



Todd & Weld LLP

Christopher Weld Jr.

Founding Partner, 1956-2025



In Memoriam: We are saddened by the loss of our friend and colleague, Founding Partner and former Managing Partner, Christopher Weld Jr.

Chris (or “Kit,” as his close friends called him) was among the finest, most creative, and respected lawyers in the Boston legal community and beyond. Over a career spanning more than 42 years, Chris built a reputation for excellence in complex litigation and for the integrity, judgment, and compassion he brought to every matter—and every relationship.

He began his legal career at Hale & Dorr, then launched his own firm in 1988. In 1992, Chris and four former Hale & Dorr colleagues founded Todd & Weld LLP with the goal of building a premier trial firm. Under Chris’s leadership, that vision became a reality—and the firm flourished.

While his legal accomplishments were widely recognized through numerous honors, it was Chris’s character that left the deepest mark. His colleagues often called him “the glue” of the firm, a phrase that only begins to capture how deeply beloved and respected he was as a partner, mentor, and friend.

Chris handled a wide range of high-stakes business litigation matters through trials, arbitrations, mediations, and negotiated settlements. His practice frequently involved complex disputes with significant financial and strategic stakes. He counseled partners, shareholders, and stakeholders in closely held business disputes, and guided clients through entity dissolutions, fiduciary claims, and governance conflicts.

In the construction industry, Chris represented owners, contractors, and suppliers across major projects, including a public design-build contract exceeding \$200 million. He provided strategic counsel on disputes involving delays, change orders, and contract claims, and advised clients in public bid protests before agencies such as Massport and MassDOT.

Chris also had deep experience in class action litigation—most notably securing court approval for a nationwide consumer settlement valued at approximately \$320 million. His litigation portfolio extended to

intellectual property, employment, probate, and eminent domain matters of significance.

A skilled appellate advocate, Chris achieved major victories in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, shaping case law in construction, partnership disputes, class actions, and regulatory takings.

In his later years, Chris transitioned into the role of Founding Partner Emeritus, remaining available for consultation, strategic guidance, and service as a mediator or arbitrator in complex civil matters.

Chris Weld's impact extended far beyond his courtroom successes. He brought unmatched integrity, clarity of thought, and generosity of spirit to his work and relationships. His legacy endures—in the lives he touched, the clients he served, and the firm he helped build.

News & Insights

- Chambers USA includes two Todd & Weld attorneys and firm's commercial litigation practice in 2024 rankings
- Four Todd & Weld attorneys named as 2024 Lawyers of the Year by Best Lawyers in America
- Christopher Weld Chosen by Mass. Lawyers Weekly as a Go-To Business Litigation Lawyer
- 17 Todd & Weld Attorneys Selected to Boston Magazine's 2022 Top Lawyers
- Ingrid Martin and Christopher Weld named to 2022 Top 100 Super Lawyers List
- 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
- 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
- Chris Weld quoted in Law360 article on COVID-19 impact on Boston legal industry
- 31 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2019 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Fifteen Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2020 Best Lawyers in America
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2018 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Fourteen Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2019 Best Lawyers in America
- Todd & Weld attorneys recognized in New England's Best Lawyers publication
- 24 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2017 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Christopher Weld Jr. admitted to American College of Trial Lawyers
- Ten Todd & Weld attorneys named to 2018 Best Lawyers in America
- Christopher Weld quoted in article on business opportunities increasingly flowing to mid-size law firms

Results

- Todd & Weld prevails in appeal that sets time limit for filing claims in construction defect cases
- Firm persuades SJC to revive \$40M regulatory taking claim involving Encore casino

- Firm obtains dismissal of \$1B lawsuit related to failed Massachusetts casino application
- Todd & Weld prevails in SJC on Statute of Repose question in construction defects case between developer and condo association
- Firm obtains first impression jurisdictional win for client