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Judge (Ret.) Mark L. Wolf serves as Senior Counsel at Todd and Weld.

Judge (Ret.) Mark L. Wolf brings four decades of distinguished public service and legal expertise to Todd & Weld LLP as Senior Counsel. Prior to joining the firm, Judge Wolf served on the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts for more than 40 years, including as Chief Judge from 2006 to 2012. Appointed in 1985, he assumed senior status in 2013 and stepped down from the bench in 2025.

Judge Wolf is nationally recognized for presiding over complex and high-profile cases that helped shape federal criminal and civil jurisprudence, involving public corruption, civil rights, and constitutional law. His judicial work exposed criminal conduct and corruption in the FBI's handling of Mafia informants. He also presided in high-profile cases, including *United States v. DiMasi*, *Kosilek v. O'Brien*, and *United States v. Sampson*, among others.

Before his judicial appointment, Judge Wolf served as a Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney General following Watergate and as Deputy U.S. Attorney and Chief of the Public Corruption Unit in Massachusetts, where he earned the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award.

Judge Wolf is the founder and chair of Integrity Initiatives International, a nonprofit which advocates for the creation of an International Anti-Corruption Court. He has taught at Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard Law School, and Boston College Law School, among others. Judge Wolf has also spoken on the role of the judge in a democracy, human rights, and combatting corruption in numerous foreign countries.

At Todd & Weld, Judge Wolf will focus on complex civil and criminal litigation, public interest matters, and strategic counsel, drawing on his unparalleled experience in federal practice.

Experience

- **Senior Counsel**, Todd & Weld LLP (2025–present)
- **Senior Judge**, U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts (2013–2025)
- **Chief Judge**, U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts (2006–2012)
- **U.S. District Judge**, appointed by President Ronald Reagan (1985–2013)
- **Deputy U.S. Attorney**, District of Massachusetts (1981–1985)
- **Partner**, Sullivan & Worcester (1977–1981)
- **Special Assistant to U.S. Attorney General Edward Levi** (1975–1977)
- **Special Assistant to U.S. Deputy Attorney General Laurence Silberman** (1974)
- **Associate**, Surrey, Karasik & Morse, Washington, D.C. (1971–1974)
- **Military Service**, U.S. Army Reserves (1969-1975)

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts, 1971
- District of Columbia, 1972
- Supreme Court of the United States, 1976

Education

- Harvard Law School (J.D., 1971)
- Yale University (B.A., 1968)

Professional Activities

- **Lecturer in Law**, Harvard Law School (1990)
- **Adjunct Professor**, Boston College Law School (1992)
- **Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy**, Harvard Kennedy School
- **Chair**, Integrity Initiatives International
- **Member**, Judicial Conference of the United States (served on committees for Criminal Law, Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Codes of Conduct)
- **Member**, American Bar Association
- **Member**, American Law Institute
- **Member**, Boston Bar Association
- **Member**, National Conference of Federal Trial Judges

Honors and Awards

- Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award (1984)
- Certificate of Appreciation, President Gerald Ford (1975)

- American Jewish Congress Award (1983)
- Honorary Degree, Boston Latin School (1990)

Publications/Presentations

- Author, "Why I Am Resigning," The Atlantic (2025)
- Lecturer in law, Harvard Law School (1990)
- Author, "Few are Chosen: The Judicial Appointment of Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. and Charles Edward Wyzanski Jr.," 74 Mass. Law Review 221 (1989)
- Author, "Criminal Priorities and Policies of the United States Attorney's Office," Boston Bar Journal (Nov/Dec 1984)
- Author, "Changing of the Guard: The Power of Leadership in America," 96 Pol. Sci. Quar. 319 (1981)
- Author, "Work Incentive Aspects of the Family Assistance Plan," 9 Harvard Journal on Legislation 179 (1972)

In the Community

- **Chairman and Co-Founder**, John William Ward Public Service Fellowship (1986)
- **Founder**, Judge David S. Nelson Fellowship (mentoring Boston Public School students)
- **Founder and Chairman**, Integrity Initiatives International (2016)
- **Board Member**, Dr. Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (supporting community service projects in health and law)
- **Distinguished Non-Resident Fellow**, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

News & Insights

- Todd & Weld LLP Welcomes Retired Senior United States District Court Judge Mark L. Wolf as Senior Counsel