



Todd & Weld LLP

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Maria Davis has extensive trial court experience representing plaintiffs and defendants, which deepens her knowledge and understanding of litigation strategies and tactics.

Maria T. Davis, a partner at the firm, concentrates her civil litigation practice on a wide array of disputes, including business matters, employment law, and personal injury.—Ms. Davis is co-head of the firm’s personal injury practice.

Clients immersed in disputes involving complex construction projects regularly rely on her counsel.— Ms. Davis played a substantial role in persuading the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court [to rule in favor of a developer client](#) on the question of when the six-year Statute of Repose begins to run in the context of a multi-building condominium project.

Ms. Davis represents the victims of traumatic injuries, including medical malpractice matters.— Among numerous successful personal injury litigation results for clients, she obtained a \$4 million jury verdict in a medical malpractice lawsuit arising from the death of a mother shortly following the birth of her fourth child.

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Construction Management and Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Employment Law and Litigation

Representative Results

Recent representative accomplishments of Ms. Davis include:

- Persuading the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to rule that the six-year period for filing a lawsuit regarding common areas of an individual building in a multi-building condominium project is triggered when the building is substantially complete or is open for its intended use, regardless of the number of buildings or development phases in the project
- Obtaining a \$1.25 million settlement of a medical malpractice case involving the death of a 57-year-old man following oral surgery
- Obtaining a **\$4 million jury verdict** in a medical malpractice case arising from the death of a mother shortly following the birth of her fourth child-
- Persuading the Massachusetts Appeals Court to uphold a trial court ruling that the firm's clients hold deeded easement rights in residential property
- Playing a substantial role in obtaining an arbitration ruling of no liability on behalf of a defendant in a securities litigation case seeking \$65 million in damages

Experience

- Todd & Weld LLP, 2013-present
- Paul Hastings LLP, 2010-2012
- Legal Fellowship, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, 2009

Bar Admissions

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

Education

- New York University School of Law (J.D., 2009) Executive Editor, Journal of Law and Liberty; Member: Law Students for Human Rights; Student Attorney, Federal Defender Clinic
- Boston University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2004)

Professional Activities

- Massachusetts Bar Association, Chair, Business Law Section (2019-2020)
- Boston Bar Association, Co-Chair, Personal Injury Committee of the Insurance and Tort Litigation Section (2019-2020)
- Boston Bar Association, Steering Committee member, Commercial and Business Law Section (2019-2020)
- Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys
- Women's Bar Association

Publications/Presentations

- Co-author, Discovery Motions chapter in Massachusetts Superior Court Civil Practice Manual, 3d ed. 2013, with 2015 Supplement (MCLE)
- Panelist, "Civil Litigation Basics: Tips and Strategies on Pleadings, Discovery, Dispositive Motions, and Pre-Trial Procedure," Boston Bar Association, June 2019
- Presenter, "SLAPP Happy: Tools and Tips for Navigating the Massachusetts Anti-SLAPP Maze", Boston Bar Association (2017)
- Presenter, "Life Cycle of a Business Part III: Nondisclosure Agreements and Noncompete Agreements," Massachusetts Bar Association (May 2017)

Honors and Awards

- Named to 2021-*Best Lawyers in America*: Ones to Watch, Personal Injury Litigation: Plaintiffs
- Named by-*Super Lawyers*-to Massachusetts Rising Stars for Business Litigation, 2014-2022

News & Insights

- 17 Todd & Weld Attorneys Selected to Boston Magazine's 2022 Top Lawyers
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2022 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2021 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Todd & Weld receives Law Firm Pro Bono Award at MBA's Access to Justice event
- Maria Davis elected to partnership at Todd & Weld LLP
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2020 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Eight Todd & Weld attorneys selected to inaugural Ones to Watch from Best Lawyers
- Maria Davis quoted in news article on court ruling allowing challenge to liquor license suspension to proceed
- 31 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2019 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Maria Davis quoted in news article on amicus brief filed to support school officials, teachers in curriculum dispute
- Howard Cooper, Maria Davis file amicus brief in support of school officials and teachers in legal dispute over curriculum
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2018 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- 24 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2017 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Maria Davis presents at seminar on navigating Massachusetts anti-SLAPP maze

Results

- Todd & Weld prevails in appeal that sets time limit for filing claims in construction defect cases
- Housing Court imposes 'use and occupancy' fees on alleged trespasser
- Firm obtains \$1.25M settlement of med-mal wrongful death case

- Todd & Weld prevails in SJC on Statute of Repose question in construction defects case between developer and condo association
- Firm persuades Superior Court to deny request for dismissal of challenge to liquor license suspension
- Firm obtains \$1.1M settlement in wrongful death case involving hospital that failed to admit man to ICU
- Firm obtains two Top Ten largest 2017 jury verdicts in Massachusetts
- Firm obtains \$4M jury verdict in medical malpractice case