

## Bodie B. Colwell

Associate

Bodie B. Colwell practices with the Bankruptcy, Creditors' Rights and Business Restructuring Group from the firm's Portland office, representing bankruptcy, insolvency, and creditors' rights clients. Bodie regularly represents Chapter 7 trustees of corporate and consumer debtors in the liquidation of assets and litigation matters, buyers of assets in bankruptcy, and distressed health-care businesses in out-of-court workouts and liquidations. Her practice includes representing lenders in commercial and consumer matters and creditors in matters involving preference and fraudulent transfer avoidance claims.

Bodie grew up in New Sharon, Maine and is a *cum laude* graduate of the University of Maine School of Law and the University of Southern Maine. She serves as the co-chair of the New England Network of the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation and is the first New England-area attorney to be named as a semi-finalist for the IWIRC Rising Star Award.



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### Practice Areas

- Bankruptcy, Creditors' Rights & Business Restructuring

### Education

- University of Maine School of Law (J.D., cum laude, 2011)
  - Conrad B. Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition Team
  - Co-chair, Women's Law Association
- University of Southern Maine (B.A., 2004)
  - President, USM Political Science Association
  - Member, Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society

### Admissions

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

### Professional Affiliations

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation - Co-Chair New England Network
- Katahdin Counsel - 2015

## Honors & Awards

- *New England Super Lawyers* Rising Star, Bankruptcy: Business, 2019
- Medal for Excellence in Bankruptcy Studies - The American Bankruptcy Institute
- The National Association of Women Lawyers Recognition Award
- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Next Generation Class of 2017
- Semi-finalist for the International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation Rising Star Award, 2018

## Civic Involvement

- Duberstein Moot Court Competition
- CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education)
- Campaign for Justice - New Lawyers Committee

## Publications

August 1, 2017

**True Lease or Disguised Financing: What's the Difference, and Why Should You Care?**

*ABI Journal*

July 14, 2016

**The Bankruptcy Code's Return Policy: Another Hanging Paragraph Hangs Consumers Out to Dry**

*American Bankruptcy Institute*