

PretiFlaherty

MEDIA LAW

Leaders in Media Law

Preti Flaherty has the largest Media Law practice group in northern New England, representing media trade associations, publishers, and broadcasters across the region and nation. Steadfast defenders of the First Amendment, we protect the rights of our clients to gather and publish information and ideas. We have successfully advocated for changes in the law to support these efforts, including Maine's first journalist shield law, and defended against legislation that would have threatened independent journalism. Our media lawyers have won judgments and verdicts for news outlets such as *Forbes*, WGME-TV (a CBS affiliate), ESPN, the *Portland Press Herald*, and *Yankee Magazine* in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and beyond. In 2024 we successfully defended New Hampshire Public Radio against a complex high-profile defamation lawsuit over an award-winning news story and podcast about alleged sexual misconduct by the owner of a major New Hampshire business.

Experts on Freedom of Information

We have decades of experience with freedom of access issues under federal and state law. Our team represents clients on both sides of complex FOIA and FOAA transactions with all aspects of information exchange, and we are frequently invited to give presentations to journals and other lawyers, including "Access to Public Records in the Electronic Age" and "What You Need to Know About Public Records and Open Meetings in Maine."

Recognized as the premier media law group in Maine and New England:

Ranked in Chambers USA, Best Lawyers in America, and New England Super Lawyers

Leaders in First Amendment litigation, freedom of information litigation, copyright and trademark litigation, and libel and privacy advice

Trusted resource with articles published in the Open Government Guide, Maine Bar Journal, Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press, and more.

Member of the Media Law Resource Center, the New England First Amendment Coalition, and the Maine Freedom of Information Coalition

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Preti Flaherty's Media Law group is led by Sig Schutz, recognized by the Sun Journal as **“one of Maine's foremost authorities on the state's Freedom of Access Act.”**



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Bar Admissions

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Representative Media Law Clients (past and present)

News Outlets

- Maine Trust for Local News
- Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting
- New Hampshire Public Radio
- ESPN
- WGBH Educational Foundation
- Trustees of Boston University/WBUR
- Maine Stay Media
- Courthouse News Service

Trade Associations

- Maine Press Association
- Maine Association of Broadcasters

Media Insurers

- Intact Insurance
- Axis Insurance
- Hanover Insurance
- Berkley Specialty Insurance

Office Locations

Portland, ME

Augusta, ME

Concord, NH

Boston, MA