



**Todd & Weld** LLP

## Max D. Stern

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## Max Stern is widely considered as one of the most preeminent criminal defense attorneys in Boston.

Max D. Stern has more than-40 years of experience litigating groundbreaking criminal matters and complex civil cases, appearing and arguing at every trial and appellate level, including the United States Supreme Court.-

Mr. Stern, a partner at the firm, has taught courses in Advanced Criminal Law and the Legal Profession, among others, at Harvard and Northeastern Law Schools.- He is the author of articles in both scholarly journals and the popular press.- He regularly lectures on various aspects of trial practice.

Mr. Stern is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the American Board of Criminal Lawyers and was named in 1995 by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* as one of the 25 Most Influential Massachusetts Lawyers of the preceding quarter century.

Mr. Stern is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he served as an editor of the law review.- After law school, Mr. Stern served as a clerk to United States Circuit Judge Simon Sobeloff of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mr. Stern is an accomplished photographer.- He maintains a photographic website at-  
[www.maxsternphoto.com](http://www.maxsternphoto.com).

### Practice Areas

- Government Investigations and Criminal Defense
- Civil Rights Litigation
- Appellate Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation

- Business Litigation

## Experience

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- Partner, Todd & Weld LLP, 2015-present
- Partner, Stern Shapiro Weissberg & Garin, LLP, 1973-2014
- Staff Attorney, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute/NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., 1970-1973
- Law Clerk, Circuit Judge Simon E. Sobeloff, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1969-1970

## Bar Admissions

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- District of Columbia
- Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, Maryland
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

## Education

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- University of Pennsylvania Law School (L.L.B., *magna cum laude*) Editor, University of Pennsylvania Law Review
- Dartmouth College (A.B.)

## Professional Activities

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- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers;-Member, State Committee, 1994-1998
- Fellow, American Board of Criminal Lawyers
- Member, Boston Bar Association; Member, Executive Committee, Criminal Section, 1985-1988
- Member, Massachusetts Bar Association; Vice Chairperson, Section on Criminal Justice, 1977-1978
- Member, Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Member, Board of Directors, 2007-Present; President, 2011-2013
- Member, Boston Bar Council,-1983-1986

## Publications/Presentations

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- "The Right of the Accused to a Public Defense," 18 Harvard Civil Rights -*Civil Liberties Law Review*-53-1983

- Co-Author with D. Hoffman: "Privileged Informers: The Attorney Subpoena Problem and a Proposal for Reform," 136-*U.Pa.L.Rev.*-1783-June 1988
- Lecturer on Law, Harvard Law School: Courses in Federal Criminal Litigation, The Legal Profession, Advanced Criminal Law-1983-1990
- Fellow, Harvard Center for Criminal Justice, Harvard Law School-1981
- Instructor, Northeastern University Law School: Courses in Prisoners' Rights, Equitable Remedies-1977-1979

## Honors and Awards

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- Regularly named since 1987 to *Best Lawyers in America* for Bet-the-Company Litigation; Civil Rights Law; Criminal Defense: General Practice; Criminal Defense: White Collar
- Regularly named since 2005 to Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* for Criminal Defense: White Collar
- Named by *Super Lawyers* to Top 100 Lawyers in Massachusetts for Criminal Defense: White Collar (2005-2015)
- Named by *Super Lawyers* to Top 100 Lawyers in New England for Criminal Defense: White Collar (2007-2010 and 2012-2014)
- Named by *Super Lawyers* to Top 10 Lawyers in Massachusetts (2007-2008 and 2010)
- Accredited with AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell
- Named Lawyer of the Year by the Frank G. Murray Inn of Court (2010)
- Received Joseph Balliro Award by the Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in recognition of a lifelong commitment and dedication to the zealous defense of the accused-(2000)
- Named one of the 25 Most Influential Massachusetts Lawyers of the Preceding Quarter Century by-*Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* (1995)
- Received American College of Trial Lawyers Award for Courageous Advocacy in recognition of his unswerving and courageous efforts as a trial lawyer to restore integrity to the local criminal justice system (1992)
- Accorded special recognition by the Massachusetts Bar Association for his commitment to the highest standards of the criminal defense lawyer and to protecting the rights of the accused (1991)
- Recognized for tireless moral courage in advancing human and civil rights by the Lawyers'
- Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of the Boston Bar Association (1990)
- Accorded recognition by the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild for a lifetime commitment to fighting for justice and racial equality (1990)
- Received the Edward J. Duggan Private Counsel Award by the Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services for zealous advocacy and outstanding legal services to the poor (1989)
- Received the Abraham T. Alper Memorial Award, the annual award of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, in recognition of notable service in the preservation of civil liberties (1987)

## In the Community

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- Member, Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts; Member, Advisory Board, 1979-1983, 1986-1987; General Counsel, 1983-1985
- Chairperson, Massachusetts Campaign Against Restoration of the Death Penalty, 1981-1982
- Chairperson, Massachusetts Citizens Against the Death Penalty, 1983-1992
- Deputy Legal Counsel, Democratic State Committee of Massachusetts, 1994-Present
- Member, Advisory Committee, MJT Dance Co., Boston, 1995-2000
- Member, Advisory Committee, Featherstone Center for the Arts, Martha's Vineyard, 1999-Present
- Artist Member, Copley Society of Art

## News & Insights

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- 17 Todd & Weld Attorneys Selected to Boston Magazine's 2022 Top Lawyers
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2022 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Nineteen Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2023 Best Lawyers in America
- Wrongful termination case of Boston police officer featured in Boston Globe
- 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
- 31 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2019 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Fifteen Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2020 Best Lawyers in America
- Ingrid Martin, Max Stern to present at BBA's 2019 White Collar Crime Conference
- Firm and ACLU file FOIA suit seeking information on border wall 'contract'
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2018 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Ingrid Martin, Victoria Steinberg named to Top 50 Super Lawyers Lists, and Howard Cooper and Max Stern named to Top 100 Lists
- Fourteen Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2019 Best Lawyers in America
- Todd & Weld attorneys recognized in New England's Best Lawyers publication
- Max Stern photos of Mardi Gras Indians featured in new exhibition
- 24 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2017 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Jeffrey Catalano, Howard Cooper, and Max Stern named to Top 100 Super Lawyers Lists
- Ten Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2018 Best Lawyers in America
- Max Stern, Megan Deluhery quoted in article highlighting recent successes in student discipline cases
- Eight Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2017 Best Lawyers in America

## Results

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- Max Stern, Michael DiStefano secure acquittal in arson trial
- Federal lawsuit by expelled student against Amherst College allowed to proceed
- Following verdict in favor of client, Max Stern and Megan Deluhery successfully bring litigation to end in student misconduct case