

J. Andrew Cashman

Associate

Andy practices in the firm's Augusta, Maine office and works primarily with the firm's Government Affairs and Business Law Groups.

As part of Preti Flaherty's team of Maine Lobbyists, Andy works in all policy areas at the State House. His practice focuses on general business regulation and improving the regulatory climate for Maine business. He has helped deliver legislative victories for clients ranging from large telecommunications companies to the gaming industry. 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.

Prior to joining the firm, Andy worked for Preti Flaherty in 2008 as a Summer Associate. In 2007, he served as a Bernstein Fellow for the Maine District Court.

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 Brunswick, Maine with his wife Emily.

Practice Areas

- Business Law
- Education Law
- Government Affairs
- Election Law
- Maine Legislative Team
- Municipal Law

Education

- University of Maine School of Law (J.D., 2009)
 - Ocean and Coastal Law Journal
- Bowdoin College (A.B., 2003)
 - President/founder, Maine College Democrats
 - Sara and James Bowdoin Scholar, 2001



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Admissions

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

Professional Affiliations

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

Civic Involvement

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

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.