



PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial Real Estate
Construction Law
Hospitality & Retail Services
Litigation

INDUSTRIES

Commercial Real Estate
Construction
Hospitality and Retail Services

EDUCATION

J.D. University of Connecticut School of Law, 1995
B.A. Tufts University, *cum laude*, 1992
Phillips Academy, Andover, 1988

ADMISSIONS

All Connecticut Courts
All Massachusetts Courts

NAMED 2015 MASSACHUSETTS
LAWYER OF THE YEAR
CONSTRUCTION LAW
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MASSACHUSETTS BEST LAWYER
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OVERVIEW

Brad Croft is a shareholder, a member of the firm's Executive Committee, and Chair of the **Litigation Department**. He concentrates his practice on complex business matters in the areas of construction, real estate, partnership disputes, and general commercial law. In his 22 years as a trial attorney, Brad has represented clients in a wide variety of matters, including construction claims, general commercial disputes, employment matters, claims against schools and universities, securities and financial services disputes, condominium cases, and tort claims. He has tried cases before judges, juries and arbitration panels in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Brad is a recognized leader among Massachusetts litigation and construction lawyers. He was selected as the 2015 Massachusetts Construction Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers in America*, the only lawyer in Massachusetts to receive this honor. Brad recently served as co-chair of the Litigation Section of the Boston Bar Association, which has over 2,500 members. He is also the past chair of the BBA Construction Law Committee and Steering Committees for both the litigation and real estate sections. He is on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Building Congress, the oldest construction industry trade organization in the area.

In his construction practice, Brad represents general contractors, owners, subcontractors and suppliers, as well as developers and sureties, in all aspects of construction transactions and disputes. Brad counsels his construction clients on risk avoidance and ways to minimize their exposure to liability and legal fees. His clients rely on his experience and expertise to draft and negotiate all types of contracts relating to construction projects and to resolve construction and real estate disputes through negotiation, mediation, arbitration and litigation in state and federal courts.

Brad also regularly represents students in private and public university disciplinary cases arising from allegations of plagiarism, assault, harassment, inappropriate sexual conduct, and underage drinking, among others. He helps students and parents navigate the often complex administrative hearing and investigation processes, advises them on their state and federal rights under Title IX, FERPA and the Clery Act, and helps with preparation of written statements, interviews, hearings, and appeals.

ASSOCIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

- Boston Bar Association
~ Co-Chair, Litigation Section (2012 - 2014)

NAMED AS A
FELLOW
of the Construction Lawyers
Society of America

- ~ Chair, Construction Law Committee (2009 - 2012)
- ~ Member, Litigation Steering Committee (2009 - 2014)
- ~ Member, Real Estate Steering Committee (2009 - 2012)
- American Bar Association
 - ~ ABA Forum on Construction Industry, Steering Committee Member Division 6, Construction Workplace Management and Human Resources (2009 - 2013)
 - ~ Construction Law section
- Massachusetts Building Congress
- Construction Finance Management Association
- Swampscott Zoning Board of Appeals

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2015 Massachusetts Construction Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers in America
- Best Lawyers in America, Construction Law, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
- Super Lawyers, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2005
- Avvo, 10.0 "Superb" rating
- Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America

PUBLICATIONS

- [4 Ways Contractors Can "Stay Out of the Weeds" When Building a Cannabis Facility or Retail Store](#) (February 2017)
- [50 Ways to Leave Your Subcontractor](#) (February 2015)
- ["Fast-in, fast-out projects present great financial upside, but not without increased risks"](#) (October 2014)
- Quoted, front page article: ["Mass. Subcontractors Get Some Help with New Construction Law"](#), Boston Business Journal (August 2014)
- Featured and quoted, front page article: ["Workers' Comp Amendment Creates Private Right of Action"](#), Mass Lawyers Weekly (November 22, 2010)
- Article, ["Prompt Pay Act: RIP Pay-If-Paid?"](#), New England Real Estate Journal (October 2010)
- Featured and quoted, ["Legislation Promises Big Changes for Construction Bar, Clients,"](#) Mass Lawyers Weekly (August 30, 2010)
- Article, ["Strategies to Help General Contractors Avoid Litigation,"](#) Mass Lawyers Journal (August 2010)
- Article, ["How and When to Build Your Business,"](#) At Your Service (May 2010)
- Quoted, ["Construction case to impact lawsuits against developers in Massachusetts"](#) Mass Lawyers Weekly (November 23, 2009)

- Quoted, "*Non-client can't sue lawyer over bad deal*" Mass Lawyers Weekly (November 2, 2009)
- Article, "*Breaking up is hard to do: Terminating an under performing subcontractor isn't always simple*" New England Real Estate Journal (October 30, 2009)
- Article, "*Sense vs. Cents: What answer is the right answer?*", New England Real Estate Journal (March 6, 2009)

TALKS

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, MCLE "Standard Form Construction Contracts" (May 2017)
- Panelist and Chair, MCLE "The 25 Critical Cases Every Construction Lawyer Must Know" (June 2016)
- Moderator, BISNOW "Construction Innovations & The Build Environment: Construction Trends Around the World & Boston's Development Environment" (March 2016)
- Panelist, MCLE "Top 25 Critical Cases Every Real Estate Litigation, Title, Land Use & Environmental Lawyer Must Know" (February 2016)
- Presented, Strafford "Construction Contracts" Webinar (August 2015)
- Speaking, BISNOW "Boston Retail: The Impact of the Ground Floor & What Tenants Want" (July 2015)
- Panelist, MCLE "The 25 Critical Cases that Every Real Estate Lawyer Should Know" (February 2014)
- Co-Chair, BBA CLE "Ethical Witness Preparation: Drawing Difficult Lines" (November 2013)
- Panelist, Real Estate Bar Association "Basics of Mechanics Liens" (October 2012)
- Panelist, MCLE "Dirty, Defective & Problematic Properties & Buildings" (September 2011)
- Chair and Panelist, MCLE "Lien Law & Prompt Pay Update 2011" (June 2011)
- Panelist, MCLE "Contract Disputes and Litigation" (February 2011) Chair and
- Panelist, MCLE "Massachusetts New Prompt Pay Construction Law" (October 2010)
- Moderator, Massachusetts Building Congress Program "Massachusetts Prompt Pay Law" (September 23, 2010)
- Moderator, BBA Program "Recent Changes in Massachusetts Construction Law" (September 2010)
- Co-moderator, BBA Program "Current Trends in Construction Mediation" (February 24, 2009)