

David A. Hoffman Named 2016 Best Lawyers® "Lawyer of the Year" in Boston



Boston, MA, United States -- Friday, January 1, 2016 -- Boston Law Collaborative, LLC attorney David A. Hoffman was recently selected as 2016 "Lawyer of the Year" for Mediation in the Boston area.



Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the "Lawyer of the Year," making this accolade particularly significant. These lawyers are selected based on particularly impressive voting averages received during the peer-review assessments.

Receiving this designation reflects the high level of respect a lawyer has earned among other leading lawyers in the same communities and the same practice areas for their abilities, their professionalism, and their integrity.

In addition to the Lawyer of the Year award, David A. Hoffman was also listed in the 2016 *Best Lawyers in America* in the following practice areas:

Arbitration
Collaborative Law: Civil
Collaborative Law: Family Law
Family Law Mediation

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About David A. Hoffman

David A. Hoffman is a mediator, arbitrator, attorney, and founding member of Boston Law Collaborative, LLC.

David teaches courses on Mediation and Legal Profession: Collaborative Law at Harvard Law School, where he is the John H. Watson Jr. Lecturer on Law.

As mediator and arbitrator, he has handled well over 1,000 cases involving family, business, employment, and other disputes. David's cases range from divorces to complex litigation matters involving Fortune 500 companies.

David is past chair of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, and currently co-chairs the Section's Collaborative Law Committee. He is a Distinguished Fellow in the International Academy of Mediators. He is also past chair of the Boston Bar Association's ADR Committee and past president of the New England chapter of the Association of Conflict Resolution.

David has received a number of awards for his dispute resolution work, including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American College of Civil Trial Mediators and the D'Alemberte-Raven Award from the American Bar Association's Section of Dispute Resolution.

David has published three books – "Bringing Peace into the Room: How the Personal Qualities of the Mediator Impact the Process of Conflict Resolution" (Jossey Bass 2003, with co-editor Daniel Bowling); "Massachusetts Alternative Dispute Resolution" (Butterworth Legal Publishers 1994, with co-author David Matz); and "Mediation: A Practice Guide for Mediators, Lawyers, and Other Professionals" (Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education 2013). He has also published more than 75 articles / book chapters on law and dispute resolution.

David is listed in the book "The Best Lawyers in America" in five categories (Mediation, Arbitration, Collaborative Law – Civil, Collaborative Law - Family, and Family Law Mediation). He has been named a Massachusetts 'Super Lawyer' each year since the listing began.

David's firm, Boston Law Collaborative, is the winner of two national awards – the ABA's Lawyer as Problem Solver Award, and the Law Firm Award for Excellence in ADR from the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution.

Prior to founding Boston Law Collaborative, David was a litigation partner at the Boston firm Hill & Barlow, where he practiced for 17 years.

David is a graduate of Princeton University (A.B. 1970, *summa cum laude*), Cornell University (M.A. 1974, American Studies), and Harvard Law School (J.D. 1984, *magna cum laude*), where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review.

David lives in a cohousing community in Acton, Massachusetts, which he co-founded with his late wife, Beth Andrews, LICSW, and 23 other families. He has three adult children and an adolescent cat.