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## KATHLEEN M. DONOVAN-MAHER

Kathleen M. Donovan-Maher is the Managing Partner of Berman Tabacco's Boston office and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Kathleen focuses her practice on prosecuting complex class actions, including RICO, ERISA, securities and whistleblower cases. Kathleen has served as lead or co-lead counsel in large, complex cases in federal courts around the country.

As co-lead counsel, Kathleen leads the litigation team in *Solomon v. American Web Loan, Inc.*, No. 4:17-cv-145 (E.D. Va.), a case against online lenders who allegedly attempt to hide behind the "tribal immunity" doctrine when loaning monies and charging interest rates in excess of 400%, and in some cases over 700%, in violation of RICO, which recently settled for \$141 million (comprised of \$65 million in cash and \$76 million in loan forgiveness). Kathleen also leads an ERISA class action against pharmacy benefit managers in connection with the skyrocketing price of the EpiPen.

Kathleen has a passion for advocating on behalf of the little guy and holding wrongdoers accountable. Through all stages of litigation, including trial, Kathleen has helped recover billions of dollars for consumers, investors and institutions.

Kathleen is ranked AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell® and was selected for their Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers, and has been recognized among the Benchmark Plaintiff Top 150 Women in Litigation, designated a Local Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation, named a Super Lawyer by New England Super Lawyers Magazine and, most recently, selected by Lawdragon in its 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers guide.

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