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Albert DeNapoli is a partner in Shipman's Boston office. His practice combines trial advocacy with deep knowledge of the hospitality, franchise, and business sectors. He represents companies, entrepreneurs, and executives in high-stakes litigation and guides clients in structuring their businesses, resolving disputes, and complying with complex regulatory requirements. With more than three decades of experience, Al has earned a reputation as both a skilled litigator and a trusted counselor to some of New England's most prominent businesses.

Al has tried and resolved cases involving contract enforcement, employment disputes, shareholder conflicts, brand protection, and regulatory compliance. He frequently represents hospitality industry clients, including restaurants, hotels, and franchise operators, in matters ranging from licensing and franchising to landlord-tenant disputes and operational claims. His courtroom experience provides clients with a clear understanding of litigation risks, while his advisory work helps them avoid disputes and position themselves for growth.

Al works with national and regional hospitality operators to secure licenses, negotiate leases, and manage expansion opportunities. He has handled matters involving franchise agreements, liquor licensing, real estate development, and contract disputes, allowing clients to focus on running their businesses while he protects their legal and financial interests. Beyond hospitality, his practice also includes representing businesses in construction, retail, and service industries, giving him a wide view of the issues that drive business success and the disputes that can threaten it.

Clients value Al's practical advice and his ability to align legal strategies with business goals. Whether navigating a regulatory review, litigating a contract claim, or advising on brand protection, he approaches each engagement with the goal of delivering efficient, business-minded solutions. His

involvement in professional associations and civic organizations—including leadership roles in restaurant and lodging associations, local government, and cultural groups—further strengthens his understanding of the challenges businesses face in today’s regulatory and economic environment.

## **Distinctions**

- Listed as a Massachusetts Super Lawyer<sup>®</sup> (2004-2024)
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup>: *Litigation - Trusts and Estates and Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law* (2020 - 2026)
- Named “Business Partner of the Year” by the Massachusetts Restaurant Association for contributions to the foodservice industry 2016
- Named “Businessman of the Year” by the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce, 2010
- Appointed a Master by the Massachusetts Superior Court

## **Community Involvement**

- Walpole’s Board of Selectmen - Former Board Member and Chair
- Walpole’s Finance Committee - Former Member and Chair
- Walpole Town Meeting - Representative
- Town of Walpole’s Personnel Board - Chair
- National Commission for Social Justice of the Order of the Sons of Italy in America - Held several national positions including President Emeritus, President, Treasurer, and Vice President
- Massachusetts Commission for Social Justice - Chair (2009 - Present)
- National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame - Former Board Member and President, New England Chapter

## **Credentials**

### *Education*

- New England School of Law, J.D., 1984, *magna cum laude*
- University of Maryland, M.A., 1974
- Boston College, B.A., 1972, *cum laude*

### *Bar Admissions*

- Massachusetts

### *Court Admissions*

- U.S. District Court, District of MA

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit