



Todd & Weld LLP

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Maria Davis has extensive trial court experience representing plaintiffs and defendants, which deepens her knowledge and understanding of litigation strategies and tactics.

Maria T. Davis, Senior Counsel at the firm, concentrates her civil litigation practice on a wide array of disputes, including business matters, employment law, and personal injury. Ms. Davis is co-head of the firm's personal injury practice.

Clients immersed in disputes involving complex construction projects regularly rely on her counsel. Ms. Davis played a substantial role in persuading the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court [to rule in favor of a developer client](#) on the question of when the six-year Statute of Repose begins to run in the context of a multi-building condominium project.

Ms. Davis represents the victims of traumatic injuries, including medical malpractice matters. Among numerous successful personal injury litigation results for clients, she obtained a \$4 million jury verdict in a medical malpractice lawsuit arising from the death of a mother shortly following the birth of her fourth child.

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation
- Construction Management and Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Employment Law and Litigation
- Civil Rights Litigation

Representative Results

Recent representative accomplishments of Ms. Davis include:

- Persuading the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to rule that the six-year period for filing a lawsuit regarding common areas of an individual building in a multi-building condominium project is triggered when the building is substantially complete or is open for its intended use, regardless of the number of buildings or development phases in the project
- Obtaining a \$1.25 million settlement of a medical malpractice case involving the death of a 57-year-old man following oral surgery
- Obtaining a **\$4 million jury verdict** in a medical malpractice case arising from the death of a mother shortly following the birth of her fourth child
- Persuading the Massachusetts Appeals Court to uphold a trial court ruling that the firm's clients hold deeded easement rights in residential property
- Playing a substantial role in obtaining an arbitration ruling of no liability on behalf of a defendant in a securities litigation case seeking \$65 million in damages

Experience

- Todd & Weld LLP, 2013-present
- Paul Hastings LLP, 2010-2012
- Legal Fellowship, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, 2009

Bar Admissions

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

Education

- New York University School of Law (J.D., 2009) Executive Editor, Journal of Law and Liberty; Member: Law Students for Human Rights; Student Attorney, Federal Defender Clinic
- Boston University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2004)

Professional Activities

- Massachusetts Bar Association
- Boston Bar Association
- Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys
- Women's Bar Association

Publications/Presentations

- Co-author, Discovery Motions chapter in Massachusetts Superior Court Civil Practice Manual, 6th ed. 2023, (MCLE)
- Panelist, "Civil Litigation Basics: Tips and Strategies on Pleadings, Discovery, Dispositive Motions, and Pre-Trial Procedure," Boston Bar Association, June 2019
- Presenter, "SLAPP Happy: Tools and Tips for Navigating the Massachusetts Anti-SLAPP Maze", Boston Bar Association (2017)
- Presenter, "Life Cycle of a Business Part III: Nondisclosure Agreements and Noncompete Agreements," Massachusetts Bar Association (May 2017)

Honors and Awards

- Named to *Best Lawyers in America*, Litigation – Labor and Employment (2025-present)
- Named to Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* for Business Litigation (2023-present)
- Named by *Super Lawyers* to Massachusetts Rising Stars for Business Litigation (2014-2022)
- Named to *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*, Personal Injury Litigation: Plaintiffs (2021)

News & Insights

- Todd & Weld Attorneys Author Chapter in MCLE Massachusetts Superior Court Civil Practice Manual (7th Edition)
- Todd & Weld Attorneys Secure Major Ruling Allowing Constitutional Claims to Proceed in Case Involving Efforts to Remove "Gender Queer" From School
- Thirty-Seven Todd & Weld Attorneys Named to 2025 Massachusetts Super Lawyers & Rising Stars List
- 21 Todd & Weld Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers in America
- Maria Davis in public radio interview offers insights on teacher's civil rights suit alleging unlawful targeting and search of classroom
- Great Barrington school teacher files civil rights lawsuit following alleged unlawful targeting and search of classroom
- Firm attorneys contribute to civil litigation practice manual
- 17 Todd & Weld Attorneys Selected to Boston Magazine's 2022 Top Lawyers
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2022 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2021 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Todd & Weld receives Law Firm Pro Bono Award at MBA's Access to Justice event
- Maria Davis elected to partnership at Todd & Weld LLP
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2020 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Eight Todd & Weld attorneys selected to inaugural Ones to Watch from Best Lawyers
- Maria Davis quoted in news article on court ruling allowing challenge to liquor license suspension to proceed

- 31 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2019 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Maria Davis quoted in news article on amicus brief filed to support school officials, teachers in curriculum dispute
- Howard Cooper, Maria Davis file amicus brief in support of school officials and teachers in legal dispute over curriculum
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2018 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- 24 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2017 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Maria Davis presents at seminar on navigating Massachusetts anti-SLAPP maze

Results

- Todd & Weld Attorneys Secure Major Ruling Allowing Constitutional Claims to Proceed in Case Involving Efforts to Remove "Gender Queer" From School
- Todd & Weld prevails in appeal that sets time limit for filing claims in construction defect cases
- Housing Court imposes 'use and occupancy' fees on alleged trespasser
- Firm obtains \$1.25M settlement of med-mal wrongful death case
- Todd & Weld prevails in SJC on Statute of Repose question in construction defects case between developer and condo association
- Firm persuades Superior Court to deny request for dismissal of challenge to liquor license suspension
- Firm obtains \$1.1M settlement in wrongful death case involving hospital that failed to admit man to ICU
- Firm obtains two Top Ten largest 2017 jury verdicts in Massachusetts
- Firm obtains \$4M jury verdict in medical malpractice case