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→ Mr. Vrabel is Vice President and General Counsel to Capital Risk Management, Inc. He is the Past-President of the Massachusetts Bar Association and is the current President of Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Inc. (MCLE). He was a Senior Partner for 22 years at the law firm of Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, where he founded their Framingham office of approximately 25 attorneys. His expertise has been primarily in corporate governance, commercial finance and commercial real estate. He also has extensive experience in all varieties of commercial bank loans, bond financings, health care financings, private placements, workout situations, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, and all types of business transactions. His other areas of practice have included general corporate representation, particularly situations including investment strategies, and business planning.

→ He serves on numerous not for profit boards of directors, including Longfellow's Wayside Inn, the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, Framingham State College, and Crossroads Community Foundation, where he was a Founding Trustee. He is the current Massachusetts State Chair of the American Bar Foundation, serves on the American Bar Association's House of Delegates and serves on its Standing Committee for Continuing Legal Education. He is also a member of the ABA's International Law Section's Non-Governmental Organizations committee.

→ Expert Witness and Arbitration/Mediation Experience: Law firms and governmental agencies frequently retain Mr. Vrabel as an expert witness on the ethical standards and legal duties of attorneys in corporate law, real estate and commercial finance issues and transactions. He is a mediator and an arbitrator of commercial, real estate, and business disputes, currently serves as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and as a mediator for the Real Estate Bar Association. He is the author of numerous publications and a requested speaker before a variety of legal and non-legal groups.

→ Education: Lake Forest College (B.A., 1970); Boston College (J.D., 1973); Harvard Law School (Mediator Certification, 1997).

→ Professional Associations: Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association (Past President); Massachusetts Bar Association (Past President); Massachusetts Bar Foundation (Trustee and Life Member); Equal Justice Coalition (Steering Committee); Massachusetts Conveyancers Association (Board of Directors, Dispute Resolution Committee, Co-Chair); Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc. (Current President and Trustee); New York Bar Association; Boston Bar Association; South Middlesex Bar Association; Worcester Bar Association; Worcester County Bar Foundation (Life Member); American Bar Association (Board of Delegates, Member). American Bar Foundation (State Chair); Framingham State College (Trustee).

Mediator

Arbitrator

Case Evaluator