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Bruce practices in a variety of areas having significant impact on Maine business policies and issues. He represents businesses statewide and across northern New England. Among the clients he serves are automobile dealerships, heavy-construction equipment dealers, insurance companies, self insurers and state and national trade associations.

Practice Focus Industries

- Automobile / Regulatory
- Insurance / Regulatory

Admissions

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

Education

- College of William and Mary Marshall Wythe School of Law (J.D., 1979)
- University of Maine (B.A., *summa cum laude*, 1976)
 - Phi Beta Kappa
 - Member of varsity basketball team
 - Also studied at Cornell University

Professional Activities

- Member, National Association of Dealer Counsel
- Appellate Judge, Penobscot Indian Nation Appellate Trial Court
- Member, Judicial Screening Panel for US District Court, District of Maine
- Member, Maine State and American Bar Associations
- Member, Maine Trial Lawyers Association
- Member, State Government Affairs Council

Services

- [Franchise Law](#)
- [Government Affairs](#)
- [Litigation](#)
- [Maine Legislative Team](#)

- Former Member, Judicial Selection Committee for Governor John Baldacci
- Former Member, The Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Maine State Bar Association

Honors & Recognition

- Listed in Woodward/White's *Best Lawyers in America*
 - 2020 Lawyer of the Year, Administrative/Regulatory Law

Civic and Charitable Activities

- Board Member, The Maine Children's Trust
- Member, August First
- Member, Board of Directors, Maine Children's Trust
- Former Member, The East-West Highway Study Commission in Maine

Representative Matters

- Represents clients before state administrative agencies, including the Bureau of Insurance, Bureau of Financial Services, Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection, Office of Securities, the Bureau of Taxation and Department of Transportation, the Secretary of State, the Department of Environmental Protection, and in appellate actions in Maine courts involving state agency rulings.
- Represents numerous clients before the Maine Legislature, including the Maine Auto Dealers Association, AFLAC, Maine Optometric Association, American Insurance Association, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, Wells Fargo, American Express, Express Scripts, The Toy Industry Association, and the Securities Industry.
- Bruce is one of Maine's leading advocates in the field of insurance, representing insurance companies, re-insurers, self-insurers, Captive companies, MEWAs and producers before the Bureau of Insurance.
- Maintains an active trial practice in state and federal courts, representing insurance companies, automobile dealerships, and other businesses and individuals. Bruce also maintains an active appellate practice, having appeared numerous times before the Maine Supreme Court and the First Circuit Court of Appeals. He has represented the pharmaceutical industry in a constitutional challenge to a state price control statute which went to the United States Supreme Court. He also maintains an active plaintiff's practice.
- Was the primary author of Maine's workers' compensation self-insurance laws and regulations. He created Maine's Self Insurance Guarantee Association statute, the first of its kind in the nation. He has obtained regulatory approval for programs for most groups currently authorized to self-insure workers' compensation. These clients include the Maine Auto Dealers Association, the longest standing private group self-insurer in Maine; the Maine Motor Transport Association; the Distributors and Suppliers Group; the Maine Oil Dealers Association; the Maine Forest Products Group and numerous others.
- Authored the Maine Statute, which allows self-insurers to reinsure their own Worker's Compensation exposures. He created the first self-insured reinsurer in Maine.
- Bruce was one of the authors of Maine's Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements statute. Bruce secured Certificates of Approval for the banking and automobile industries to operate Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements. He also represents other groups both in Maine and Northern New England interested in this health

insurance alternative, and has secured legislation authorizing a multistate MEWA. Bruce has also authored legislation expanding the availability of MEWA's to groups formed on a geographic, rather than an association basis.

- Bruce amended Maine's Captive Insurance Law to allow the formation of health captives and has secured regulatory approval for the Maine Wellness Association Captive, the first of its kind.
- He is the primary author of several of Maine's franchise laws, including the Automobile Dealer-Manufacturer, Farm Machinery, Power Equipment, Machinery and Appliances, and Recreational Vehicles, Snowmobiles and All-terrain Vehicles franchise laws.
- Bruce is the primary author of a number of provisions in Maine's insurance code.

News

August 20, 2020

47 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected by Peers for Inclusion in Best Lawyers in America 2021, Including 4 "Lawyers of the Year"

August 15, 2019

45 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected by Peers for Inclusion in Best Lawyers in America 2020, Including 3 "Lawyers of the Year"

August 15, 2019

Attorney Bruce Gerrity Selected by Peers as "Lawyer of the Year" in Best Lawyers in America 2020

August 15, 2018

45 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected by Peers for Inclusion in Best Lawyers in America 2019, Including 3 "Lawyers of the Year"

August 15, 2017

41 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected by Peers for Inclusion in Best Lawyers in America 2018

August 15, 2016

36 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected by Peers for Inclusion in Best Lawyers in America 2017

August 17, 2015

35 Attorneys Selected by Peers for Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America® 2016

August 22, 2014

35 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers 2015

August 28, 2013

36 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in Best Lawyers 2014

February 8, 2013

Bruce Gerrity Appointed to Judicial Screening Panel

Press Coverage

December 10, 2020

A Maine Legislature changed by the pandemic could challenge lobbyists in 2021

November 30, 2016

Darling's wins 10-year legal dispute with Ford; damages could reach millions

July 28, 2015

Skowhegan rejects Jay's request to share lobbying costs

February 24, 2014

Ford notice ending Blue Oval program violated Maine dealer law