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## **Christopher R. Anderson**

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Christopher R. Anderson is president of the Massachusetts High Technology Council, Inc. Before becoming president in January 2001, he served as vice president and general counsel for the Council.

He joined the Council in 1984 and is responsible to the Board of Directors for the successful development and implementation of public policy programs and initiatives in Massachusetts and in Washington, D.C. that help make Massachusetts the world's most attractive place to create, operate, and expand technology businesses.

Mr. Anderson is directly involved in resolving conflicts and advocating positions on a broad range of state and federal public policy, legislative and regulatory issues. Those issues include tax and fiscal policy, energy, education, workforce training, environment, and health care.

In January 2006, Mr. Anderson was appointed to serve as a member of the state Board of Education (BOE), the nine-member panel that oversees state K-12 education policy. From November 2006 through August 2007, he served as Chairman of the BOE, an appointment designated by former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney.

In December 2003, he became president of the Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative, a public-private partnership that led the Commonwealth's successful efforts to preserve Hanscom Air Force Base and Natick Soldier Systems Center through the U.S. Defense Department's 2005 Base Closing process.

In January 2009, Mr. Anderson was named to the Hanscom Air Force Base Honorary Commander program, which is designed to create deeper ties between the Air Force and the New England region and to increase public understanding of the Hanscom AFB and Air Force missions. The honorary commander program pairs community leaders with center and wing leaders to forge relationships and uses creative, unique activities to immerse honorary commanders into the wings; Mr. Anderson will serve as the honorary commander for Hanscom's 653<sup>rd</sup> Electronic Systems Wing until 2011.

Mr. Anderson graduated from Lexington High School in Lexington, MA. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Notre Dame, and a law degree from Suffolk University School of Law.

### **Affiliations:**

American Bar Association  
Boston Bar Association  
Business Advisory Council, Bentley College  
Dean's Advisory Committee, Suffolk University Law School  
Gigot Center Advisory Board, University of Notre Dame  
Honorary Commander, 653<sup>rd</sup> Electronic Systems Wing, Hanscom AFB, MA  
Massachusetts Board of Education, Member; Chairman 2006 - 2008  
Massachusetts Port Authority Security Advisory Council