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Biography

Nationally recognized in the higher education bar, Martin Michaelson represented national higher education organizations and more than one hundred leading U.S. and overseas universities in regulatory, litigation, and transactional matters. Martin returned to the firm in 1989 after six years as an in-house lawyer at Harvard and is now senior counsel emeritus.

A fellow of the National Association of College and University Attorneys, Martin wrote and spoke extensively on governance of university boards, faculty, administrators, and students. He was a consulting editor of *Trusteeship*, the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges magazine, and taught the course Higher Education and the Law at Harvard. Martin's views have been published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the *Journal of College and University Law*, and elsewhere. He served as a member of the District of Columbia, New York, and Massachusetts bars, and the bars of the U.S. Supreme Court and numerous federal courts.

Awards and rankings

- The Best Lawyers in America, Education Law, 2010-2014
- American Trial Lawyers Association Prize

Latest thinking and events



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Practices

Education

Industries

Education

Life Sciences and Health Care

Areas of focus

Governance

Education and admissions

Education

- Published Works
 - Legal Pitfalls and Praterfalls in Overseas Ventures *Trusteeship*
- Published Works
 - Race-Conscious Financial Aid and Other Diversity-Enhancing Programs: Legal Developments for Colleges and Universities *The Unfinished Agenda: Ensuring Success for Students of Color*
- Published Works
 - The Significance of Sarbanes-Oxley for College and University Boards *Trusteeship*
- Published Works
 - The Court's Pronouncements are More Dramatic and Subtle Than the Headlines *The Chronicle [of Higher Education] Review*
- Published Works
 - The University as Hedgehog or Fox *Journal of College and University Law*

J.D., Boston College Law School, 1968

B.A., The University of Chicago, 1965

Memberships

Fellow, National Association of College and University Attorneys

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Boston Bar Association

Member, Federal Bar Association

Member, Massachusetts Bar Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

New York

Massachusetts (inactive)

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. Supreme Court
