



## Anthony W. Buxton

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Tony is a member of the firm's Energy and Utilities Practice Group. He creates solutions to businesses' energy problems, including the challenge of high-energy costs. Tony has been a key player in Maine and New England on energy and infrastructure issues for decades, playing an important role in every major piece of energy legislation in Maine in the last 30 years as well as being involved in the formation of ISO-NE. In recent years, Tony has focused on overcoming challenges to infrastructure development in New England, both fixed and network in nature.

Prior to joining Preti Flaherty, Tony served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army (Armor) and worked for future U.S. Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell. After law school, he co-founded the Energy Law Institute in Concord, New Hampshire, the nation's first renewable energy think tank. The Institute served the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of the Navy, the National Conference of State Legislatures and others in developing state and federal policies to encourage renewable energy. Tony then served as law clerk to the Honorable Hugh H. Bownes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in Boston. Tony joined Preti Flaherty after completing his clerkship in 1980.

### Admissions

- Maine
- Maine Supreme Judicial Court
- U.S. District Court, District of Maine
- U.S. District Court, District of New Hampshire
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit

### Education

- Franklin Pierce Law Center (J.D., 1978)
- Bowdoin College (B.A., 1968)
- Kents Hill School (1964)

### Professional Activities

- Maine State Bar Association

### Services

- [Cleantech & Renewable Energy](#)
- [Climate Strategy](#)
- [Energy & Telecommunications](#)
- [Government Affairs](#)
- [Maine Legislative Team](#)
- [Offshore & Onshore Wind Power](#)
- [Municipal Broadband](#)

- American Bar Association
  - Energy and Natural Resources of Natural Law, Member

## Honors & Recognition

- Listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*
- Listed in *New England Super Lawyers* in the field of Energy & Resources
- Listed in Woodward/White's *The Best Lawyers in America* since 1988

## Civic and Charitable Activities

- The Maine Legal Needs Study, Executive Committee
- Pine Tree Legal Services, Inc., former Director
- Maine Bar Foundation, former Director
- Connect ME, a Maine telecom and broadband initiative, former Chair, 2006
- Commission on Maine's Future, Vice-Chair, 1988-1990
- Portland Ballet, former Director
- John Kerry for President, Finance Chair, 2004
- Democracy Maine, Director
- High School Hockey Coach, 2003

## Publications

- Co-Author of *Federal and State Legal and Institutional Obstacles to the Development of Small Scale Hydroelectric Projects*. (US DOE)

## Representative Matters

- Structures entities to finance, construct and/or operate energy projects, including hydroelectric, wind, biomass, and solid waste facilities from 400 kilowatts to 200 megawatts in size, as well as transmission, LNG and ethanol projects.
- Advises clients on tax, corporate and other legal implications of energy project purchase, sale and development and conservation implementation.
- Serves as General Counsel to the Industrial Energy Consumer Group, representing the region's largest consumers of electricity, and the Cut the Cost Coalition, a recently created New England based electricity consumer group.