J. Owen Todd's legal career began in 1960 when he was appointed a law clerk to a Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. In the following year, he joined the Boston law firm of Hale and Dorr and in time became a Partner, a Senior Partner, Co-Chairman of the Litigation Department and the Chairman of the Executive Committee of that firm. In 1988 Attorney Todd left Hale and Dorr to become Justice Todd of the Massachusetts Superior Court. In 1992 he resigned from the Superior Court to become one of the founding partners of Todd & Weld.

During his legal career, Owen Todd has handled virtually every kind of case from murder to mass tort litigation and from bankruptcy litigation to "bet-the-company" commercial cases in every type of court throughout thirty-six states. Mr. Todd has appeared as counsel for Cardinal Bernard Law, the Massachusetts Trial Court, numerous attorneys, judges and law firms, F. Lee Bailey, professional athletes, Staples, Massachusetts Home Finance Agency and many major companies in the New England area.

While consistently named in the Best Lawyers in America and Chambers, USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business, Owen Todd is most proud of the recognition of his peers reflected by his fellowship in the American College of Trial Lawyers and his presidency of the Massachusetts Trial Lawyers Association.

#### Practice Areas

Appellate Practice Arbitration / Mediation Business Litigation Criminal Defense and Government Investigations **Eminent Domain Litigation** Employment Litigation Practice Probate and Fiduciary Litigation Professional Liability Litigation Real Estate Related Litigation

#### Bar Admissions

Massachusetts (1960)

United States District Court, Massachusetts (1961) United States Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit (1964)

United States Tax Court (1964)

United States Supreme Court (1972)

#### Education

Boston College Law School, J.D. (1960) Commercial Law Review Harvard University, A.B. (1957)

### Background

Founding Partner, Todd & Weld LLP, 1992

Associate Justice, Massachusetts Superior Court, 1988-1992

Senior Partner, Hale and Dorr LLP, 1961-1988

Law Clerk, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, 1960-1961

#### Professional Activities

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

Fellow, American Board of Trial Advocates

Massachusetts Trial Lawyers Association President, 1994 to present

American Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association

Boston Bar Association Co-Chair, Administration of Justice Section, 1993-1994

# Publications/Lectures

Lecturer for Boston Bar Association

Lecturer for Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education

Model Jury Charges, "Eminent Domain"

Co-Editor, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education: Massachusetts Trial Advocacy

#### Awards/Achievements

Named as one of "Boston's Best Lawyers" in Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, and Personal Injury Litigation in a special supplement to The Boston Globe, 2010.

Named a "Top 100 Massachusetts Super Lawyer" in Business Litigation in the 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007 edition of New England Super Lawyers Magazine

Selected by peers for inclusion in the 2007 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in the specialties of Commercial Litigation, Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, and Personal Injury Litigation. Mr. Todd has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America since its inception in 1986.

Listed by The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers as one of the world's leading practitioners of commercial litigation, 2006, 2007, 2008

Recognized in the 2007, 2006, 2005, and 2004 editions of Boston Magazine as a "Top 100 Massachusetts Super Lawyer"; recognized in the practice area of business litigation

Lawyer of the Year 2002, Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly

Leading Individuals, Litigation: General Commercial 2003-2006, Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business

Senior Statesmen, Litigation: General Commercial 2007-2010, Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawvers for Business

Honorary Doctorate of Law and Letters from New England School of Law

## Civic & Charitable Involvement

Commissioner, State Ethics Commission, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Trustee, Austin Jones Foundation

Member, Governor's Commission on Suffolk

County Sheriff's Department

Fellow, Boston Bar Foundation