



## Timothy J. Bryant

Partner

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Timothy J. Bryant practices with the firm's Business Law, Franchise and Litigation Practice Groups. He focuses his practice on business, construction and franchise law. Tim is the Co-Chair of the firm's Litigation Practice Group and Chair of the firm's Franchise and Entrepreneur's Practice Groups. He has formerly served on the firm's Management Committee and as Chair of the Recruitment Committee. Tim lives in Falmouth with his wife, Lisa, sons, Sean and Jack, and daughter, Lauren.

### Admissions

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

### Education

- Villanova University School of Law (J.D., 1993)
  - Villanova Environmental Journal, staff member
  - The Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Society, Co-founder
  - Winner of Villanova's Interview Client Counseling Competition
  - Winner of Trial Advocacy Award
- University of Massachusetts (B.B.A., 1989)
  - Quarterbacked the UMass Amherst football team to a Yankee Conference championship
  - 1986 Yankee Conference Rookie of the Year

### Professional Activities

- Maine Bar Association
- American Bar Association
  - Litigation Section, 1993-Present
  - Franchise Forum, 1996-Present; past faculty member

### Honors & Recognition

### Services

- [Business Law](#)
- [Construction Law](#)
- [Franchise Law](#)
- [Litigation](#)
- [Professional Liability](#)
- [Real Estate](#)
- [Hospitality](#)

Tim is listed in *Benchmark Litigation*, *Chambers USA*, and Woodward-White's *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in the area of litigation, and is a member of the *Franchise Times* Legal Eagle Hall of Fame for his work in the area of franchise law.

## Civic and Charitable Activities

- Maine Children's Cancer Society Program, Board of Directors, 2005-2014
  - Vice President, President-Elect, President and Immediate Past President, 2005-2013
  - Walkathon, Board of Directors Co-Chair, 1994-2013
- Town of Falmouth, Maine
  - Volunteer youth basketball coach, 2000-2015
  - Youth basketball association, Board of Directors, 2010-2016
  - Volunteer football coach, 2008-2011; head of 4th-6th grade youth football program, 2009-2011
  - Volunteer high school football coach, 2012-2017
  - Vice President of Football Boosters Board of Directors, 2012-2017
  - Workforce Housing Commission, former Chair
- International Franchise Association, member, 2010-Present
- Maine Heritage Policy Center, Board of Directors, 2013-Present
  - Chair of Annual Freedom & Opportunity Luncheon
  - Chair of Freedom & Opportunity Honoree and Speaker Committee
  - Development Committee Member
- Maine Republican Party
  - State Committee, Member
  - Cumberland County Executive, Committee Member
  - Cumberland County Strategy, Chair
  - State Convention Delegate
  - State Convention Cumberland County, Caucus Chair
  - Town of Falmouth, Caucus Chair
- UMass Amherst
  - UMass Amherst Alumni Association, former member of the Board of Directors
  - UMass Board of Trustees, Division 1-A Football Task Force, 2007-2009
  - Friends of UMass Football, Co-Founder and Immediate Past President, 2001-2014
- Greater Portland's Little Ladd Football Board of Directors, former member and Vice President, 1994-1998
- Junior Achievement of Maine, former Director and Chair of the Board, 1998-2005
- Sigma Phi Epsilon, local and national volunteer
  - National Audit Committee, 2011-Present
- Leadership Maine, Advisory Council, 2005-2009
- University of New Hampshire School of Business, Guest Lecturer (Franchise Law)
- Casco Bay Leadership Academy - Guest Lecturer
- MCLE Publication - Co-Editor of the Practical Guide to Evidence in Maine

## Litigation & Trial Experience

Tim Bryant is a highly acclaimed and experienced trial attorney. Over the last 26 years he has successfully represented numerous individuals, partnerships and corporate entities in a wide variety of complex civil and commercial litigation, including business, construction, franchise, intellectual property, ownership, personal conduct and real estate disputes.

Tim utilizes a strategic and common sense approach to assist clients in achieving their dispute resolution objectives. Whenever possible, this means helping clients devise and execute a sophisticated plan to obtain favorable settlement terms and avoid the time and cost associated with litigation. He has served as lead counsel in dozens of jury, non-jury trials and arbitration disputes; and assisted numerous other clients in strategically resolving their litigation disputes.

