



Sara N. Moppin

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Sara is a member of the firm's Business Law Practice Group. Her practice involves business transactions, including entity formations, mergers and acquisitions, commercial finance, and general commercial law and contract issues. She provides across-the-board counseling for businesses, from start-up advice, capital raises, and debt financing to acquisition, growth, and sale of the company.

Sara works with clients in banking and health care, and advises clients in the rapidly evolving cannabis industry. Her experience with complex and nuanced transactions has led to a focus on highly regulated industries and the distinct business challenges they face as they grow and change. Her clients appreciate her pragmatic guidance in navigating their regulatory challenges. Whether wrangling with new and unclear legal issues, or facing difficult and obstructive opposing counsel, Sara's rational, patient approach defuses emotions and arrives at solutions.

Sara has extensive experience counseling financial institutions in connection with secured and unsecured lending. She has developed particular insight and skill in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), and regularly advises clients and colleagues on security interests in personal property. Sara is also adept at commercial mortgage lending.

Prior to joining Preti Flaherty, Sara practiced at a law firm in Maine for nine years.

Sara lives in Cumberland with her family.

Admissions

- Maine
- Massachusetts

Education

- University of Maine School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2008)
 - Research Editor, Maine Law Review
 - 2007 Shur-Frinsko Award for Academic Excellence in Municipal Law & Local Governance
- Loyola University New Orleans (B.A., *magna cum laude*)

Services

- [Business Law](#)
- [Emerging Businesses](#)
- [Banking and Financial Services](#)
- [Cannabis Business](#)
- [Mergers & Acquisitions](#)

– Phi Alpha Theta, National Collegiate Historical Honor Society

Professional Activities

- Cumberland Bar Association, past president

Honors & Recognition

- *Super Lawyers* New England Rising Star for seven consecutive years, including 2020

Civic and Charitable Activities

- City of Portland Zoning Board of Appeals, past chair
- Maine Community Foundation, Cumberland County Fund, past chair

Legal Updates

Legal Updates discusses legal issues, news and developing industry trends impacting the membership of the Maine Bankers Association.

[Cannabis Banking Update Q1 2021](#)

News

January 1, 2021

Preti Flaherty Partnership Announces Promotion of Moppin, Rideout, White to Partner

October 13, 2020

Twenty-Two Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in 2020 Super Lawyers

October 17, 2019

Twenty-One Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in 2019 Super Lawyers

May 21, 2019

Preti Flaherty's Cannabis Business Practice Group Publishes New Blog

October 18, 2018

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

October 3, 2017

Preti Flaherty Welcomes Attorney Sara N. Moppin to the Firm