

J. Andrew Cashman

Partner

Andy is a Partner in Preti Flaherty's Government Affairs Group.

He represents a wide range of clients at every level of Maine government including the Maine Legislature, the Executive branch, and state agencies. His practice focuses on general business regulation and improving the regulatory climate for businesses. He represents a multinational brewery, a multinational education publisher and test assessment provider, a large statewide trade association, national medical companies and trade associations, and many others. He has been recognized twice by his peers for inclusion as a Rising Star in Lobbying by *Super Lawyers*.

A former advisor to Governor John Baldacci and active in Maine politics for more than a decade, Andy has strong relationships with key decision makers at the State House and all levels of Maine government.

Prior to joining the firm, Andy worked for Preti Flaherty as a Summer Associate. Before attending the University of Maine School of Law, Andy worked for Governor John Baldacci as the Director of Boards and Commissions within the Office of the Governor. In this role, he was the primary advisor to Governor John Baldacci on thousands of appointments to hundreds of state boards and commissions. Andy also worked closely with members of the Maine House and Senate on hundreds of gubernatorial appointments requiring legislative confirmation.

A native of Washington State, Andy currently resides in Freeport, Maine with his wife Emily and their son.

Practice Areas

- Government Affairs

Education

- University of Maine School of Law (J.D.)
- Bowdoin College (A.B.)

Admissions

- Maine
- Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, District of Maine

Professional Affiliations

- Director, Governing Council of Maine State Bar Association New Lawyers Section (2009-2010)



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- Associate Member, State Government Affairs Council

Honors & Awards

- 2016 Rising Star in Lobbying in *Super Lawyers*
- 2017 Rising Star in Lobbying in *Super Lawyers*

Civic Involvement

- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland, Board of Directors (2004 - 2009)
- Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber, Government Liaison Committee (2010-2012)
- Brunswick Democratic Town Committee, Chair (2011-2013)
- Member, Town of Brunswick Voter Registration Appeals Board (2011-2015)

Representative Matters

- Legislative Counsel and Lobbyist - Represents numerous clients before the Maine Legislature, including Maine's largest telecommunications company, FairPoint Communications. Assisted with representing the Oxford Casino, the Maine Independent Colleges Association and the New England Convenience Store Association.
- Legislative Regulatory Reform - Successfully lobbied on behalf of FairPoint Communications historic legislation updating Maine's decades-old public utility statutes by reforming the regulatory requirements of all telecommunications providers throughout the state.
- Recount Counsel - Served as recount counsel for a statewide recount of an initiative in support of a casino in Oxford County.
- Campaign Counsel - Served as Assistant State Counsel to the Obama-Biden presidential campaign in 2012 and as assistant counsel to the Maine Democratic Party.
- Business and Entrepreneur Counsel - Serves as general counsel to First Wave Media, the owner and operator of WCME 900 AM, a local news and talk radio station in Brunswick, Maine. Successfully advocated for a zoning change to allow the station to construct a 190' broadcast tower in Brunswick. Andy has represented many other businesses and entrepreneurs as they navigate the process of starting and operating their business.