



Todd & Weld LLP



Family Law

Todd & Weld family law attorneys approach each case with a pragmatic view aimed at efficiently achieving favorable results for clients in court or through negotiations and mediation.

Our Family Law practice group – one of the largest in Massachusetts – provides highly sophisticated expertise to clients in addressing their concerns and achieving favorable outcomes. Domestic relations cases often involve financial and emotional challenges for clients. Our attorneys are acutely sensitive to these concerns as they guide clients through the process.

With decades of collective experience, our attorneys are as equally adept at vigorously protecting our clients' interests in court as they are at achieving negotiated settlements. We tailor the appropriate strategies and tactics to each individual case and provide clients with a focused team approach.

A distinguishing feature of our practice group is our ability to effectively handle high net worth divorce cases involving complex financial issues – including business interests, trusts, stock options, complex investments, and business arrangements.

Clients in need of sophisticated legal analysis rely on our in-depth knowledge and skills to evaluate and handle cases on appeal. Our attorneys have been involved in numerous cutting-edge decisions on a wide range of issues important to families, including the enforceability of surrogate parenting agreements, the rights of *de facto* parents, the standards for allowing the relocation of children outside of Massachusetts, and the constitutionality of prior restraint orders on First Amendment freedoms of speech.

Our team represents clients in all aspects of domestic relations law, including:

- Divorce
- Custody and parenting issues
- Child support and alimony
- Property division
- Modifications
- Contempt
- Abuse prevention orders
- Prenuptial and postnuptial agreements
- Representation of LGBTQ individuals and families
- Appeals

Our attorneys also serve in a variety of neutral roles, including mediator, conciliator, arbitrator, guardian, parenting coordinator, and special master, including by court appointment. They frequently lecture on a variety of domestic relations issues and are routinely recognized in leading professional directories such as *Best Lawyers in America*.

Over the years we have established a broad network of professionals with whom we collaborate for specialized assistance, including business and estate valuation, forensic accounting, tax analysis, and psychological evaluations and opinions. Our firm offers a wide array of litigation expertise, allowing our Family Law practice group to collaborate as needed with other attorneys at the firm to litigate business, real estate, trust, and fiduciary issues.

Attorneys

- Richard M. Novitch
- John J. Ronan
- Megan L. Rothemich
- Gary Owen Todd
- Lauren M. Bussey
- Elaine M. Epstein
- Sydney Halloran
- Shayne N. Lotito
- Brooke A. Moschetto
- Rebecca Shawver
- Julianna Zane
- Anne Walsh

News & Insights

- Todd and Weld Attorneys Named to Boston Magazine 2025 Top Lawyers List
- Gary Todd Presented at Public Forum on The Rise of Authoritarianism and the State of Constitutional Rights
- Todd & Weld Named to 2026 “Best Law Firms” in Multiple Categories by Best Lawyers
- Founding Partner Gary O. Todd Presents at Social Law Library Family Law Program
- Thirty-Seven Todd & Weld Attorneys Named to 2025 Massachusetts Super Lawyers & Rising Stars List
- Founding Partner Gary Todd Inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers and Appointed to Massachusetts State Committee
- Gary Todd Serves as Panelist on Cybersecurity Lecture Hosted by the Greater Newburyport Bar Association
- Todd & Weld Welcomes Family Law Associate Sydney Halloran
- Rebecca Shawver Joins Todd & Weld's Family Law Practice Group
- Lauren Bussey promoted to Of Counsel
- Gary O. Todd Presents at 8th Annual CLE by the Sea Conference
- Gary O. Todd Named a 2025 “Go To Lawyer” for Family Law by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly
- Brooke Moschetto to Moderate NHWBA Panel on Personal Branding and Legacy-Building
- Brooke Moschetto joins Todd & Weld as family law associate
- Megan Rothemich elected to partnership at Todd & Weld LLP
- Gary Todd presents at 33rd Annual Mass. Bar Association Family Law Conference
- Fall 2024 Family Law newsletter: Millennials increasingly turning toward prenups
- Elaine Epstein selected to Mass. Lawyers Weekly's 2024 Hall of Fame class
- Summer 2024 Family Law newsletter: When should you seek a custody modification?
- Richard Novitch presents at family law program on division of assets in divorces
- Richard Novitch to present at 27th Annual Family Law Conference
- Spring 2024 Family Law newsletter: ‘Parallel parenting’ for divorced couples an alternative to co-parenting
- Richard Novitch comments on SJC's alimony ruling
- Winter 2024 Family Law newsletter: Supervised custody exchanges explained
- Elaine Epstein offers insights in news article on whether alimony may include ‘savings’ award
- Fall 2023 Family Law newsletter: Bar on transfer of marital home unenforceable
- Todd & Weld welcomes new associate Shayne Lotito
- Summer 2023 Family Law newsletter: When is it appropriate for a child to testify in a custody dispute?
- Gary Todd to present on the intersection of family and immigration law
- Gary Todd presents at seminar on the interplay of criminal law and family law
- Spring 2023 Family Law newsletter: Beware common mistakes of business owners in divorce proceedings
- Gary Todd presents on challenges and potential traps for Guardians ad Litem during trial
- Svana Calabro joins Todd & Weld LLP as an associate

