



Todd & Weld LLP

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William Gildea represents clients in all phases of litigation, with a focus on complex commercial disputes.

A seasoned litigator, William Gildea concentrates his civil litigation practice on representing clients in a wide variety of disputes across multiple industries.

Mr. Gildea has represented individuals, corporations, manufacturers, long-term care facilities, and insurers in a variety of matters, including claims involving employment discrimination, catastrophic tort, professional malpractice, and contract disputes.

Practice Areas

- Business Litigation

Representative Results

- Achieved a significant victory on behalf of client Shannon O'Brien, securing a Superior Court ruling that overturned her removal as Chair of the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission (CCC).
- Obtaining an arbitration award against claims alleging breach of contract and indemnification
- Had a substantial role in obtaining a defense jury verdict following a 10-day medical malpractice/wrongful death trial
- Securing a defense verdict in a state District Court bench trial involving an insurance coverage dispute
- Persuading a judge to grant summary judgment for a public insurance adjusting firm dismissing claims alleging violation of the Massachusetts consumer protection statute (M.G.L. c. 93A) and professional negligence

Experience

Todd & Weld LLP, 2023-present

Locke Lord LLP, 2022-2023

Freeman Mathis & Gary, LLP, 2019-2022

LeClairRyan, PLLC, 2017-2018

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts, 2017
- U.S. District Court, Massachusetts, 2018

Education

- Boston College Law School (J.D., 2017)
- Providence College (B.A., 2014)

Honors and Awards

- Named "Lawyer of the Year" by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* (2025)
- Named to *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch* for Insurance Law (2021-present); Personal Injury Litigation – Defense (2021-present), Litigation – Construction (2023-present); Commercial Litigation (2024-present)
- Named by *Super Lawyers* as a Massachusetts Rising Star for General Litigation, Business Litigation, and Criminal Defense: White-Collar (2022-present)

News & Insights

- Forty Todd & Weld Attorneys Named to 2026 Massachusetts Super Lawyers & Rising Stars List
- Todd & Weld Attorneys Max Stern and Billy Gildea Named "Lawyers of the Year" by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*
- Thirty-Seven Todd & Weld Attorneys Named to 2025 Massachusetts Super Lawyers & Rising Stars List
- Superior Court Overturns Firing of Shannon O'Brien, Ordering Reinstatement as Cannabis Control Commission Chair
- Ten Todd & Weld Attorneys Named to 2026 Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch
- Firm welcomes new associate William Gildea