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Dan is a Partner and the Chair of Preti Flaherty's Government Affairs Group. He focuses his practice on advocating for clients before the Maine Legislature, the Executive Branch and other state and federal governmental agencies. Dan focuses his practice on regulatory issues, including election and campaign finance law, having represented many elected officials including a former Governor, PACs and campaigns. He represents the statewide association of private non-profit colleges and universities. He also represents the largest medical marijuana dispensary in Maine and has several gaming clients, including a Maine-based casino. Dan has extensive knowledge of the citizen initiative process, having taken clients successfully through this process to business formation.

Prior to joining Preti Flaherty, Dan served as Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives, advising on constitutional, procedural and policy issues. He also completed two clerkships with Judges Gregory K. Orme and James Z. Davis of the Utah Court of Appeals, and formerly practiced as an associate with the litigation group of a Utah-based firm, where he represented Microsoft for two years in *Caldera v. Microsoft*, a private antitrust case.

Admissions

- Maine
- Utah

Education

- Dartmouth College (A.B., 1991)
 - Anthropology
- University of Maine School of Law (J.D., 1996)
 - Editor-in-Chief, Ocean and Coastal Law Journal

Professional Activities

- Maine State Bar Association
- Board of Directors, New England Council
- Maine Marijuana Advisory Commission

Services

- [Government Affairs](#)
- [Government Procurement](#)
- [Maine Legislative Team](#)
- [Election Law](#)
- [Administrative Law](#)
- [Education Law](#)
- [Hospitality](#)
- [Cannabis Business](#)

Honors & Recognition

- Selected by his peers for inclusion in Woodward/White's *Best Lawyers in America*

Civic and Charitable Activities

- Maine Coast Waldorf School, Board Member (2018)
- Center for Wellness Leadership, Board Member, Secretary (2016)
- Freeport United Soccer Club, Board Member (2016)
- Advisory Board Member, Wolfe's Neck Farm

Publications/Presentations

- Published articles in the Portland Press Herald and the Media Law Resource Center Newsletter on Election Law and Media Law
- Presented Lecture on Media Law for Lorman Seminars
- Presented Lectures on Maine Legislative and Lobbying Law for the University of Maine School of Law, the Maine State Bar Association and the Maine Association of Nonprofits

Representative Matters

- **Counsel to** - State's largest medical marijuana dispensary, Maine casino, statewide association of private colleges and universities, statewide association of alpine and nordic ski areas, a nonprofit corporation representing the solid waste interests of 187 Maine municipalities, and the only freshwater island municipality in Maine.

News

August 20, 2020

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

November 15, 2019

J. Andrew Cashman and Daniel W. Walker Named New England Trailblazers by Connecticut Law Tribune

August 15, 2019

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

May 21, 2019

Preti Flaherty's Cannabis Business Practice Group Publishes New Blog

January 24, 2019

Preti Flaherty Attorney Dan Walker Appointed to Maine Marijuana Advisory

Commission

August 15, 2018

46 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected by Peers for Inclusion in Best Lawyers in America 2019, Including 4 “Lawyers of the Year”

January 9, 2018

Former Preti Flaherty Attorney Appointed Chief of Staff by Governor LePage

August 15, 2017

42 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

June 30, 2013

Preti Flaherty's Maine Legislative Team Assists in Passage of Landmark GMO Bill

Press Coverage

December 5, 2018

Two More Added to Maine Cannabis Advisory Commission

November 14, 2017

Dan Walker Discusses Casino Ballot Question

November 21, 2016

Medical marijuana industry reacts to Question 1

July 18, 2016

The long history of lobbying behind Maine's trash fight

April 6, 2016

Dan Walker Elected to the New England Council Board

March 28, 2016

Maine Senate deals another blow to resort casino bill

January 28, 2015

Maine Governor LePage wants to tax big non-profits

August 15, 2014

MRC considers Virginia company Fiberight for post-PERC solid waste plan