganized from Cooley Manion Jones in 2013 to exclusively represent plaintiffs in cases involving catastrophic personal injury, wrongful death, and medical malpractice. "We choose cases where we think we can make a difference in a person's life, and try to emphasize quality over quantity of clients. And we all, for one reason or another, share the view that it's part of our obligation to be the best for who we represent as well as for the community in which we operate," Jones says. "There's an underlying sense that we want to be known for something bigger than just being good lawyers."

Efforts extend beyond Pine Street Inn. In addition to the firm's involvement with the non-profit, both Jones and partner Tim Kelleher speak frequently in front of state legislatures and CLE forums. Both are past presidents of the



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Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys (MATA). Kelleher used his platform at MATA to promote a program aimed at ending distracted driving. Jones, the immediate past president of the Rhode Island Association for Justice, is the only attorney in both groups' history to have led both groups as president. Jones

a thirty-year list of favorable verdicts and settlements stands as reliable proof that the group of lawyers has persevered and excelled at their craft.

Jones hesitates to highlight any particular case—in terms of complexities, importance, financial recovery, and so on—as being more important

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is being recognized this year by *Best Lawyers* as Lawyer of the Year in the Boston metro area for plaintiffs' personal injury litigation.

Good lawyering is at the heart of what Jones Kelleher strives for, a craft and an art that the lawyers have worked on together for a long time. "We've tried to mature and learn from all of our cumulative trial experience. The losses and disappointments have been incredibly instructive." That said,

than another; it's just not how he sees it. "Every client brings a different group of needs, and it's our job to respond to them in the right way in order to maximize their chances at recovery," he says. "Our work is defined by our efforts to get the other side to recognize potential liability and compensate real suffering. Making that happen, whether through verdict or mediated settlement, never fails to gratify." 🌐



From left to right: Ralph R. Liguori, Robert A. DeLello, Donna R. Corcoran, Timothy C. Kelleher III, Patrick T. Jones, Erin K. Thurston, Richard W. Paterniti, Audrey R. Poore  
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# JONES KELLEHER LLP

Attorneys at Law

The attorneys at Jones Kelleher have achieved national recognition for their handling of some of the most complex, high-stakes, and historic personal injury cases in New England. The team of lawyers has established a long history of achieving multimillion dollar recoveries in sophisticated general liability and medical malpractice cases for its clients.

These accomplished lawyers, including Patrick Jones, Donna Corcoran, Tim Kelleher, Rob DeLello, Ralph Liguori, Richard Paterniti, Audrey Poore, and Erin Thurston, represent over 140 years of combined experience over a broad spectrum of high-end catastrophic personal injury and medical malpractice matters. The attorneys at Jones Kelleher have built a legal practice that has become a recognized leader in New England. "The reach and success of our practice is a testament to our depth of experience and access to resources," explains partner DeLello. "We ensure that every case is properly prepared for trial by a hand-selected team, leading to significant results for our clients." Adds partner Corcoran, "We're able to anticipate and prepare for any situation that may

impact our clients. We continue to provide the same level of commitment to our clients as we have for three decades."

Jones Kelleher attorneys have also been recognized individually in publications such as *Super Lawyers* magazine and *The Best Lawyers in America* for their result-oriented advocacy. The team of attorneys includes members and leaders of prominent legal organizations: Pat Jones is a past president of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys (MATA) and the Rhode Island Association for Justice (RIAJ). Tim Kelleher is also a past president of MATA. "The stability of our team over the past thirty years is a benchmark of the commitment we share for each other and for our clients," explains partner Jones. "We are proud to continue that tradition as Jones Kelleher LLP."

Building on their commitment to improving lives, the attorneys are actively involved in charity work, contributing to many academic institutions and non-profit organizations. Attorneys also participate in continuing legal education programs and lecture at local law schools and colleges.



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