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Tom Sartory is a litigator who handles business disputes, professional malpractice defense and intellectual property defense.

Tom's election in 1996 as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers testifies to his extensive trial experience and high-quality work.

Chambers USA describes him as "an intelligent, thorough, resourceful, practical and effective litigator."

He is also the author of the "Licensing" chapter in Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts, 4th edition, a 14-volume series published by West Publishing and the American Bar Association.

Prior to becoming Of Counsel, Tom also served as the firm's General Counsel for more than twenty years.

Accolades

- Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rated AV Preeminent TM
- *Best Lawyers in America*® (1996-2025): Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Intellectual Property
- Chambers USA, "America's Leading Business Lawyers", 2011-2012
- Massachusetts Super Lawyers, 2004 –2023
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

Affiliations

- Commissioner, Massachusetts State Ethics Commission (2015-present)
- Committee on Professional Ethics, Massachusetts Bar Association (1988-present)
- Committee on Human Studies ("IRB"), Harvard Medical School (1980-1992)

- Former Chair, Business Litigation Committee, Massachusetts Bar Association
- Former Special Counsel to Massachusetts Judicial Conduct Commission

Admissions

- Massachusetts

Education

- Loyola University (B.A., 1966)
- Harvard Law School (J.D., 1969)

Representative Matters

Closely-Held Corporation Control Dispute

Representation of shareholders of a closely-held corporation with annual revenue of \$400M in a control dispute with other shareholders.

Defense of Legal Malpractice

Representation of national law firms in defense of malpractice and disciplinary claims of conflict of interest.

Defense in Third-Party Investors Suit

Representation of national law firm in defense of suit by third-party investors in firm's client.

Party Arbitrator for National Teaching Hospital

Service as party arbitrator for national teaching hospital in dispute over royalties for projects developed from research at the hospital.

Inventorship Disputes

Representation of medical devices manufacturer in inventorship dispute.

Trademark Infringement Case Against Internationally Famous Golf Course

Representation of owners of internationally famous golf course against national discount retail chain for trademark infringement.

Tort Action for Major Textile Manufacturer

Representation of major textile manufacturer in tort action for damages arising from fire that destroyed most of manufacturer's production facilities.

An Educator for Future Lawyers

Throughout his career, Tom has participated in programs to train lawyers in trial skills and advocacy, and to impress on them the importance of ethics and professionalism in their practices. He has taught at the Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Workshop and programs sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, and the Boston and Massachusetts Bar Associations.

He has also served as a member of the Professional Ethics Committee of the Massachusetts Bar Association for more than thirty years.