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Kristin is a Partner in the Municipal Law and Finance Group and co-chair of the Municipal Broadband Group, practicing from the firm's Augusta office. She works with municipalities, landowners, developers, and citizens' groups to find practical, efficient, and politically sensible approaches to issues touching on all areas of municipal law, including zoning, permitting, licensing, employment and labor, litigation, and finance.

Starting her career as a staff attorney at Maine Municipal Association, Kristin developed the knowledge needed to answer a high volume of inquiries from hundreds of Maine municipalities per year. In private practice, she has worked with some of Maine's largest service center communities and some of its smallest towns, advising managers, councils, selectmen, land use boards, planners, HR managers, and code officers. She also assists individuals and companies in navigating the many political and legal challenges they may face in seeking permits and approvals, and provides general counsel to independent schools on policy-writing, contracts, personnel matters, and state and federal mandates.

Kristin's clients value the relationships she has built over her long municipal practice and her pragmatic approach to solving problems. She is a trusted ally to the municipal officials she serves, and has the respect of those before whom she appears. Kristin is a frequent, well-regarded presenter around the state, teaching seminars and workshops on municipal legal matters.

Kristin has practiced before many Maine courts and administrative agencies, and successfully argued several appeals before Maine's Law Court. She obtained her undergraduate degree in International Relations from Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, and earned her law degree from the University of Maine School of Law.

Admissions

- Maine
- U.S. District Court, District of Maine

Education

- University of Maine School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2004)
- Colgate University (B.A., *cum laude*, 2000)

Services

- [Municipal Law and Finance](#)
- [Employment Law](#)
- [Land Use & Permitting](#)
- [Litigation](#)
- [Municipal Broadband](#)
- [Cannabis Business](#)

Professional Activities

- Maine Bar Association

Civic and Charitable Activities

- Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project

Publications/Presentations

- Published reference manuals and informational materials on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association
- Presented Legal Year in Review sessions on Municipal and Administrative Law
- Presented annual training sessions for municipal officials
- Presented workshops for municipal code enforcement officers, assessors, and other officials
- Presented at Preti Flaherty's annual Employment Law Seminar

News

January 1, 2022

Preti Flaherty Partnership Announces Promotion to Partner of Kristin Collins and John Cronan, III

August 4, 2021

Preti Flaherty Announces Municipal Broadband Practice Group

January 23, 2017

Preti Flaherty's Municipal Law Practice Group Publishes New Blog

August 10, 2016

Preti Flaherty Welcomes Attorney Kristin Collins to the Firm

Press Coverage

October 23, 2018

Augusta considering allowing local food producers to sell directly to customers

February 10, 2018

Maine's solar investors face 'punitive' local taxes

December 6, 2017

Neighbors object to possible Brunswick radio tower

September 8, 2017

Temporary ban on development looks likely for Highland Lake

January 8, 2017

Plan for cabins near Unity Pond raises zoning questions

Publications

January 14, 2022

What Do the Supreme Court's Vaccination Rulings Mean for Your Business?

March 25, 2021

What Owners Need to Know About Cannabis in the Workplace