



**Todd & Weld** LLP

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**Seth Robbins has built a reputation of fearless and tireless advocacy on behalf of his clients, ranging from large publicly owned companies to individuals who feel the odds are stacked against them.**

Seth J. Robbins, a partner at the firm, specializes in several areas of civil litigation, including complex business and commercial disputes, First Amendment law, employment law, and probate and fiduciary law.

Mr. Robbins has successfully tried and resolved cases on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants in various federal and state courts throughout the country.

Notable representative accomplishments of Mr. Robbins include:

- Securing a multi-million-dollar decision in favor of a hospital system in a breach of contract case against another hospital system following an eight-day bench trial (the opposing party had sought over \$17 million in damages)
- Securing a **\$16.4 million jury verdict** following a 15-day trial on behalf of a major health care provider in a business dispute against a medical practice
- Obtaining a favorable declaratory judgment on behalf of a large healthcare company following a multi-day trial in Tennessee
- Obtaining a defense verdict after a three-week jury trial on behalf of an executor and successor trustee alleged to have breached various fiduciary duties, and then persuading the Massachusetts Appeals Court to uphold the jury verdict
- Representing multiple private equity firms in litigation brought in western Pennsylvania and, after conducting aggressive discovery, resolving the case for a small fraction of the plaintiff's damages claim

- Securing a favorable settlement against a Fortune 500 company in connection with a former female employee's claim for gender discrimination

## Practice Areas

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- Business Litigation
- Professional Liability Litigation
- Media, First Amendment, and Defamation Law
- Employment Law and Litigation
- Probate and Fiduciary Litigation
- Class Action/Mass Tort Litigation

## Representative Results

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### Business Litigation

- Securing a multi-million-dollar decision in favor of a hospital system in a breach of contract case against another hospital system following an eight-day bench trial (the opposing party had sought over \$17 million in damages)
- Securing a **\$16.4 million jury verdict** following a 15-day trial on behalf of a major health care provider in a business dispute against a medical practice
- Represented multiple private equity firms in litigation brought in Western Pennsylvania and, after conducting aggressive discovery, resolving the case for a small fraction of the plaintiff's damages claim.
- Obtained summary judgment on behalf of Phillips Screw Company against the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR). A Suffolk Superior Court held that the DOR violated its own regulations when it sent the client's tax information to taxing authorities in other jurisdictions without first receiving a written request for the information. *Phillips Screw Company v. Commissioner of Revenue*, Suffolk Superior Court, Civil Action No. 2013-00607-G.
- Secured a highly lucrative settlement on behalf of a local small business against a foreign multi-billion-dollar corporation for unpaid commissions.
- Secured a favorable settlement, and avoiding a lengthy and costly trial, on behalf of a private equity firm accused of breaching a fiduciary duty to a former employee.
- Attained favorable settlements on behalf of companies that received faulty tax advice.
- Achieved a favorable settlement in the State of Ohio on behalf of a Massachusetts real estate development company against an individual and his real estate management company for fraudulent misrepresentations related to the sale of certain real estate.
- Recovered a substantial security deposit, with interest, on behalf of a company whose commercial landlord unreasonably withheld the deposit after the company lawfully vacated the property upon termination of the lease.

### First Amendment

- Successfully obtained the dismissal of a \$5.5 million defamation case and recovering all attorneys' fees and costs incurred to defend against the frivolous action.
- Secured a substantial settlement shortly after filing suit, and prior to taking any depositions, on behalf of an individual doctor pursuing a claim for defamation against another doctor.

### **Employment Litigation**

- Secured a favorable settlement on behalf of a company against a former employee and the former employee's new employer, a competitor company, for the misappropriation of the company's trade secrets and the former employee's violation of the company's non-compete and confidentiality agreement.

### **Probate Litigation**

- Successfully petitioned the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to reform a trust to conform with the objectives of the settlor.
- Obtained a judgment of \$504,290, including an award for attorneys' fees, against an individual who forged a will and defrauded an estate of several hundreds of thousands of dollars.

### **Experience**

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- Todd & Weld LLP, 2006-present
- Corcoran, Fitzgerald & Hennessy, 2002-2005

### **Bar Admissions**

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- Massachusetts, 2002
- U.S. District Court, Massachusetts , 2003
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit , 2009

### **Education**

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- Suffolk University Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2002)
- Boston College (B.A., 1999)

### **Professional Activities**

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- Massachusetts Bar Association
- Boston Bar Association

### **Honors and Awards**

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- Named to *Best Lawyers in America* for Commercial Litigation, 2023-2025
- Named to Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* for Business Litigation, 2015-2024

- Named Massachusetts *Super Lawyers* Rising Star for Business Litigation, 2010-2012
- Fellowship Recipient - Suffolk Public Interest Law Group

## News & Insights

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- 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
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2020 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- 31 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2019 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Seth Robbins quoted in Mass. Lawyers Weekly on fee collections case before SJC
- 30 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2018 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Law360 reports on ESOP legal malpractice complaint filed by firm
- 24 Todd & Weld attorneys named 2017 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
- Seth Robbins a panelist at Boston Bar Association's Brand Yourself 2.0 Conference
- Seth Robbins defends police officer at disciplinary hearing
- Seth Robbins presents at Boston Bar Association's Brand Yourself 2.0 Conference

## Results

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- Firm wins \$16.4M jury verdict on behalf of health care organization
- Firm wins \$16.4M jury verdict on behalf of health care provider
- Doctor's whistleblower complaint time-barred
- Federal judge allows client's retaliation claim, federal civil rights claims to proceed