He has been nationally recognized by *Benchmark Litigation*, *Chambers USA*, and Woodward-White's *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in the area of litigation, and in the *Franchise Times* as a Legal Eagle for his work in the area of franchise law. He is described by peers as a formidable adversary and by his clients as a strong advocate with a "pleasantly aggressive" style and demeanor.

Tim is co-chair of the Firm's Litigation Practice Group - described by *Benchmark Litigation* as a "Regional Powerhouse". He formerly served on the firm's Management Committee and as chair of its Recruitment Committee. He co-authored the publication "*A Practical Guide to Evidence in Maine*" with United States Magistrate Judge John Nivison; and served as a chapter author for the publication "*A Practical Guide to Superior Court Practice in Maine*". He has served as a regional and national speaker on a variety of advocacy topics, including how to conduct depositions, hearings and trial examinations.

He graduated from Villanova University School of Law where he served on the Villanova Environmental Journal, and earned the school's Trial Advocacy Award. As an undergraduate at the University of Massachusetts, he quarterbacked his team to a Yankee Conference Championship and was honored as the conference rookie of the year.

The following is a sample of representative matters where Tim has served as lead trial counsel:

- Prevailed in a 3+ week arbitration matter in San Diego, California, in a case involving \$10-15 million in claimed damages. QualityBuilt.com sued our client, Criterium Engineers for \$8-10 million for breach of contract and other related intellectual property claims. Criterium Engineers' counterclaim sought approximately \$1.9 million for services rendered, plus interest, costs and attorney's fees. The arbitrator ruled in favor of Criterium Engineers on all counts and awarded Criterium Engineers \$3.6+ million in damages. QualityBuilt.com recovered nothing.
- Simultaneously obtained judgment in excess of \$1.5+ million in favor of a national commercial product distributor against four regional retail distribution outlets in several New England States; and permanent restraining orders prohibiting the retail outlets from using the distributors federally registered trademarks.
- Won summary judgment on behalf of a Maine corporation defeating a \$1.4+ million claim arising out of the sale and distribution of a nursery home and related real estate.
- Obtained a \$750,000 non-dischargeable judgment in a commercial contract dispute involving the sale of commercial vehicles.
- Obtained a several hundred thousand dollar judgment arising out of the fraudulent distribution of estate assets.
- Successfully defended and prosecuted dozens of claims throughout the United States on behalf of franchisors to enforce their contractual, intellectual property and post termination rights against existing former franchisees.

# Representative Matters

## Representative Matters: Litigation

- Prevailed in a 3+ week arbitration matter in San Diego, California, in a case involving \$10-15 million in claimed damages. QualityBuilt.com sued our client, Criterium Engineers for \$8-10 million for breach of contract and other related intellectual property claims. Criterium Engineers' counterclaim sought approximately \$1.9 million for services rendered, plus interest, costs and attorney's fees. The arbitrator ruled in favor of Criterium Engineers on all counts and awarded Criterium Engineers \$3.6+ million in damages. QualityBuilt.com recovered nothing.
- Simultaneously obtained judgment in excess of \$1-2+ million in favor of a national commercial product distributor against four regional retail distribution outlets in several New England States; and permanent restraining orders prohibiting the retail outlets from using the distributors federally registered trademarks.
- Successfully resolved a construction litigation dispute by assisting a client in overturning an initial attachment order of \$2.3 million and related jury trial demand and resolution of the claim without payment of any money from our client to the claimant.
- Obtained a \$1.1 million judgment for our client Kate's Homemade Butter after a 1+ week jury trial, appeal to the Maine Supreme Court and remand to the Maine Superior Court for further findings of fact and conclusions of law. The case involved a commercial construction dispute involving the negligent design, manufacturing and installation of SIP roof panels and related issues against a Rhode Island based manufacturing company called Branch River Plastics.
- Successfully defended a several million dollar claim in a 1+ week bench trial in Maine Probate Court arising out of the ownership of an automobile franchise and related real estate holdings.
- Successfully defended a client against a multi-million claim related to damages arising from the collapse of a crane on four residential buildings near commercial construction project.
- Won summary judgment on behalf of a Maine corporation defeating a \$1.4+ million claim arising out of the sale and distribution of a nursery home and related real estate.
- Obtained a \$750,000 non-dischargeable judgment in a commercial contract dispute involving the sale of commercial vehicles.
- Obtained a several hundred thousand dollar judgment arising out of the fraudulent distribution of estate assets.
- 2nd chaired an \$8,000,000.00 jury verdict against Bank of America (formerly Fleet National Bank) for financial planning malpractice.

