



The National Trial Lawyers: Top 100 is an invitation-only organization composed of the premier trial lawyers from across the country who meet stringent qualifications as civil plaintiff and/or criminal defense trial lawyers. It is our mission to promote a unique and professional networking opportunity for trial lawyers, while developing progressive ideas to pursue justice for those injured by the negligence of others, to educate the public about the importance of access to courts that are free of bias and undue influence, and to protect the American right of trial by jury.

## KIM DOUGHERTY



**First job ever:** When I was 12, I used to clean condominiums at a local Cape Cod resort.

**Proudest moment as a trial lawyer:** Receiving the Massachusetts Lawyer of the Year award was one of the highlights of my career, as it validated the work we do every day as trial lawyers on behalf of people who were harmed by corporate malfeasance. I was also very proud to serve as the president of the Massachusetts Women's Bar Association, which involved testifying at the State House on laws affecting women and children, including equal pay, protecting pregnant workers, criminalizing female genital mutilation and protecting against transgender discrimination in public places.

**Attribute my success to:** I attribute my success to several factors, including an incredibly supportive spouse and family, an amazing group of inspiring women lawyers in Women En Mass and my relentless motivation to effectuate positive change in the world.

**Notable Verdict or Settlement:** In Re New England Compounding Center, steroids injected into people spines were contaminated with fungus causing over 70 excruciatingly painful deaths and over 750 severe cases of fungal meningitis. The company claimed bankruptcy on our fourth day of inspecting the filthy facility. Despite the bankruptcy, we were able to claw back multiple millions of dollars and settled with the company and other related defendants for over \$200 million. I have also reached multiple millions of dollars in settlements with manufacturers of transvaginal mesh on behalf of my clients.

**Fantasy job:** I used to sing in a band, and some days going back to it seems tempting. It would probably be more of a country and blues band than rock and pop, but there would be some crossover.

**Guilty pleasure:** Being woken by my kids climbing in bed with me on the weekends, and just cuddling with them watching cartoons.

**What I like to do in my time off:** I love spending time at the ocean and on the beaches of Cape Cod with my family and friends. Whether it be boating, tubing, swimming, clamming, fishing, making sand castles, or just relaxing on the beach, that is what I enjoy most when not working. We also enjoy traveling and exploring new places when we can get away.

**One word that describes me:** Passionate

**What keeps you awake at night?** Impending deadlines and the Trump Administration.

**What paper do you generally read daily?** *Boston Globe*.

**What is your advice for a young attorney?** The professional advice I would give to young attorneys is... do what makes you happy. In order to be happy, you will need to litigate cases that you find meaningful and do it with passion and dedication that will result in you representing your clients to the best of your ability. In order to be happy, you will need to take chances on yourself and not be complacent. To be happy, among other things, you will need to surround yourself with the right people who will support you and who are like-minded in their goals.