

Edward Crane

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EDUCATION

Suffolk University Law School Boston, MA
Juris Doctor, *Summa Cum Laude* May 2010
Journal: Suffolk University Law Review, Managing Editor
Honors: Thomas J. Drinan Memorial Fellowship
Internships: Suffolk Superior Court, The Honorable Frank Gaziano
Federal Defender's Office
U.S. District Court, The Honorable Patti Saris

Boston College Boston, MA
Bachelor of Arts, History and Political Science May 2005

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Post-Conviction Panel, Committee for Public Counsel Services Boston, MA
Appellate Bar Advocate October 2011 – Present

Representing indigent defendants in post-conviction cases. Argued eleven cases in the Supreme Judicial Court and over seventy cases in the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Litigated numerous post-conviction motions in the trial courts, with significant experience advocating for clients facing immigration consequences due to criminal convictions. Also litigated habeas corpus petitions in the United States District Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Mentor for new panel members.

Criminal Justice Act Panel, United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit Boston, MA
Panel Member September 2021 – Present

Representing indigent defendants on appeal before the First Circuit. Appeals are from trials, sentencings, and revocations of supervised release.

Crane Law Office Cambridge, MA
Associate Attorney September 2011 – August 2020

Handled wide range of matters for general practice law firm. Experience included civil litigation, estate planning, and real estate transactions. Worked alongside my father, Attorney Kevin Crane.

Massachusetts Appeals Court Boston, MA
Law Clerk for the Honorable Mitchell Sikora September 2010 – August 2011

Assisted Judge Sikora in writing decisions for a variety of criminal and civil appeals. Worked with staff attorneys to edit opinions slated for publication. Attended oral arguments. Supervised legal interns.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Suffolk University Law School Boston, MA
Adjunct Professor July 2022 – Present

Teaching a legal writing class to first-year law students. Course is focused on teaching students the foundational skills of legal writing and introducing students to the basics of legal research. Emphasis placed on writing with clarity and conciseness.

Taught the foundational concepts of legal writing to first-year law students. Incorporated examples from practice into course instruction. Developed curriculum for class on a weekly basis.

NOTABLE CASES

Commonwealth v. Williams, 481 Mass. 443 (2019) - Prospective juror excused for cause because she expressed her belief that criminal justice system is biased against Black men. The Supreme Judicial Court concluded that juror should not have been excused for holding this viewpoint.

Commonwealth v. Barros, 494 Mass. 100 (2024) – Case asked what is required before defendant can validly waive right to counsel. The Supreme Judicial Court concluded that judges must advise defendants of the seriousness of the charges and disadvantages of self-representation before accepting waiver.

Commonwealth v. Escobar, 479 Mass. 225 (2018) - Client facing deportation due to conviction for identity fraud. Conviction stemmed from incident in which client provided false name to police officer. The Supreme Judicial Court ruled that client's conduct was not punishable under identity fraud statute.

Commonwealth v. Pearson, 486 Mass. 809 (2021) – Case raised question of how to properly apply independent source doctrine under State Constitution. The Supreme Judicial Court held that doctrine is only applicable if involved police officers intended to seek search warrant regardless of unlawful entry.

Commonwealth v. Johnson, 473 Mass. 594 (2016) – Case raised issue of whether suggestive identifications made without police involvement can be suppressed. The Supreme Judicial Court ruled that such identifications should be suppressed if prejudice from suggestiveness outweighs other indicia of reliability.

TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Faculty Instructor, Annual Brief Writing Workshop for New Panel Members, Committee for Public Counsel Services (2022 through 2025).

Instructor, *Developing and Litigating Rule 30 Motions*, Training Webinar for Criminal Defense Attorneys (Nov. 3, 2021).

Mentor, Immigration Consequences Panel, Committee for Public Counsel Services.

Mentor, Post-Conviction Panel, Committee for Public Counsel Services.

PUBLICATIONS

Case Comment: Commonwealth v. Karen K., 491 Mass. 165 (2023), Massachusetts Law Review (May 2024).

Five is a Crowd: A Constitutional Analysis of the Boston Zoning Amendment Prohibiting More Than Four College Students From Living Together, 43 Suffolk U. L. Rev. 217 (2009).

PRO BONO ACTIVITY

Represented numerous non-citizen clients in removal cases before the First Circuit, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the Boston Immigration Court. Past participant in monthly Dial-A-Lawyer program run by Massachusetts Bar Association.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Editorial Board of the Massachusetts Law Review, Massachusetts Bar Association, Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Thomas J. Drinan Fellowship Committee.