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Doherty, Wallace Pillsbury and Murphy, P.C. is proud to introduce to the community its Associate Attorneys, who are poised to serve the legal needs of the Western Massachusetts region.

“Angelina Stafford, Anjali Shankar, Erin J. Meehan, Rebecca Thibault, Stefan Sjoberg and Talia K. Landry are accomplished attorneys who add to the depth of experience of the firm in key areas which are relevant to our clients in Western Massachusetts, such as estate and trust planning and administration, employment and wage and hour matters, civil litigation, premises liability, landlord/tenant disputes, debt collection matters and business and contract negotiations,” said W. Garth Janes, Managing Partner. “We are proud of their accomplishments and their commitment to the region. Our clients are the fortunate recipients of their hard work and expertise.”

About Doherty Wallace

With 25 lawyers in two Western Massachusetts offices – Springfield and Northampton, Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury and Murphy, P.C. is a preeminent law firm, with solid experience in the areas of business, banking, real estate and environmental, litigation, employment, intellectual property, estate and tax planning and estate administration, delivering outstanding client satisfaction and exceptional quality legal services. Please call or visit dwpm.com.

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Angelina Stafford concentrates her practice on a broad range of estate and elder law matters, including estate and trust administration, special needs and long-term care planning, and general estate and tax planning. In addition, Ms. Stafford represents clients on all aspects of probate litigation, such as will contests, fiduciary disputes, contested accountings, and proceedings to appoint guardians and conservators. She also advises individuals and families in all phases of MassHealth applications, including initial planning, preparation and filing of applications, and appeals. Prior to joining Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury and Murphy, P.C., Ms. Stafford clerked for the Connecticut Appellate Court. She earned her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from Western New England University, where she was Senior Articles Editor of the Western New England Law Review. Ms. Stafford earned her B.A., with distinction, from the University of Michigan.



Anjali Shankar focuses her practice on various employment law matters, including wage and hour laws, employment discrimination, non-competition agreements, leave laws, and workers' compensation. Ms. Shankar represents clients in a range of business and civil litigation matters. Prior to joining Doherty, Wallace, Ms. Shankar worked at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office in the Solicitor General's Division and at a large law firm in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She interned at the Minnesota Court of Appeals and clerked at county attorneys' offices in Minnesota during law school. She graduated from Hamline University School of Law, where she was on the Hamline Law Review and a member of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition team. Ms. Shankar earned her B.A. in Communications, with honors, from the University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign.

Erin J. Meehan represents clients prior to and throughout civil litigation in a variety of matters, including personal injury, motor vehicle accidents, residential and commercial landlord-tenant disputes, premises liability, recreational liability, contract disputes and general liability. She also advises municipal clients on day-to-day matters, including procurement, zoning and land use, by-law drafting and enforcement, Home Rule and town meeting. Ms. Meehan counsels clients through the civil litigation process, including initial strategy and pleadings, managing discovery, preparing witnesses, motion practice and trial preparation. She also is a committed member of the Hampden County Bar Association and a frequent volunteer in the Bar's Lawyer for the Day Program, providing free legal services to tenants and landlords in the Western Division Housing Court.



Ms. Meehan earned her J.D. from Suffolk University Law School where she was a Lead Note Editor on the Journal of High Technology Law. She earned her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Hobart and William Smith Colleges.



Rebecca Thibault advises businesses and institutions in corporate and transactional matters. She has developed a practice representing a broad range of clients, including educational institutions and privately held businesses in various industries, including health care, retail, services, and manufacturing. Ms. Thibault provides counsel on corporate matters ranging from entity formation and corporate governance to financing, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, and contract negotiations.

Ms. Thibault's work for educational institutions includes advising private schools, public charter schools, and colleges on matters ranging from employment issues, student discipline, investigations, mandatory reporting, sexual abuse claims, compliance, and business and corporate matters.

In law school at Washington University in St. Louis, Ms. Thibault was Managing Editor of Washington University Global Studies Law Review. Prior to law school, she worked for several years in the retail and pharmaceutical industries. She attended Trinity College in Hartford, where she earned a B.S. in biology.

Stefan Sjoberg was born and raised in Western Massachusetts, so he appreciates the challenges and opportunities that impact our community. His practice encompasses corporate law, real estate transactions and estate planning. His passion for law began at Longmeadow High School where he was introduced to business law classes. His interest in business law continued in college where he studied finance and economics at Quinnipiac University. After graduation, Mr. Sjoberg returned to Western Massachusetts where he attended Western New England University receiving both his Juris Doctor and MBA. During law school, Mr. Sjoberg earned four prestigious CALI Awards for Excellence recognizing the top performing student in each respective subject. Mr. Sjoberg graduated law school with the Dean's Award distinction, which recognizes one student whose record of service demonstrates the core values of the school.



Talia K. Landry is a lifelong resident of Western Massachusetts and worked in various capacities in the legal field before becoming an Attorney. Ms. Landry earned her J.D., *cum laude*, from Western New England University School of Law attending night classes, while working full time as a litigation paralegal. Ms. Landry earned her B.S., *cum laude*, from Bay Path University, also while working full time. As a result, she developed a unique approach to resolving disputes and a fundamental understanding of the special needs and circumstances of her clients.

Ms. Landry's practice encompasses all areas of civil litigation including landlord/tenant, construction and contract litigation, collections, debtor representation, business litigation, and probate litigation. Ms. Landry is an active volunteer in the Hampden County Bar Association Lawyer for the Day program in the Western Division Housing Court for both landlords and tenants, and in the Springfield District Court Small Claims session assisting consumer debtors. Ms. Landry is also a member of the Hampden County Legal Clinic Pro Bono Associates Advisory Board.