

John P. McVeigh

Of Counsel

John has an active litigation practice centered on creditors' rights, commercial disputes, landlord-tenant, intellectual property and bankruptcy matters. John has substantial expertise in turning a judgment into real money, and has brought numerous fraudulent transfer actions. He also has significant experience in hydroelectric facility permitting and water rights litigation, along with expertise in the interplay between environmental and bankruptcy law. He also provides preemptive advice to businesses seeking to avoid or minimize litigation.

John taught American literature at the University of Virginia for 10 years, prior to launching his legal career with Preti Flaherty in 1987. He resides in Portland, Maine.

Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy, Creditors' Rights & Business Restructuring
- Business Law
- Litigation
- Municipal Law and Finance

Education

- University of Virginia School of Law (J.D., 1987)
- University of Virginia (B.A., 1969)

Admissions

- Maine
- U.S. District Court, District of Maine
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

Professional Affiliations

- Cumberland County Bar Association
- Maine State Bar Association
- American Bankruptcy Institute
- National Business Institute, Inc.
 - Member of seminar faculty, speaking annually on foreclosures and security interests

Honors & Awards

- Recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* for his work in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law



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Civic Involvement

- Volunteer Lawyers Project
- Volunteer Judge in the National Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition
- Board Member, Coastal Conservation Association, Casco Bay Chapter
- Port Veritas, Board Member

Languages

- French
- Spanish
- German

Representative Matters

- Has successfully litigated numerous cases concerning contract, UCC, and securities matters, and has obtained many civil judgments, including a million-dollar judgment against a landlord who routinely abused his low-income tenants.
- John represented the major creditor of a large paper mill leading to the successful sale of the mill out of bankruptcy, not only benefiting the creditor, but saving hundreds of Maine jobs.
- He led the fight during the Enron bankruptcy to obtain the benefits of multiple energy contracts for Maine's largest industrial consumers.