

Malchman Disciplined



Brooklyn lawyer Robert Malchman '85, a senior member of *The Tech's* Advisory Board, has been disciplined by the Mass. Board of Bar Overseers for misrepresenting himself as qualified to practice law in the Commonwealth.

Malchman, claiming to be “a member of the Massachusetts ... bar ...,” advised the student authors of “vulgar items published ... in the *Daily Confusion* (Aug. 31)” (sic) that “if [you] continue to express [yourselves] in this way ... [you] will be fired and possibly sued.” (Malchman, Op-Ed.)

On October 30, Assistant Bar Counsel Jane Poldolski reviewed Malchman's statements, determined that his conduct violated Mass. Rules of Professional Conduct R. 5.5 (Unauthorized Practice of Law), and ordered him to *cease* identifying himself to the public as a member of the Massachusetts bar.

The complaint was filed by MIT Crime Club member J. Herms MtE '87. The unpublished decision may be cited as *Herms v. Malchman* (Mass. Bd. of Bar Overseers Oct. 30, 2009).

TECH (MIT), Aug. 28, 2009, at 9–16 ([Daily Confusion](#)).

Robert E. Malchman, Op-Ed., *Daily Confusion: The Central Issues*, TECH, Sept. 15, 2009, at 4.

[Look Up an Attorney](#), MASS. BD. OF BAR OVERSEERS, BBOWEB Database.

MASS. RULES OF PROF'L CONDUCT [R. 5.5\(b\)\(2\)](#) (2006).

[Robert Malchman Profile](#), LINKEDIN (Nov. 2009) (“Education: University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 1986–1989; **Wellesley College, Exchange Student**, 1982–1986; **Co-ed, Tower Court West**, 1983–1984; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, S.B., Political Science, 1981–1985”) (emphasis added).