



Todd & Weld LLP

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Seth Robbins has built a reputation of fearless and tireless advocacy on behalf of his clients, ranging from large publicly owned companies to individuals who feel the odds are stacked against them.

Seth J. Robbins, a partner at the firm, specializes in several areas of civil litigation, including complex business and commercial disputes, First Amendment law, employment law, and probate and fiduciary law.-

Mr. Robbins has successfully tried and resolved cases on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants in various federal and state courts throughout the country.

Notable representative accomplishments of Mr. Robbins include:

- Securing a **\$16.4 million jury verdict** following a 15-day trial on behalf of a major health care provider in a business dispute against a medical practice
- Obtaining a favorable declaratory judgment on behalf of a large healthcare company following a multi-day trial in Tennessee
- Obtaining a defense verdict after a three-week jury trial on behalf of an executor and successor trustee alleged to have breached various fiduciary duties, and then-persuading the Massachusetts Appeals Court to uphold the jury verdict
- Representing multiple private equity firms in litigation brought in western Pennsylvania and, after conducting aggressive discovery, resolving the case for a small fraction of the plaintiff's damages claim
- Securing a favorable settlement against a Fortune 500 company in connection with a former female employee's claim for gender discrimination

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation
- Media, First Amendment, and Defamation Law
- Employment Law and Litigation
- Probate and Fiduciary Litigation
- Class Action/Mass Tort Litigation

Representative Results

Business Litigation

- Securing a **\$16.4 million jury verdict**-following a 15-day trial on behalf of a major health care provider in a business dispute against a medical practice
- Represented multiple private equity firms in litigation brought in Western Pennsylvania and, after conducting aggressive discovery, resolving the case for a small fraction of the plaintiff's damages claim.-
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of Phillips Screw Company against the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR).- A Suffolk Superior Court held that the DOR violated its own regulations when it sent the client's tax information to taxing authorities in other jurisdictions without first receiving a written request for the information.-*Phillips Screw Company v. Commissioner of Revenue*, Suffolk Superior Court, Civil Action No. 2013-00607-G.-
- Secured a highly lucrative settlement on behalf of a local small business against a foreign multi-billion-dollar corporation for unpaid commissions.
- Secured a favorable settlement, and avoiding a lengthy and costly trial, on behalf of a private equity firm accused of breaching a fiduciary duty to a former employee.
- Attained favorable settlements on behalf of companies that received faulty tax advice.
- Achieved a favorable settlement in the State of Ohio on behalf of a Massachusetts real estate development company against an individual and his real estate management company for fraudulent misrepresentations related to the sale of certain real estate.
- Recovered a substantial security deposit, with interest, on behalf of a company whose commercial landlord unreasonably withheld the deposit after the company lawfully vacated the property upon termination of the lease.

First Amendment

- Successfully-obtained the dismissal of a \$5.5 million defamation case-and recovering all attorneys' fees and costs incurred to defend against the frivolous action.
- Secured a substantial settlement shortly after filing suit, and prior to taking any depositions, on behalf of an individual doctor pursuing a claim for defamation against another doctor.

Employment Litigation

- Secured a favorable settlement on behalf of a company against a former employee and the former employee's new employer, a competitor company, for the misappropriation of the company's trade secrets and the former employee's violation of the company's non-compete and confidentiality agreement.

Probate Litigation

- Successfully petitioned the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to reform a trust to conform with the objectives of the settlor.
- Obtained a judgment of \$504,290, including an award for attorneys' fees, against an individual who forged a will and defrauded an estate of several hundreds of thousands of dollars.-

Experience

- Todd & Weld LLP, 2006-present
- Corcoran, Fitzgerald & Hennessy, 2002-2005

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts, 2002
- U.S. District Court, Massachusetts , 2003
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit , 2009

Education

- Suffolk University Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2002)
- Boston College (B.A., 1999)

Professional Activities

- Massachusetts Bar Association
- Boston Bar Association, Steering Committee, Newly Elected Partners Forum

Honors and Awards

- Named to 2023-*Best Lawyers in America*-in Commercial Litigation
- Named to Massachusetts-*Super Lawyers*-for Business Litigation (2015-2022)
- Named Massachusetts-*Super Lawyers*-Rising Star for Business Litigation (2010-2012)
- Fellowship Recipient - Suffolk Public Interest Law Group

News & Insights

- 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
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2020 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- 31 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2019 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Seth Robbins quoted in Mass. Lawyers Weekly on fee collections case before SJC
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2018 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Law360 reports on ESOP legal malpractice complaint filed by firm
- 24 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2017 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Seth Robbins a panelist at Boston Bar Association's Brand Yourself 2.0 Conference
- Seth Robbins defends police officer at disciplinary hearing
- Seth Robbins presents at Boston Bar Association's Brand Yourself 2.0 Conference

Results

- Firm wins \$16.4M jury verdict on behalf of health care organization
- Firm wins \$16.4M jury verdict on behalf of health care provider
- Doctor's whistleblower complaint time-barred
- Federal judge allows client's retaliation claim, federal civil rights claims to proceed