



## JEAN A. HARRINGTON, PARTNER

### OVERVIEW

A partner at Duffy & Sweeney, Jean Harrington is chair of the business law team with special expertise in mergers and acquisitions, representing sophisticated private investment funds, multi-national corporations and other market participants in their most challenging transactional matters. She is known for engineering creative resolutions which unite divergent parties and bring complex deals to fruition.

Jean was honored as a Leader & Achiever by *Providence Business News* in 2023; selected as the Lawyer-of-the-Year for Mergers & Acquisitions Law by *Best Lawyers* in the Providence Metro Region for 2022; and named the "Go-To-Lawyer" for the category of Business Law by *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly* in 2022.

*Jean Harrington is a well-regarded attorney in the corporate law arena. She chairs the firm's corporate department and is noted for her handling of M&A on behalf of blue-chip corporations and private investment funds. Sources note that she "does an excellent job" in connection with complex transactional matters. | Chambers USA: American's Leading Lawyers for Business*

### EXPERIENCE

- Represented a software development and services provider for commercial and industrial environments in the 2014 sale of substantially all of its assets in a transaction that included sophisticated tax planning and carryover investment in the new entity by management.
- Represented a real estate project development and management company in its acquisition of a Newport-based yachting and entertainment venue in 2014. The eight-figure transaction involved a private placement of equity under Rule 506 of Regulation D of the securities laws as well as traditional bank financing.
- Represented a Netherlands-based wind turbine manufacturer in establishing US operations and the development of wind turbine installations throughout the United States.
- Represented a real estate developer in the acquisition and financing of a large scale commercial residential mill project and related equity, bank and tax credit financing.
- Represented a private equity fund in the formation of two multi-million dollar REOC investment funds and negotiated the investment therein by several large pension funds.
- Represented a Rhode Island manufacturing company in the sale of substantially all of its assets to an international publically traded strategic buyer for in excess of \$60 million.
- Represented several manufacturing companies in multi-million dollar transactions involving the sale of their businesses with a roll-over investment component to large private equity firms.

### RECOGNITION

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She continues to be recognized by *Best Lawyers* in the area of Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate Law, Securities/Capital Markets Law, Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law, and Real Estate Law. She was included by *Chambers USA* as a leader-in-field for the Providence metro area for corporate and commercial law. She was recognized by *Super Lawyers* in the practice area of Business/Corporate for 2023.

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*"Jean Harrington is well known for her expertise in M&A and complex transactional matters. She deals with a range of industrial, real estate and commercial clients and is well regarded in the market as both 'extremely knowledgeable' and an 'exceptional technical attorney who provides an excellent client service.'" | Chambers USA: American's Leading Lawyers for Business*

*"Jean Harrington has a fabulous reputation and is well known in the market for her sophisticated corporate practice, M&A deals and corporate advice." | Chambers USA: American's Leading Lawyers for Business*

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### EDUCATION

Brown University  
(BA with Honors)

Boston College Law School  
(JD magna cum laude)

### PRACTICE AREAS

Mergers & Acquisitions  
Business Law  
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Real Estate & Land Use  
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## COMMUNITY

### Professional and Community Involvement

- Member of Board of Directors of Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce
- Member, American Bar Association – Business Law, Real Property, Construction Industry and Taxation Law sections
- Member, Rhode Island Bar Association
- Former member of the Board of Directors for the Employers Association of the NorthEast (EANE), a 900-member association that provides talent, training and tools to retain, develop and engage employees
- Former Presenter "Organizing A Rhode Island Business," Rhode Island Bar Association

## PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Jean Harrington presented the Rhode Island Bar Association program on "Choice of Entity," a cornerstone of the legal offerings at the June 2019 Annual Meeting.

Jean Harrington co-authored an article in *Providence Business News* entitled: "Business execs optimistic about 2019, but challenged to find professional-level talent." The article provided highlights and take-aways from the survey findings shared by the Employers Association of the NorthEast (EANE). Meredith Wise, President of EANE, co-authored the article.

Jean was part of the firm's corporate team that presented a program entitled "Selling a Business: Ensuring Clients Achieve Maximum Value" for the RI Society of CPAs and its members in December of 2015. This program analyzed the anatomy of a sale including key market terms and concepts, negotiation tactics, and critical financial and accounting aspects of every deal.

For many years, Jean presented the annual seminar on corporations law for the Rhode Island Bar Association.

### My Blog Posts

- D&S Recognized as Lawyers of Year & Best Lawyers for 2024 in 17 Practice Areas
- Jean Harrington Named PBN Leader & Achiever for 2023
- Congratulations to D&S Attorneys Named Super Lawyers & Rising Stars 2023
- Jean Harrington Named "Go To Lawyer" for Business Law by Lawyers Weekly
- PBN: Jean Harrington Weighs In On Business Interruption Insurance
- Client Alert: PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM | ADVICE FOR EMPLOYERS
- Partnering with Greater Prov Chamber on Cash Flow Webinar
- Leveraging RWI to Maximize Deal Value and Secure A Good Night's Sleep!
- When Profit is Not the Only Point

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