



**Todd & Weld** LLP



## Religious Institution Litigation

Our attorneys litigate conflicts involving religious institutions and offer seasoned judgment in counseling religious institutions, leaders, and members involved in disputes.- Legal issues concerning church, congregation, synagogue, mosque, and other religious institutions include such matters as governance, property, employment matters, and institutional dissolution.

Todd & Weld attorneys offer expertise and sensitivity to solving these issues through consultation, mediation, or trial if needed.

Our representative matters include:

- After an evidentiary hearing, the firm prevailed on a motion for preliminary injunction in a case in which control of a church and its \$30 million building were in dispute.-The court held that the senior pastor and one church faction had wrongfully seized control of the church in violation of by-laws.- After the decision, the firm's clients were able to reach a successful, global settlement of then pending claims and counterclaims in federal and state court.
- After three years of litigation in federal and state court, the firm prevailed in defense of a church in its dispute with the national organization of churches with which it had been affiliated for more than 200 years.-The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court upheld the ownership rights of the congregational church after the church disaffiliated from the national organization.
- Litigation over the estate rights of property and publications of a world-renowned Rabbi.
- Successfully represented a Boston-area Islamic group post-9/11 in litigation involving religious freedom and civil rights concerning the group's efforts to construct a mosque and cultural center in Roxbury.

- Litigation concerning the right to control an investment account of an orthodox Jewish school/yeshiva.

## **Related Practices**

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- **Business Litigation**
- Closely Held Business, Shareholder Dispute, and Governance Litigation
- Cannabis Litigation
- Franchise Litigation and Counseling
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Complex Business Litigation

## **News & Insights**

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- Nick Carter to moderate program on religious organization law