

ELIZABETH A. GARNER

Director and Shareholder



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Liz is a co-founder of Dain, Torpy, Le Ray, Wiest & Garner, P.C., the Chief People Officer and former co-chair of the firm's leasing practice.

Liz previously practiced in the area of commercial leasing, including both owner and tenant representation.

She is the Chief People Officer of the firm, a role that the firm helped her create. The mission of the Chief People Officer is to create an overall firm culture and strategy that fosters and supports an exceptional team of professionals, and empowers success for all of our employees and, consequently our clients. By focusing on making the firm a great place to work, the firm is able to attract and retain the top talent in the field who want to be a part of our successful team, and this helps create long term value and growth.

Liz began her career in the real estate department of Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault, LLP and rose to the level of senior associate before leaving in 2003 to co-found the real estate firm of Torpy & Garner, LLC, a predecessor to Dain Torpy.

Following law school, Liz clerked for Justices David Borden and Flemming Norcott of the Connecticut Supreme Court.

Presentations

- Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education. ***"Commercial Real Estate: MCLE BasicsPlus – Commercial Leasing"*** - Panelist (Fall 2020).
- Boston Bar Association Leasing Committee. ***"Commercial Leasing Basics"*** Series - Panelist (Winter 2011, Winter 2010, Winter 2009, October 2004).
- Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education. Hanging Your Shingle: ***"Location & Leasing Issues"*** – Panelist (2009, 2010, 2011).
- Appraisal Institute Young Leadership Group. ***"Options to Extend in a Commercial Office Lease: The Use of Appraisers"***.
- CLE International Fifth Annual Conference. Negotiating Leases: Landlord and Tenant Perspectives from Across the Nation: ***"Shall Leases Workshop: Negotiating on Behalf of a Small Tenant"***.

Education/Clerkship

The Honorable David Borden,
Connecticut Supreme Court

The Honorable Flemming Norcott Jr.,
Connecticut Supreme Court

J.D., University of Connecticut School
of Law, 1995 (Connecticut Law
Review)

B.A., Amherst College

Bar and Court Admissions

Ms. Garner is admitted to the bars of
Massachusetts and Connecticut.



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Presentations, cont.

- CLE International Fourth Annual Conference. Negotiating Leases: A Template for Your Practice: **"Operating Expenses and Audit Issues"** - Panelist.
- Boston Bar Association Leasing Committee. **"Commercial Leasing Basic"** Series – Committee Co-Chair and Panelist.
- Boston Bar Association Continuing Legal Education. " **Operating Expenses: Surviving an Audit**" - Program Co-Chair and Panelist.
- Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education. " **Leasing in a Down Economy**" - Panelist.

