

Christopher J. Armstrong

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Biography

In more than 30 years of public service on the bench, The Honorable Christopher J. Armstrong experienced issues arising out of every possible sector of commerce and industry, hearing thousands of cases and writing more than 1,600 opinions for the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

Today, Christopher draws on that experience in his work on appellate advocacy. He provides special counsel regarding trial strategy and the framing and preservation of objections, issues, and rights that are predicates to successful appeal.

Christopher is the former Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. He was appointed to the Appeals Court in 1972 by Gov. Francis W. Sargent and elevated to Chief Justice in 2000 by Gov. A. Paul Cellucci. He had previously served the Commonwealth as Under-Secretary of Administration (1971-72), Chief Counsel to Gov. Francis W. Sargent (1969-1971), Assistant Attorney General under Attorney General Elliot Richardson (1967-1969), Assistant Legal Counsel to Gov. John A. Volpe (1965-1967), and Executive Clerk to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court (1964-1965).

Awards and rankings

- Citation of Judicial Excellence, *Boston Bar Association*, 2006
- Chief Justice Edward F. Hennessey Award, *Massachusetts Bar Association*, 2008



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Practices

Investigations, White Collar, and Fraud

Litigation Services

Administrative and Public Law

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Industries

Life Sciences and Health Care

Areas of focus

Appellate and Supreme Court Litigation

False Claims Act and Qui Tam

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Yale Law School, 1961

B.A., Yale University, cum laude,
1958

Memberships

Boston Bar Association,
Administration of Justice Steering
Committee

Massachusetts Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

Massachusetts

Court admissions

U.S. District Court, District of
Massachusetts

U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
