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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, 2016-2017, 2019
- 2015 Boston Rising Star, *National Law Journal*

- Chambers High Net Worth (Band 1 Firm Ranking), 2017-2020

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

February 5, 2021

Probate & Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter - February 2021

January 2021

Who Is the Client and Why It Matters

The Bencher - American Inns of Court

November 30, 2020

Probate & Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter - November 2020

September 2, 2020

Probate & Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter - September 2020

July 22, 2020

Massachusetts Court Enforces No-Contest Clause Against Trust Beneficiary

Wealth Management

February 7, 2020

Probate & Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter: February 2020

December 17, 2019

Probate & Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter - December 2019

October 15, 2019

Probate & Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter - October 2019

August 28, 2019

Probate & Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter - August 2019

June 27, 2019

Probate & Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter - June 2019

May 20, 2019

Probate & Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter - May 2019

April 23, 2019

Probate & Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter - April 2019

February 2019

Probate and Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter - February 19, 2019

November 2018

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

October 2018

Probate and Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter - October 1, 2018

August 2018

Probate and Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter August 27, 2018

July 2018

Probate and Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter July 10, 2018

November 2017

Probate and Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter November 21, 2017

August 2017

Probate and Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter August 31, 2017

June 2017

Probate and Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter June 28, 2017

March 2017

Probate and Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter March 20, 2017

February 2017

Probate and Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter February, 2017

December 2016

Probate and Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter December 16, 2016

November 2016

Probate and Fiduciary Litigation Newsletter November 30, 2016

November 2016

T&E Litigation Newsletter- 11/14/16

August 2016

T&E Litigation Newsletter- 8/10/16

July 2016

T&E Litigation Newsletter- 7/13/16

July 2016

T&E Litigation Newsletter- 7/5/16

May 2016

T&E Litigation Newsletter- 5/25/16

April 2016

T&E Litigation Newsletter- 4/27/16

January 2016

T&E Litigation Newsletter- 1/5/16

September 2015

T&E Litigation Newsletter- 9/16/15

September 2015

T&E Litigation Newsletter- 9/3/15

May 2015

T&E Litigation Newsletter- 5/5/15

April 2015

T&E Litigation Newsletter- 4/9/15

January 2015

T&E Litigation Newsletter - 1/9/15

October 2014

T&E Litigation Newsletter - 10/30/14

September 2014

T&E Litigation Newsletter - 9/12/14

August 2014

T&E Litigation Newsletter – 8/22/14

August 2014

T&E Litigation Newsletter – 8/8/14

May 2014

T&E Litigation Newsletter - 5/28/14

April 2014

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

April 2014

T&E Litigation Newsletter – 4/15/14

March 2014

T&E Litigation Newsletter - 3/21/14

February 2014

T&E Litigation Newsletter - 2/14/14