

# Marshall D. Senterfitt

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Marshall Senterfitt advises clients in litigating and resolving high-stakes trust and estate disputes, including:

- fiduciary duty claims;
- trust and will contests involving issues such as undue influence, lack of capacity, or fraud; and
- other probate and fiduciary litigation matters.

In his practice, Marshall serves private individuals, trusts and trustees, and a broad range of commercial enterprises and professional service providers. He represents the firm's clients in state and federal court, administrative agency proceedings and in all forms of alternative dispute resolution.

As a leader of the firm's Electronic Discovery Committee, he also routinely counsels clients and other lawyers on issues concerning the preservation, review, and production of electronically stored information.

Marshall is the President of the Greater Boston Fiduciary Law American Inn of Court, and a former Co-Chair of the Fiduciary Litigation Committee for the Boston Bar Association. He is a sought-out speaker on issues concerning probate and fiduciary litigation, as well as on issues concerning electronic discovery in fiduciary litigation and in complex business disputes. Marshall is recognized for his work in probate and fiduciary litigation, including by the *National Law Journal*, which named him as one of Boston's Rising Stars in 2015.

He also dedicates many hours every year to a wide range of pro bono matters on behalf of non-profit organizations and low-income individuals.

## **Accolades**

- Massachusetts Super Lawyers Rising Stars, 2016-17
- 2015 Boston Rising Star, *National Law Journal*

## **Affiliations**

- President and Member of the Board for the Greater Boston Fiduciary Law American Inn of Court
- Boston Bar Association Trust & Estates Section, Fiduciary Litigation Committee, Co-Chair, (2014-2017)
- Regular presenter at bar association and continuing legal education seminars and conferences on fiduciary litigation and related topics
- Discovery Justice/Legal Apprenticeship Program
- Massachusetts Legal Clinic for the Homeless

## **Admissions**

- Massachusetts

## **Education**

- University of Massachusetts (B.A., *cum laude*, 2001)
- Northeastern University School of Law (J.D., 2007)

## **Representative Matters**

### **Obtained Multi-Million Dollar Settlement in Will Contest**

Obtained multi-million dollar settlement for plaintiff in a will contest challenging the validity of a prior waiver and asserting claims of undue influence, breach of fiduciary duty, and lack of testamentary capacity.

### **Won Seven-Figure Arbitration Award and Attorneys Fees**

Won seven-figure arbitration award and attorneys fees for a client asserting breaches of fiduciary duties arising out of the transaction of real property between two closely held companies.

### **Settlement for Plaintiffs Challenging Estate Documents**

Obtained a substantial settlement for plaintiffs challenging estate documents on the basis of undue influence, lack of capacity and breaches of fiduciary duty.

### **Multi-Million Dollar Arbitration Award for Closely-Held Corporation**

Won a multi-million dollar arbitration award for the co-founder and president of a closely held corporation in a breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty case.

### **Defend Development Approvals**

Successfully defended development approval from city Conservation Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the construction of 100,000-plus square foot retail store.

**Expert Witness Preparation for Probate and Fiduciary Litigation**

Consults with and prepares expert witnesses in probate and fiduciary litigation, land use and real property matters, and complex business litigation.

## Commitment to Excellence

Marshall is among a small group of lawyers in the Boston area who dedicates his practice almost entirely to handling trust, estate, and fiduciary disputes. Together with his colleagues who maintain a similar practice, Marshall has helped establish Goulston & Storrs as the preeminent probate and fiduciary litigation firm in Boston.

Trust and estate litigation is a specialized area of the law that can be highly emotional and personal, and of immense importance to the parties involved. A keystone of the firm's fiduciary litigation practice is to understand each client's unique circumstances and goals in order to help them navigate all aspects of a particular matter in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

## Publications

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**Probate & Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter - August 2019**

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May 20, 2019

**Probate & Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter - May 2019**

April 23, 2019

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February 19, 2019

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November 14, 2018

**New York's Article 77: A Useful Tool for Expediting Trust Litigation**

October 1, 2018

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March 20, 2017

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December 16, 2016

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**T&E Litigation Newsletter- 11/14/16**

August 10, 2016

**T&E Litigation Newsletter- 8/10/16**

July 13, 2016

**T&E Litigation Newsletter- 7/13/16**

July 5, 2016

**T&E Litigation Newsletter- 7/5/16**

May 25, 2016

**T&E Litigation Newsletter- 5/25/16**

April 27, 2016

**T&E Litigation Newsletter- 4/27/16**

January 5, 2016

**T&E Litigation Newsletter- 1/5/16**

September 16, 2015

**T&E Litigation Newsletter- 9/16/15**

September 3, 2015

**T&E Litigation Newsletter- 9/3/15**

May 5, 2015

**T&E Litigation Newsletter- 5/5/15**

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**T&E Litigation Newsletter- 4/9/15**

January 9, 2015

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**T&E Litigation Newsletter - 10/30/14**

September 12, 2014

**T&E Litigation Newsletter - 9/12/14**

August 22, 2014

**T&E Litigation Newsletter - 8/22/14**

August 8, 2014

**T&E Litigation Newsletter - 8/8/14**

May 28, 2014

**T&E Litigation Newsletter - 5/28/14**

April 25, 2014

**New E-Discovery Rules Bring Changes, Challenges and Cutting Edge Discovery Issues to Trust and Estate Litigation**

April 15, 2014

**T&E Litigation Newsletter - 4/15/14**

March 21, 2014

**T&E Litigation Newsletter - 3/21/14**

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