



Todd & Weld LLP



Government Investigations and Criminal Defense

The courtroom experience, professional integrity, and genuine commitment of the trial attorneys in our Government Investigations and Criminal Defense Practice Group repeatedly lead to favorable results for our clients.

Government investigations and criminal prosecutions can have a devastating impact on individuals and companies. Our Government Investigations and Criminal Defense team is comprised of experienced and respected trial attorneys who are poised to respond to any situation that threatens an individual's reputation or liberty or a company's financial well-being. The investigative knowledge, professional reputation, and courtroom experience of our attorneys have enabled us to achieve an exceptional track record of closing investigations, avoiding prosecutions, obtaining successful outcomes in court, and otherwise achieving favorable results for our clients.

Our experienced team – a distinguished blend of former government prosecutors and career defense attorneys who practice in state and federal court – is uniquely equipped to advise and guide individuals and companies confronted with grand jury subpoenas, white-collar investigations, criminal prosecutions, or administrative, regulatory, or disciplinary proceedings.

We regularly represent clients in connection with the following matters:

- Federal and state grand jury proceedings
- Alleged economic crimes and financial fraud
- Alleged public corruption
- Internal corporate or company investigations

- Alleged felony offenses, including sexual assaults or death-related crimes
- Health care fraud, compliance, and related enforcement matters
- Licensing, medical board registration, and related regulatory investigations
- Opioid and other drug-related investigations
- School and university due process litigation, including Title IX investigations and disciplinary proceedings
- Alleged environmental crimes

As situations evolve through the investigative process, we collaborate with other appropriate practice areas within the firm – such as our employment, business litigation, and family law groups – to provide our clients with the necessary advice and support. Our experienced and knowledgeable business litigation practice regularly assists individual and corporate clients confronted with the challenges presented by simultaneous criminal and civil proceedings.

Our extraordinary reputation within the criminal justice system and the legal community is underscored by the professional working relationships we have established with government prosecutors, law enforcement investigators, agency and regulatory officials, and court officials. We are proud that our Government Investigations and Criminal Defense Practice Group and many of its attorneys are routinely recognized for professional excellence by their peers, *Best Lawyers*, *Super Lawyers*, and others within the criminal justice system.

Attorneys

- Paul Cirel
- Howard M. Cooper
- Michael R. DiStefano
- Christian G. Kiely
- Ingrid S. Martin
- David Meier
- Max D. Stern
- Melinda Thompson
- Avana Epperson-Temple
- Liana LaMattina
- Nick Pisegna

Areas of Focus

- Criminal Defense
- Government Investigations
- Health Care Litigation

- School and University Disciplinary and Due Process Litigation
- White-Collar Criminal Defense

News & Insights

- Todd & Weld Welcomes Avana Epperson-Temple to Government Investigations & Criminal Defense Practice
- Forty Todd & Weld Attorneys Named to 2026 Massachusetts Super Lawyers & Rising Stars List
- Michael DiStefano to Present BBA Panel on Preparing Clients for Government Interviews
- Todd & Weld Attorneys File Amicus Brief on Behalf of Bipartisan Former Federal Judges and Former U.S. Attorneys in United States v. Letitia A. James Case
- Howard Cooper, Benjamin Wish, Joseph Cacace and Josh Launer File Amicus Brief on Behalf of Bipartisan Former Federal Judges and Former U.S. Attorneys in United States v. James B. Comey, Jr. Case
- Paul Cirel Named 2025 “Go To Lawyer” for Professional Malpractice by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly
- Nick Pisegna joins Todd & Weld's government investigations and criminal defense practice group
- Michael DiStefano offers insights on proposed legislation addressing false confessions
- Firm attorneys to present on navigating parallel criminal cases and professional licensing proceedings
- Hannah Black co-authors Massachusetts Criminal Law Practice Guide
- Liana LaMattina joins Todd & Weld as an associate
- Shayla Mombeleur to moderate program on ‘harm reduction’ approach to opioid epidemic
- Published article by Ingrid Martin, Michael DiStefano analyzes use and protection of mobile phone data in white-collar investigations
- Michael DiStefano elected to partnership at Todd & Weld LLP
- Hannah Black joins Todd & Weld as an associate
- Shayla Mombeleur joins Todd & Weld as an associate
- Michael DiStefano to present at BBA program on new frontiers of e-discovery
- Julien Mundele moderating program on conducting internal and independent investigations
- Lorraine Belostock joins Todd & Weld as an associate
- Howard Cooper in news article offers assessment of nomination of Rachel Rollins to U.S. Attorney
- Ingrid Martin to present on COVID fraud enforcement by federal and state prosecutors
- Ingrid Martin quoted in Law360 article on Massachusetts cases to watch in 2021
- Article by Ingrid Martin, Michael DiStefano surveys latest trends in federal proffer agreements
- Howard Cooper quoted in Law360 article assessing likely changes in priorities of U.S. Attorney's Office in wake of presidential election
- Julien Mundele appointed to ombudsman panel reviewing Boston Police internal investigations
- Michael DiStefano appointed to federal Criminal Justice Act Panel
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- Daniel Cloherty quoted in Law360 article on court decision overturning Insys verdict
- Ingrid Martin to co-chair BBA White Collar Crime Conference
- Howard Cooper quoted in Law360 article on fallout of Boston Calling extortion verdict
- Ingrid Martin, Max Stern to present at BBA's 2019 White Collar Crime Conference
- Howard Cooper, Ingrid Martin provide expert commentary in article on increase of opioid-related prosecutions
- Paul Cirel to participate on panel discussion concerning legal risks, new laws relating to opiate prescriptions
- Michael DiStefano chosen as an Up and Coming Lawyer
- Law360 publishes Paul Cirel article on nontraditional health care programs facing increased government scrutiny
- Todd & Weld expands, adding four accomplished trial lawyers
- Michael DiStefano quoted in Law360 article on successful resolution of criminal case

Results

- Major University Settles Incentive Compensation Ban Lawsuit Under the Federal False Claims Act
- Firm obtains acquittal of multiple sexual assault charges against dentist
- Todd & Weld obtains acquittal for client in money laundering case
- Max Stern, Michael DiStefano secure acquittal in arson trial
- Howard Cooper, Benjamin Wish obtain dismissal of federal criminal case
- Following verdict in favor of client, Max Stern and Megan Deluhery successfully bring litigation to end in student misconduct case