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## EDUCATION

Roger Williams University  
School of Law (J.D. Honors  
Program, 2006)

University of Massachusetts,  
Dartmouth (B.A. Political  
Science, summa cum laude,  
2003)

## PRACTICE AREAS

Construction Law  
Litigation  
Real Estate

## BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Rhode Island  
Massachusetts  
US District Court for the  
District of Massachusetts  
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## JOELLE ROCHA, PARTNER

### OVERVIEW

Joelle Rocha is a partner with a focus on real estate development and land use; she also represents clients in business disputes and general commercial litigation. Previously, she served as Assistant to the Solicitor for the towns of Warren and Lincoln. She is admitted to practice in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Joelle has successfully permitted several of the State's largest mixed-use developments. She has represented private developers in residential, commercial, mixed use and solar projects and before municipal and state boards and agencies. She has secured tax stabilization agreements for several private development projects.

She has successfully litigated several class actions against municipalities regarding illegal and excessive impact fees and building permit fees, and recovered litigation costs for landowners and developers as a result of unlawful and unsubstantiated government actions. She has argued before the Rhode Island Supreme Court on behalf of several clients in matters involving recovery of attorneys' fees and challenges to local ordinances.

Joelle has been recognized by *Providence Business News* with its Forty Under 40 award, by *Super Lawyers* as a Rising Star, and in *Rhode Island Monthly* both for its Excellence in the Law in the area of Environmental Law/Land Use, and as the recipient of the Outstanding Women in Business award.

Most recently, she was selected as a Fellow of the Rhode Island Bar Association and noted as a 2023 *Best Lawyer* in the area of Commercial Litigation.

### COMMUNITY

Active in the community, she is a former member of the Rhode Island Builders Association and its Legislative Committee. She is a former board member of the Ocean State Montessori School and Roger Williams University School of Law Alumni Association and the Rhode Island Soccer Association.

### RECOGNITION

In 2022, Joelle was selected as a Fellow of the Rhode Island Bar Association, an honor recognizing members whose professional, public and private careers have demonstrated their outstanding dedication to the welfare of the community and maintenance of the objectives of the Rhode Island Bar Foundation.

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- Best Lawyers, 2022
- Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2011
- Providence Business News Forty Under 40, 2018
- RI Monthly Excellence in the Law, 2019-2020-2021
- RI Monthly Outstanding Women in Business, 2020
- University of Massachusetts (Dartmouth) Distinguished Alumni Award(2018)



JOELLE ROCHA, *PARTNER* continued

## PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

### My Blog Posts

- D&S Attorneys Prevail in Zoning Matter
- Joelle Rocha Selected as Fellow of RI Bar Foundation
- Joelle Rocha/Nicole Martuccci Win Supreme Court Case for Property Purchaser

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