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Of Counsel

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Having served for many years as the firm's Managing Partner and as Chair of its Litigation Group, Jon focuses his practice on litigation and arbitration. He is well known and respected in the New England legal community, is listed in Woodward-White's *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in Commercial Litigation and First Amendment Law, as well as in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for Litigation: General Commercial. He is also AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is recognized in *New England Super Lawyers*.

Previous Legal Experience

Invited to serve as the first law clerk to the Honorable Edward S. Godfrey of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

Admissions

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

Education

- University of Maine School of Law (J.D., 1976)
 - Editor, Maine Law Review
- Bowdoin College (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1972)

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association
- Maine Bar Association
- Cumberland County Bar Association
- Diversity Law Institute
- Barrister, Order of Juris, Order of Certus, Litigation Counsel of America
- Trial Law Institute

Services

- [Construction Law](#)
- [Freedom of Information](#)
- [International Commerce](#)
- [Litigation](#)
- [Media Law](#)
- [Professional Liability](#)

Honors & Recognition

- Fellow, Litigation Counsel of America
- Listed in Woodward-White's *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in Commercial Litigation and First Amendment Law
- Listed in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for Litigation: General Commercial
- Recognized in *New England Super Lawyers*
- Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell

Civic and Charitable Activities

- Mercy Health System of Maine, Board of Directors
- Mercy Hospital, Board of Trustees
- Media Law Resource Center, Advisory Counsel Committee
- Portland Diocese Annual Stewardship Campaign
- Portland Public Library, Board of Trustees

Publications

March 30, 2011

Open Government Compendium: Maine

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press

March 30, 2011

Open Courts Compendium: Maine

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press

January 1, 2008

Reporters Privilege Compendium: Maine

Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press

Representative Matters

- Achieved record award in Maine of \$40 million for Kingspan Group plc, a publicly traded Irish corporation, in claims for common law fraud and securities violations.
- Won a \$7.4 million jury verdict against Fleet National Bank for financial planning malpractice.
- Received national media attention for successfully defending *Forbes* magazine in a \$10 million libel action.
- Successfully defended Peoples Heritage Savings Bank in a major lender liability suit.
- Litigated on behalf of Bath Iron Works (a Division of General Dynamics) to secure multi-million dollar recovery in construction claims involving its new land level transfer dry dock facility.
- Negotiated multi-million dollar settlement award in an antitrust action brought on behalf of Compañía Chilena de Fósforos of Santiago, Chile, a major Chilean manufacturing company.
- Represented a significant PRP in Maine's largest Superfund litigation and served on the steering committee that negotiated a favorable remediation plan with the EPA.

News

August 19, 2021

46 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected by Peers for Inclusion in Best Lawyers in America 2022, Including 3 “Lawyers of the Year”

August 20, 2020

46 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”

October 18, 2018

Twenty-Three Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in 2018 Super Lawyers

August 15, 2018

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

October 17, 2017

Nineteen Preti Flaherty attorneys selected for inclusion in 2017 Super Lawyers

August 15, 2017

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

October 21, 2016

17 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Recognized by Super Lawyers

August 15, 2016

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

October 19, 2015

16 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Recognized by New England Super Lawyers

August 17, 2015

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

November 17, 2014

Preti Flaherty Named "Highly Recommended" Law Firm by 2015 Benchmark Litigation

October 27, 2014

14 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Recognized by New England Super Lawyers

August 22, 2014

35 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers 2015

May 23, 2014

Twenty Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected as Chambers USA Leaders in their Field

February 17, 2014

Twenty Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected as Chambers USA Leaders in Their Field

November 19, 2013

Benchmark Litigation Recognizes Preti Flaherty's Litigators in Maine and New Hampshire

November 1, 2013

10 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Recognized by New England Super Lawyers

August 28, 2013

36 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in Best Lawyers 2014

May 29, 2013

Preti Flaherty Earns Top Rankings by Chambers USA

December 7, 2012

Benchmark Litigation 2013 Recognizes Preti Flaherty's Litigators in Maine and New Hampshire

Press Coverage

September 12, 2017

Portland official defends councilors' apparently illegal island meeting