



## Robert W. Stetson

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### PRACTICE AREAS & INDUSTRIES

COVID-19 Response Team

Litigation

Construction and Surety Law

### EDUCATION

Suffolk University Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2007

Trinity College, 2004

### CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk to the Justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court, 2007-2008

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts  
New York  
Florida

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

### MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

Construction Lawyers Society of America

Town of Easton Planning and Zoning Board

### HONORS & RECOGNITION

Recognized by Super Lawyers as a "Rising Star" every year since 2014

National Institute of Trial Advocacy

Served as assistant editor of the first edition of the Massachusetts Guide to Evidence — an invaluable resource to the Massachusetts legal world relied upon by judges and lawyers alike

### Overview

Bob, a partner in Bernkopf Goodman's litigation group, combines hard work, preparation and dedication to deliver cutting-edge legal services, representing clients in negotiations, disputes and inside the courtroom.

Bob's clients, which range from real estate developers, general contractors and business owners to residential property owners, say Bob is their "go-to guy" because he's "thorough," "poised" and "comes up with a clear plan of attack."

A persuasive and successful trial lawyer, Bob captures the respect of judges and jurors alike. Following a hotly contested motion hearing in a complex construction dispute before an experienced judge — himself a former commercial litigator — the judge commented that Bob's performance was the "best" he'd ever seen, paving the way for a favorable settlement for his client, a successful developer and contractor.

Bob has delivered results for his clients in all phases of litigation. Following a two-week trial, he obtained a favorable verdict on all significant claims defending a corporate veil-piercing case against a medical provider and its affiliates — a case featured in the [litigation issue of Best Lawyers](#). He also delivered a multi-million-dollar jury verdict in a real estate and construction dispute involving breach of warranty, bad faith and punitive damage claims. Following a week-long trial involving real estate, he also defeated a laundry list of claims for fraud, undue influence and breach of contract relating to real estate and delivered a verdict which resulted in payment to his clients in excess of a half-million dollars.

In addition to his litigation prowess, Bob represents clients in the preparation of construction contracts of all sizes throughout the United States.

**"Knowing Bob is by our side has allowed us to make decisions and grow as a company and go in directions we might not have if we didn't have that support." — Bryan Haynes, President, Haynes Group, Inc.**

### Lectures & Seminars

- "Reopening the Massachusetts Construction Industry — The End of the Beginning" Bernkopf Goodman LLP Webinar
- "COVID-19's Impact on the Massachusetts Construction Industry" Bernkopf Goodman LLP Webinar
- "Introducing the Seventh Decennial Revisions to the American Institute of Architects' Construction Contract Documents" Bernkopf Goodman LLP Seminar

## Professional Highlights

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## Associations

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## Community Involvement

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## News, Events & Publications

- [Four Bernkopf Goodman Attorneys Chosen as Rising Stars](#)
- [Recording Now Available. Old Issues Revisited: How the COVID-19 Pandemic Has Spawned Renewed Interest in Some Less Scrutinized Contract Terms](#)
- [If Your Client’s Home Turns into a Nightmare, Think of St. Thomas Aquinas \(Article and Video\)](#)
- [Bernkopf Goodman LLP COVID-19 Resource Teams](#)
- [Recording of Reopening the Massachusetts Construction Industry – The End of the Beginning](#)
- [Webinar: Reopening the Massachusetts Construction Industry – The End of the Beginning](#)
- [Carpenters Union Orders All Members to Cease Working Effective April 6, 2020](#)
- [Governor Baker Reduces List of Essential Construction-Related Services](#)
- [Recording of COVID-19 Impact on Mass. Construction Industry](#)
- [Governor’s Order Could Overrule Boston, Cambridge Construction Bans](#)
- [Bernkopf Goodman LLP to Present an Interactive Webinar on COVID-19’s Impact on the Massachusetts Construction Industry](#)
- [Five Bernkopf Goodman Attorneys Chosen as Rising Stars](#)
- [A Corporate Veil Remains Unpierced: How an Unwinnable Case Was Won](#)
- [Robert W. Stetson Elevated to Partner](#)
- [Eleven Bernkopf Goodman LLP attorneys recognized as 2018 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars](#)
- [Developers given green light to fight sham lawsuits with change in Massachusetts’ anti-SLAPP law](#)
- [Exec’s counterclaims in fiduciary action not a SLAPP suit](#)
- [Peter B. McGlynn and Robert W. Stetson Selected as Fellows in the Construction Lawyers Society of America](#)
- [The American Institute of Architect’s Seventh Decennial Construction Documents Revisions and Their Potential Impact on the Construction Industry](#)

- [Law firm can countersue ex-client for abuse of process](#)
- [Ten Bernkopf Goodman LLP attorneys recognized as 2017 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars](#)
- [Cost of lawyer's fraud falls on client, not third party](#)
- [Insurance co.'s duty to defend doesn't include counterclaim: SJC rejects expansion of 'in for one, in for all' rule](#)
- [Door opened for SJC to review sidewalk liability](#)
- [Eleven Bernkopf Goodman LLP attorneys recognized as 2016 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars](#)
- [How to Prevent Professional Liability Lawsuits](#)
- [Professional Recognition: Super Lawyers](#)
- [Robert Stetson: Rising Star](#)
- [Ten Bernkopf Goodman LLP attorneys recognized as 2015 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars](#)
- [Six Bernkopf Goodman LLP attorneys selected for inclusion in 2014 Massachusetts Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Editions](#)
- [Four Tips for Drafting Personal Guarantees](#)
- [Indemnity vs. Acceleration: The Importance of Post-Termination Clauses in Leases](#)
- [Robert Stetson Joins Bernkopf Goodman](#)