



## John P. McVeigh

Of Counsel

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John has an active litigation practice centered on creditors' rights, commercial disputes, landlord-tenant, intellectual property and bankruptcy matters. John has substantial expertise in turning a judgment into real money, and has brought numerous fraudulent transfer actions. He also has significant experience in hydroelectric facility permitting and water rights litigation, along with expertise in the interplay between environmental and bankruptcy law. He also provides preemptive advice to businesses seeking to avoid or minimize litigation.

John taught American literature at the University of Virginia for 10 years, prior to launching his legal career with Preti Flaherty in 1987. He resides in Portland, Maine.

### Admissions

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

### Education

- University of Virginia School of Law (J.D., 1987)
- University of Virginia (B.A., 1969)

### Languages

- Spanish
- French
- German

### Professional Activities

- Maine State Bar Association
- Former Member, American Bankruptcy Institute
- National Business Institute, Inc.

### Services

- [Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy](#)
- [Business Law](#)
- [Litigation](#)
- [Municipal Law and Finance](#)

- Former Member of seminar faculty, speaking annually on foreclosures and security interests

## Honors & Recognition

- Recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America* for his work in Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law

## Civic and Charitable Activities

- Volunteer Lawyers Project
- Port Veritas, Board Member
- Former Volunteer Judge in the National Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition
- Former Board Member, Coastal Conservation Association, Casco Bay Chapter

## Representative Matters

- Has successfully litigated numerous cases concerning contract, UCC, and securities matters, and has obtained many civil judgments, including a million-dollar judgment against a landlord who routinely abused his low-income tenants.
- John represented the major creditor of a large paper mill leading to the successful sale of the mill out of bankruptcy, not only benefiting the creditor, but saving hundreds of Maine jobs.
- He led the fight during the Enron bankruptcy to obtain the benefits of multiple energy contracts for Maine's largest industrial consumers.

## 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”**

August 15, 2019

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

August 15, 2018

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

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**

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**