



## ROBERT J. KERWIN

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Rob Kerwin is a senior member of Tarlow, Breed, Hart & Rodgers, with a multi-dimensional business law practice ranging from medical equipment to business litigation. Rob's distinguished career spans nearly three decades and involves high-stakes issues in a variety of forums. Since 2004 Rob has been continuously recognized as a Massachusetts Super Lawyer.

Rob serves as the general counsel to an international medical equipment organization where, for seventeen years he has advised on numerous matters relating to domestic and international companies in resolving contract and trade disputes.

After his early years associated with a Texas trial firm, Rob returned to Boston and practiced in the corporate bankruptcy department of a large law firm. Rob continues a creditors' rights practice today, representing financial institutions and municipalities in the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts.

Recent representative matters include: a successful jury trial counsel in a Massachusetts state court medical equipment case, special counsel to the City of Boston on electronic data recovery issues, mediation of a multimillion dollar construction claim and fair lending counsel in connection with a governmental investigation of a financial institution.

Rob has been recognized by the *International Municipal Lawyers Association* as an IMLA Fellow. A past president of the *City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association of Massachusetts*, Rob serves on the CSTCA Executive Board and as faculty member for various *Massachusetts Collectors - Treasurers Association* educational programs.

A former co-chair of the Massachusetts Bar Association Business Law Section Council, Rob served on the MBA Governance Committee, MBA House of Delegates and the Joint Bar Committee on Judicial Appointments. Rob also served as a faculty member of the MBA In-House Counsel Program for the past seven years. He currently serves on the MBA Access to Justice Committee.

### ***Bar and Court Admissions***

Massachusetts Bar

Texas Bar

United States District Courts for Massachusetts

United States District Courts for Northern District of Texas

United States Appeals Court for the Fifth Circuit

United States Supreme Court

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### ***Additional Information***

- Faculty Member, 2010 ABI Northeast Summer Conference on Bankruptcy Evidence; 2010 and 2011 Northeast Consumer Forum
- Co-Chair, 2007-2009, Business Law Section Council of the Massachusetts Bar Association
- Joint Bar Committee on Judicial Appointments, 2007 - 2009
- MBA House of Delegates (2007-CSTCA; 2009 Business Law Section Council)
- Co-Chair, 2004-2005, In-House Counsel Group, MBA Business Law Council.
- Rob currently serves on the Executive Board of the City Solicitor/Town Counsel Association of Massachusetts, is a past President (2007-2008), and served as Chair, Special Subcommittee to Develop Budget and Long Term Business Plans (2007).
- Rob is general counsel to IAMERS, a medical equipment trade association (1994-present).
- Rob served as President of the Friends of Brandeis Athletics for four years.
- Regular Contributor, *Medical Dealer Magazine*

### ***Education***

B.S., Brandeis University, *cum laude*, 1978

J.D., Northeastern University School of Law, 1982

### ***Presentations / Publications***

Rob is a frequent lecturer and participant in continuing legal education programs. A partial list of programs is provided below:

2011: A Year of Change at the FDA?, The Business Leader Post, January 28, 2011

Recovering & Preserving Public Records in the Age of Electronic Documents, MCLE Municipal Law Conference, March 18, 2010

Update on Massachusetts Wage Act, Sixth Annual In-House Counsel Conference: Doing Business in Troubled Times, Newton, MA, December 10, 2008

Bid Protests and Practical Tips, CSTCA Annual Meeting, Trial Practice Program, Northampton, MA, October 24-26, 2008

Municipality as a Creditor in Bankruptcy, 2008 Update, MCLE Massachusetts Municipal Law, Chapter 26

Admissibility of Electronically Stored Evidence with Michael Dominick, MCLE Municipal Law Conference, March 5, 2008

Dealing with Technology and Evidentiary Issues, CSTCA Annual Meeting, November 2007

Update on the FDA Legislative Developments, IAMERS Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC, April 2007

Top Ten Focus Areas for the Maintenance of Sound Municipal Finance with John Finnegan, MCLE Municipal Conference, 2007

A Practical Guide to the Bankruptcy Law Amendments of 2005, MBA Co-Chair with Fred Grant, 2005

Bankruptcy Law Update for the Municipal Lawyer, CSTCA, Framingham, MA, February 2005

Rendering Counsel to Non-Profits in the World Post-Sarbanes Oxley, MBA Second Annual In House Counsel Conference, Dedham, MA 2004

Professional Responsibility and Ethics, MBA, Newton, Program Participant, 2004

Professional Responsibilities in the Context of Troubled Companies, MBA Program on Recent Developments in the Wake of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, Boston, MA 2003