

Max Weinstein
2015 NCLC's Rising Star Award Winner

Max Weinstein, current Chief of the Consumer Protection Division in the office of the Massachusetts Attorney General, was previously a Senior Clinical Instructor and Lecturer at Harvard Law School, where he worked as part of the Predatory Lending/Consumer Protection Clinic. Weinstein litigated consumer protection claims on behalf of low-income consumers across the Commonwealth and practiced in areas including mortgage origination and servicing, foreclosure, and student loan collection and servicing.

Weinstein was nominated for the Rising Star Award for his work on *Drakopoulos v. U.S. Bank National Association*, a foreclosure case which resulted in a Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court decision allowing victims of predatory lending in Massachusetts to assert claims against assignees of their loans. Toby Merrill and Charlie Carriere, attorneys at the Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School, wrote that while Weinstein's work on the Drakopoulos case had important impacts for consumers, he advocated for consumers and homeowners "before many people had even heard of the foreclosure crisis... his dedication, skilled written and oral advocacy, excellent judgement, creative strategies, and strong relationships with his clients combine to make him an incredible lawyer and consumer advocate."

Prior to his work at Harvard, Weinstein was a Skadden Fellow at Brooklyn Legal Services, Corporation A, in East New York. In 2013, Weinstein was appointed by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick to the Foreclosure Impacts Task Force, a 13 member committee established by law in 2013 to study foreclosure issues in Massachusetts and make recommendations to reduce unnecessary vacancies following foreclosure. Max Weinstein a graduate of Yale Law School, the University of Cambridge, and Williams College.