- Megan Rothemich promoted to Of Counsel at firm
- Rich Novitch to present at Domestic Relations Financial Summit 2023
- Winter 2023 Family Law Newsletter: Can Divorce Records Be Kept Private?
- Fall 2022 Family Law Newsletter: When is business goodwill part of marital assets?
- Family law practitioner Gabrielle Denby joins Todd & Weld
- Gary Todd, Julianna Zane to present on prenuptial agreements
- Summer 2022 Family Law Newsletter: Court ruling limits reach of demand for DNA sample
- Spring 2022 Family Law Newsletter: Reduced income after business sale may not reduce alimony
- Gary Todd part of Family Law Trial Advocacy Workshop faculty
- Rich Novitch to present at BBA program on family law appeals
- Gary Todd, Rich Novitch to present at family law financial summit
- Winter 2022 Family Law Newsletter: Potential complications of child tax credits in divorces
- Richard Novitch elected to partnership at Todd & Weld LLP
- Alyssa Johnson joins Todd & Weld as an associate
- Fall 2021 Family Law Newsletter: Key considerations in awarding grandparent visitation rights
- Julianna Zane to moderate panel discussion at MA Bar Association's 30th Annual Family Law Conference
- Gary Todd, Rich Novitch to present on use of social media evidence in litigation
- Summer 2021 Family Law Newsletter: The complexities of enforcing cross-border prenups
- Gary Todd a panelist at Town Hall event for family law attorneys
- Winter 2020 Family Law Newsletter: Ex-wife can pursue fraudulent conveyance claim to 'claw back' millions
- Rich Novitch a panelist on program addressing complex financial issues in divorce cases
- Gary Todd to present at annual AFCC conference on children's perspective in family law cases
- Fall 2020 Family Law Newsletter: The challenges of changing support orders due to COVID-19
- Elaine Epstein presents on lawyers transitioning to remote work
- Elaine Epstein provides expert commentary on appellate decision impacting divorce cases
- Julianna Zane appointed to MBA Family Law Section Council
- Rich Novitch to present on evidentiary issues in family law cases
- Summer 2020 Family Law Newsletter: What is the impact of adultery on alimony award?
- Rich Novitch, Julianna Zane to present on landmark SJC family law ruling
- Richard Novitch quoted in NYT article on landmark MA ruling concerning nondisparagement orders in divorce cases
- Spring 2020 Family Law Newsletter: Should you file taxes jointly or separately during a divorce?
- Dea Coka joins Todd & Weld as an associate
- Winter 2020 Family Law Newsletter: Which should be filed first, divorce or bankruptcy?
- Gary Todd to present at 29th Annual MBA Annual Family Law Conference

- Fall 2019 Family Law Newsletter: Avoid the risks of vague divorce agreements on college costs
- Rich Novitch quoted in news article on SJC case concerning how courts should handle allegations of domestic abuse in custody disputes
- Elizabeth Coyne joins Todd & Weld's Family Law practice
- Summer 2019 Family Law Newsletter: Implications of tax cut law on divorce
- Gary Todd named President of MA Family and Probate American Inn of Court
- Spring 2019 Family Law Newsletter: Bankruptcy filing doesn't protect retirement account from creditors
- John Ronan elected to partnership at Todd & Weld LLP
- Winter 2019 Family Law Newsletter: Is money in a 529 college savings plan marital property?
- Richard Novitch co-chair of 28th Annual MBA Annual Family Law Conference

Results

- Firm obtains substantial award for retroactive child support, plus \$180K in attorneys' fees, in long running divorce modification litigation
- MA Appeals Court panel affirms post-divorce contempt ruling: Financial non-disclosure has a price
- Firm obtains judgment ending alimony payments as a result of dentist's disability