

Scott Harshbarger



Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Business & Corporate
- Government Enforcement & Regulatory Compliance
- Independent & External Investigations
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Nonprofit Organizations

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Scott Harshbarger is Senior Counsel in Casner & Edwards' Litigation and Nonprofit departments. For more than a decade, Scott has specialized in providing strategic counsel for business ethics, corporate investigations and defense, compliance and risk management, corporate and governance, and government regulation. His distinguished career includes positions in major public offices, nonprofit executive management, private legal counsel, and numerous board directorships.

Scott has had a long and successful public service career as a public defender, civil rights attorney, Middlesex District Attorney, and Massachusetts Attorney General. While AG, Scott was recognized as a national leader. Not only was he the elected President of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), he was also recognized for being one of the first AGs to sue the tobacco manufacturers on behalf of children and public health, and for his pioneering use of Chapter 93A to promulgate handgun safety regulations. Other major consumer and public protection initiatives include the Hospital and HMO Community Benefit Guidelines, the Elder and Disability Protection Projects, and the SCORE Conflict Resolution and Safe Neighborhood Initiatives against urban and family violence, white collar crime, public corruption, and insurance and health care fraud.

From 1999-2002, Scott served as President and CEO of Common Cause, the national nonprofit citizens' lobby, public interest advocacy, and government and corporate watchdog group, founded by John Gardner in Washington, D.C.

Scott has authored numerous articles on topics in the field of corporate and nonprofit governance and regulatory strategies. He regularly speaks to state and national business groups, industry associations, and legal business and college audiences. Scott often appears in the national media and routinely appears on New England television as a commentator and news analyst.

Admissions

- Massachusetts

Education and Experience

LLB, Harvard Law School
Rockefeller Fellow, Union Theological Seminary
BA, Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges

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Membership and Committees

- Boston Board Chair, Community Resources for Justice
- Board Member, Court Management Advisory Board (CMAB), Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts
- Chair, SJC Task Force on Hiring and Promotion in the Judicial Branch
- Vice-chair of Board, Ethics Resource Center (and EIC), Washington, D.C.
- Editorial Board, Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly
- Chair of Board, New England College of Business and Finance
- Boston Board of Overseers, Summer Search
- Chair, Advisory Board, Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy, Boston College Law School
- Director and Audit Committee Member, DentaQuest Foundation
- Professor and Clinical Professor, Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics, Boston University School of Law
- Visiting Professor From Practice, Government Lawyer and Public Policy, Harvard Law School
- Former Head, Governor Romney's Commission on Corrections Reform, 2003-2005
- Former Chair, Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Pension Reform

Honors and Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America - Commercial Litigation, Corporate Compliance Law, Nonprofit / Charities Law, 2022-2024
- Massachusetts Super Lawyers, 2010-2021
- Chambers USA, Massachusetts: Litigation, General Commercial, 2011-2015
- The Legal 500 United States, Finance: Not-for-Profit and Tax Exempt Organizations, 2013-2015
- New England Super Lawyers, 2011-2017
- Veterans Legal Services Distinguished Service Award, 2014
- Citizens for Juvenile Justice Leadership Award, 2011
- Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award, American Bar Association
- Excellence in Government Award for SCORE (Student Conflict Resolution), Ford Foundation
- Hadley Distinguished Professor, Northeastern Law School and College of Criminal Justice
- 8th Annual Julius B. Richmond Award, Harvard School of Public Health
- Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, Hall of Fame, 2024