

LEADING LITIGATOR JOHN J. RYAN, JR. TO JOIN DONOVAN HATEM LLP AS PARTNER

BOSTON (July 21, 2008) Donovan Hatem LLP is pleased to announce that **John J. Ryan, Jr.** will be joining the firm on July 28, 2008 as a **Litigation Partner** in our **Professional Practices Group**. A past president of the Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association, Jack brings to Donovan Hatem 30 years of experience in construction law and construction litigation. In addition to representing architects, engineers, suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, and construction managers, Jack's broad client base has included large insurers, corporations, owners, and manufacturers of construction materials, components, and equipment. From this extensive litigation experience, Jack understands the details and complexities of small and large construction projects, including road and traffic planning projects, asbestos removal and de-leading projects, and municipal and state-run projects. Adding to his numerous awards and accolades, Jack was named Massachusetts Defense Lawyer of the Year by the Massachusetts Defense Lawyer's Association in May 2007.

Jack is currently a member of the Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association, a member and former Massachusetts State Representative of the Defense Research Institute, a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel, and a member of the American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Jack graduated *Magna Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, from the College of the Holy Cross in 1974, and from the University of Virginia Law School in 1977. Following law school, Jack clerked for Judge W. Arthur Garrity, Jr. in the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts. Following his clerkship, Jack practiced at Parker, Coulter, Daley & White, for eighteen years before forming the law firm of Ryan, Coughlin & Betke, LLP in 1996.

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The Professional Practices Group at Donovan Hatem includes more than 40 attorneys who provide highly-specialized counsel to engineers, architects, and construction managers. Our experienced trial lawyers represent design professionals in jury and non-jury cases in the northeast and nationwide, and at mediations, arbitrations, and other dispute resolution forums. In addition to professional liability claims defense, Donovan Hatem's scope of construction law expertise encompasses risk management, contract review, and general business matters.

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