

CHOATE



Practice Areas

Major Commercial
Litigation

Government Enforcement
& Compliance

Class Action Defense

Education

Antioch School of Law
JD 1981

Harvard College
cum laude
BA 1976

Bar Admissions

Massachusetts

California

US Court of Appeals,
District of Columbia

US District Court,
Massachusetts

Laurence D. Pierce

Laurence D. Pierce is a member of the firm's Major Commercial Litigation and Government Enforcement Practice Groups. He has substantial experience in complex civil litigation, white collar criminal defense and education law. His focus in these practice areas includes contract litigation, accident investigation and defense, insurance defense, state court criminal matters and the representation of educational institutions and students in the Boston area. Mr. Pierce formerly served as Special Counsel to the Massachusetts Supreme Court Committee on Professional Responsibility for Clerk of the Courts, and as Associate Special Counsel to the Rhode Island Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline.

Mr. Pierce is a former Assistant District Attorney with the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office, where he served in the Trial Bureau and Public Protection Bureau as a Superior Court Trial Attorney and Supervising Attorney. Mr. Pierce handled a broad range of Superior Court felonies, including white collar criminal investigations and prosecutions. He has tried to conclusion over twenty-five Superior Court jury cases. He has also handled bench trials and arbitration hearings.

Mr. Pierce is Co-Chair of the firm's Associates Committee and Litigation Department Assignment Partner. He has also served on the Hiring and Pro Bono Committees.

Representative Engagements

- Conducted defense of major pharmaceutical company in criminal investigation involving contaminated medical products
- Served as co-counsel for healthcare company at six-week arbitration involving failed collaboration for the development of diagnostic products.
- Conducted defense of manufacturing company in both civil and criminal actions arising out of a chemical explosion and fire at an industrial facility.
- Represented fiber supplier in product liability action arising out of an explosion at a manufacturing facility resulting in the largest fire loss in Massachusetts history.

Publications and Presentations

- "Coping with Catastrophe – Dealing with the Legal and Public Relations Ramifications of a Corporate Crisis," *presenter, Associated Industries of Massachusetts Seminar, 2003.*
- "Criminal Enforcement by Massachusetts Environmental Strike Force," *presenter, Boston Bar Association, Environmental Litigation Committee Seminar, 2000.*

- "Third Party Practice," *Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Seminar*, 1999.

Professional and Community Involvement

Mr. Pierce is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Boston Bar Association and the American Bar Association, Litigation Section. Mr. Pierce has been a Council Member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, Access to Justice Section.

Mr. Pierce also is a Corporator of Family Services of Greater Boston and a director of Friends of Cambridge Athletics. He is the past president of North Cambridge Little Baseball League and Cambridge Youth Hockey. He formerly served as a Commissioner and Vice-Chair of the Cambridge Human Rights Commission and as a director of the Cambridge Center for Adult Education.

Charles R. Studen

PROFILE

Landscape architect and urban planner with extensive experience in long-range planning, project design, and regulatory compliance. Exceptional project and financial management skills. Extensive experience in the public development arena and broad familiarity with construction processes and practices. Known for strong commitment to improving the design quality of the built environment.

EXPERIENCE

HARVARD UNIVERSITY PLANNING OFFICE, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Planning Services Assistant Director, 2001 to present

- Collaborate with director to define and lead a physical planning and approvals agenda for the University; advise director on strategies for achieving University growth and development needs; championed major departmental restructuring that resulted in positive change; managed \$650,000 office relocation and renovation project.
- Assess the feasibility of proposed faculty capital and physical planning projects working closely with public officials, regulatory agencies, and outside consultants.
- Develop and implement successful planning and public approvals strategies for major University projects; primary faculty client is the College of Arts and Sciences that comprises 53% of Harvard's property in Cambridge.
- Serve as key liaison with the City of Cambridge; produce legally mandated reports, including annual publication of Harvard University's Town Gown report. Successfully concluded a two-year initiative with approval of the University's Parking and Transportation Demand Management Plan that resulted in a significant reduction in the number of single occupant cars on campus.
- Analyze regulations that impact the University's development plans and play a leading role in developing the University's response to changing regulations.

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT, San Diego, California

Program Manager, 1997-2001

- Oversaw long range planning in the coastal area of the seventh largest City in the nation.
- Managed land use policy formulation and implementation that ensured rational future growth.
- Led planning professionals who monitored and updated community plans and performed discretionary project design reviews.

Concurrent Special Assignment, Peninsula Community Service Center Manager, Office of the City Manager

- Pioneered groundbreaking program designed to decentralize city government.
- Identified center location, designed and supervised tenant improvements, prepared and monitored operating budget.
- Assembled and managed decentralized multi-disciplinary team consisting of city staff and five site partners responsible for effective delivery of a broad range of city services.

CITY OF SAN DIEGO PLANNING DEPARTMENT, San Diego, California
Senior Planner, 1991-1996

- Managed preparation of General Plan elements, community and specific plans, including updates of the Rancho Penasquitos and San Pasqual Valley Community Plans.
- Analyzed and made recommendations on discretionary development projects, including environmental and design review.

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT, Boston, Massachusetts
Boston, Massachusetts
Planning Consultant, 1990

- Provided independent consulting services in landscape architecture, land and space planning for privately-owned residences and land in the Boston area.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT,
Boston, Massachusetts
Senior Project Manager/Area Manager, 1987-1989

- Coordinated long range physical planning at fifteen community colleges statewide.
- Oversaw the preparation of campus master plans, including complex land and building feasibility studies.

SEVEN HEARTHS INN, Sunapee, New Hampshire
Developer/Owner, 1984-1986

- Transformed abandoned historic building into an award-winning country inn and restaurant.
- Prepared feasibility study, negotiated purchase, prepared design plans and specifications for renovations/addition; oversaw construction and managed operations until sale.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Boston, Massachusetts
Planning Officer, 1980-1983

- Formulated revitalization goals and plan alternatives for mixed-use development projects in conjunction with city agencies, community development corporations, and the public.

DONRAY COMPANY, Cleveland, Ohio
Vice President, 1978-1979

- Transitioned family-owned business to professionally-managed plastic packaging company that led to eventual sale to the Menasha Corporation, one of America's largest private companies.

SASAKI ASSOCIATES, Watertown, Massachusetts
Associate, 1968-1977

- Performed all facets of project management on seventeen urban area and institutional planning and design projects, both nationally and internationally.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Master of Landscape Architecture
University of Michigan, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture

BOARDS AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Member, Society for College and University Planning (SCUP)
President, 98-100 Erie Street Condominium Association, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Member, Art Exhibition Task Force, Arsenal Center for the Arts, Watertown, Massachusetts