

**Jay Sexton** is a partner who handles special litigation matters, concentrating in appeals that involve civil, criminal, family and child protection issues. He appears regularly before Connecticut's Appellate Court and Supreme Court, where he represents both domestic and international clients in appeals ranging from marital dissolutions that involve complex offshore asset disputes to constitutional claims concerning the state's authority to compel a seventeen-year-old woman to undergo chemotherapy against her will. Attorney Sexton also handles special education and disability matters that involve claims under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, among other laws. In addition to litigating special education and disability claims on appeal, he also advocates for students with disabilities in the public education system and provides counsel to private businesses regarding disability compliance issues.

Prior to co-founding this firm, Attorney Sexton worked on appeals involving professional liability matters at a mid-size insurance defense firm. He began his appellate career as a law clerk to the Hon. Richard A. Robinson at the Connecticut Appellate Court, and has been recognized as a "Rising Star" in appellate practice by Thomson Reuter's Super Lawyers rating service each year since 2015. Attorney Sexton is admitted to practice in Connecticut, as well as before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States.

An active member of the Connecticut Bar Association, Attorney Sexton currently serves as Co-Chair of the Appellate Advocacy Section; he has served as a member of that Section's Executive Committee since 2015. In 2017, Connecticut Chief Justice Chase T. Rogers appointed Attorney Sexton to the Judicial Branch's Access to Justice Commission, where he is working with other bar leaders to increase representation opportunities for low-income litigants on appeal. Attorney Sexton is also a member of the American Bar Association, where he sits on the Council of Appellate Lawyers, and is a member of the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society. As a younger attorney, he was Co-Chair of the Young Lawyers Section's Appellate Practice Committee and was a Barrister in the Oliver Ellsworth Inn of Court.

Attorney Sexton regularly lectures in the area of appellate law. In addition to serving frequently as faculty for continuing legal education classes sponsored by the Connecticut Bar Association and the Office of the Chief Public Defender in Connecticut, he has also presented seminars at national conferences sponsored by the American Bar Association.

Attorney Sexton received his J.D. in 2007 from Western New England School of Law and his B.A. in 1999 from University of Maine. While in law school, he won the Daniel Webster Award for Best Overall Advocate in his law school's intramural moot court competition and was a quarter-finalist in the National First Amendment Moot Court Competition.