

**PETER J. CARUSO SR.     SHAREHOLDER**

Peter J. Caruso is member of the firm's Corporate department. Peter has extensive experience in all facets of the law, including family and business planning, real estate, asset protection, estate planning, as well as in newspaper, privacy, defamation, advertising, media and internet law, and copyright and publications law. He has represented clients including major daily and weekly publications throughout Massachusetts, publisher's associations, merchant associations, retail and development clients throughout the Merrimack Valley, insurance and advertising agencies, construction firms, title insurance companies as approved agent, and leading financial and banking institutions throughout New England.

Peter has argued cases before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Appeals Court, and U.S. Court of Appeals. As media counsel, he worked on several high-profile New England cases including the Willie Horton, Pam Smart, and Alan Eagleson cases.

Peter was the former managing partner of Caruso & Caruso, LLP, in Andover, Massachusetts, and has served clients throughout New England since 1975.

**EDUCATION:**

Suffolk University, Juris Doctor

University of Massachusetts at Lowell (formerly Lowell State University),  
Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*

**BAR ADMISSIONS:**

Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

United State Supreme Court

United States First Circuit Court of Appeals.

**REPRESENTATIVE CASES**

- Represented a Merrimack Valley newspaper, in which the case was the first and only time the Massachusetts Security & Privacy Council has released records. The publication earned a Pulitzer Prize based on the story as a result of the released records.
- Represented reporters subpoenaed to testify for a high-profile homicide case.

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- Legal representative for reporters on hockey case involving corruption within the National Hockey Association. Case prosecuted in Boston. Pulitzer Prize news series nominee.
- Lead counsel for newspapers and television stations on major league baseball Magistrates hearing. Initiated proceedings to open presumptively closed magistrate's hearing. Recently several other secret magistrate hearings opened when challenged in court.
- 911 Tapes case in Amesbury, first time released.
- Fair Housing. Represented newspaper against complaint by a Boston housing association. There is a national campaign funded by HUD through its Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) to investigate violations of the Act by media.
- Superior Court Impoundment case. About to be released prison sex offender whose entire file was impounded. Released.
- Subpoena cases. Regularly oppose any reporter subpoena, whether civil or criminal. Recent case has been defense attorneys' subpoenas claiming press as an arm of the District Attorney's office. Successfully opposed.
- Executive Sessions. Regularly oppose secret sessions. Recently, multiple prior executive sessions released upon request.
- Argued case before U.S. Court of Appeals (First Circuit) to gain access to examiner's report in Bankruptcy Court as a public record in matter, case of first impression.
- Argued case before Massachusetts Appeal Court on access to sealed videotapes in newspaper access case in the Superior Court.
- Argued case before Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to declare presumption in Massachusetts that closed clerk hearings are unconstitutional.
- Amicus Brief to the Massachusetts SJC on Juror Anonymity on behalf of the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association.
- Amicus Brief to Massachusetts SJC on School Committee case involving Open Meetings on behalf of MNPA.
- Represented a regional newspaper association in merger with a press association.
- Drafted legislation to impose penalties for violations of the Massachusetts Open Meetings Law.
- Auction (web-based), lottery, and political advertising issues for newspapers.

- Several libel cases currently defending as local counsel for insurance company.