



**Todd & Weld** LLP

## **Christopher Weld Jr.**

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### **Todd & Weld Founding Partner Christopher Weld advises clients in high stakes litigation matters typically involving complex issues of substantial value.**

For more than four decades Christopher Weld Jr. has achieved favorable results for business litigation clients through trials, arbitrations, mediations, and negotiated resolutions. His cases have widely varied, but generally have the common thread of presenting a business dispute with vigorously contested issues of substantial value.

A Founding Partner of the firm, Mr. Weld has counseled clients in numerous high stakes matters. Mr. Weld has represented partners, shareholders, limited partners, and individuals in connection with closely held corporate disputes, general partnership disputes, limited partnership disputes, and the breakup of business entities of all types.

In the construction context, Mr. Weld has represented owners, general contractors, design-build contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers. He has also played an instrumental role in negotiating contracts on extremely complex projects including a public design/build project of more than \$200 million. In the context of dispute resolution, he has counseled property owners and construction professionals involving substantial claims for delay, differing site conditions, change order work, and contract balances of all sizes. Mr. Weld has also been involved in several bid protests arising out of publicly bid projects involving major public procurement agencies such as Massport and Mass DOT. Mr. Weld has extensive class action experience including a consumer product case in which he negotiated and obtained court approval for a national settlement valued at approximately \$320 million. Mr. Weld's practice has also included intellectual property litigation, claims involving commissions and employment issues, as well as probate litigation. He has also been involved in several eminent domain cases of significance representing plaintiffs.

In addition to his extensive trial experience, Mr. Weld has scored several major victories in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court including groundbreaking decisions in the area of construction, plaintiffs' class actions, partnership disputes, and regulatory takings.

Mr. Weld has recently scaled back his practice and is now a Founding Partner Emeritus. In this role, he is available for consultation and strategy development. He is also available as a mediator or arbitrator of complex civil matters.

## Practice Areas

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- Construction Management and Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Class Action/Mass Tort Litigation

## Experience

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- Founding Partner, Todd & Weld LLP, 1992-present
- Law Offices of Christopher Weld Jr., 1987-1992
- Hale and Dorr LLP, 1981-1987

## Bar Admissions

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- Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, Massachusetts
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

## Education

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- Boston College (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1981) Member, Boston College Law Review, 1980-1981, *Order of the Coif*
- Stanford University (B.A., *with honors*, 1978)

## Professional Activities

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- Boston Bar Association
- Massachusetts Bar Association

## Honors and Awards

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- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Named by Best Lawyers in America as 2024 Real Estate Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" in Boston
- Named by *Best Lawyers in America* as 2020 Real Estate Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" in Boston

- Named to *Best Lawyers in America* in Commercial Litigation; Construction Law; Litigation – Construction; Litigation – Real Estate (2018-present)
- Named by *Super Lawyers* to its 2022 Top 100 attorneys for Massachusetts
- Named to Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* for Business Litigation (2004-present)
- Named to *Chambers USA* for Construction (2022-2024) and Litigation: General Commercial (2010-2014)
- Named in 2022 a Go-To Business Litigation Lawyer by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*
- AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale-Hubbell

## In the Community

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- Board of Directors (former chairman), Project Adventure, Inc., Beverly, Mass.
- Trustee, Donald A. Towle Foundation
- Trustee, J. Owen Todd Charitable Foundation
- Trustee, Weld Family Foundation

## News & Insights

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- Chambers USA includes two Todd & Weld attorneys and firm's commercial litigation practice in 2024 rankings
- Four Todd & Weld attorneys named as 2024 Lawyers of the Year by Best Lawyers in America
- Christopher Weld Chosen by Mass. Lawyers Weekly as a Go-To Business Litigation Lawyer
- 17 Todd & Weld Attorneys Selected to Boston Magazine's 2022 Top Lawyers
- Ingrid Martin and Christopher Weld named to 2022 Top 100 Super Lawyers List
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2022 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Nineteen Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2023 Best Lawyers in America
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2021 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Sixteen Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2022 Best Lawyers in America
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2020 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Seventeen Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2021 Best Lawyers in America
- Chris Weld quoted in Law360 article on COVID-19 impact on Boston legal industry
- 31 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2019 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Fifteen Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2020 Best Lawyers in America
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2018 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Fourteen Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2019 Best Lawyers in America
- Todd & Weld attorneys recognized in New England's Best Lawyers publication
- 24 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2017 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Christopher Weld Jr. admitted to American College of Trial Lawyers

- Ten Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2018 Best Lawyers in America
- Christopher Weld quoted in article on business opportunities increasingly flowing to mid-size law firms

## Results

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- Todd & Weld prevails in appeal that sets time limit for filing claims in construction defect cases
- Firm persuades SJC to revive \$40M regulatory taking claim involving Encore casino
- Firm obtains dismissal of \$1B lawsuit related to failed Massachusetts casino application
- Todd & Weld prevails in SJC on Statute of Repose question in construction defects case between developer and condo association
- Firm obtains first impression jurisdictional win for client