## Representative Matters: Franchise & Business

- Successfully defended a multi-million dollar claim arising out of the ownership of an automobile franchise and related real estate holdings.
- Successfully defended and prosecuted dozens of claims on behalf of franchisors to enforce their contractual, intellectual property and post termination rights against existing former franchisees.
- Assisted publicly traded company with franchise due diligence associated with purchasing the 300+ unit Oregon-based franchising system and post-purchase regulatory representation.
- Assisted numerous franchise businesses with expanding their operations on

regional, national and international level, including the creation of franchise, area development, joint venture and related agreements as well as state and federal regulatory compliance.

- Assists numerous entrepreneurs in all phases of starting, growing and operating small businesses and related investment opportunities.

## 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”**

April 24, 2020

**Eighteen Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected as Chambers USA Leaders in Their Field**

April 2, 2020

**Preti Flaherty Attorney Tim Bryant Selected by Franchise Times as “Legal Eagle”**

March 2, 2020

**Benchmark Litigation Names Preti Flaherty 2020 “Maine Firm 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”**

May 16, 2019

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

March 8, 2019

**Benchmark Litigation Names Preti Flaherty 2019 “Maine Firm 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”**

May 3, 2018

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

April 2, 2018

**Preti Flaherty Attorney Tim Bryant Joins Franchise Times “Legal Eagle” Hall of Fame**

February 16, 2018

**Benchmark Litigation Names Preti Flaherty 2018 “Maine Firm of the Year”**

August 15, 2017

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

May 26, 2017

**Twenty-three Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected as Chambers USA Leaders in Their**

**Field**

April 19, 2017

**Preti Flaherty Attorney Tim Bryant Selected by Franchise Times as 'Legal Eagle'**

April 18, 2017

**Governor Paul LePage Appoints Preti Flaherty Attorney Tim Bryant to Judicial Selection Committee**

March 7, 2017

**Benchmark Litigation Names Preti Flaherty 2017 "Maine Firm of the Year"**

August 15, 2016

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

May 27, 2016

**Nineteen Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected as Chambers USA Leaders in their Field**

February 18, 2016

**Benchmark Litigation Names Preti Flaherty 2016 "New Hampshire Firm of the Year"**

August 17, 2015

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

June 23, 2015

**Kate's Homemade Butter Awarded \$1 Million in Damages**

May 28, 2015

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

May 15, 2015

**Tim Bryant Selected by National Trade Publication, Franchise Times, as "Legal Eagle"**

February 6, 2015

**Preti Flaherty Wins Maine Law Firm of the Year Award from Benchmark Litigation**

November 17, 2014

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

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 25, 2014

**Preti Attorney Tim Bryant Selected by National Trade Publication, Franchise Times, as "Legal Eagle"**

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**

August 28, 2013

**36 Preti Flaherty Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in Best Lawyers 2014**

January 3, 2013

**Franchise Law Attorney Tim Bryant interviewed by Franchise Times**

February 21, 2012

**Tim Bryant Appointed President of Maine Children's Cancer Program Board of Directors**

June 24, 2010

**Timothy Bryant Speaks at International Franchise Association (IFA) Annual Legal Symposium**

## Press Coverage

August 31, 2015

**Biddeford Police Chief expresses sympathy for alleged sex abuse victim, denies misconduct**

July 8, 2015

**Branch River Plastics fighting back on \$1M jury-ordered payment to Maine butter company**

June 23, 2015

**Kate's Homemade Butter owners awarded \$1 million over faulty roof panels at Arundel factory**

June 11, 2015

**Chiefs' legal counsel paid from city budget**

November 6, 2014

**Defenders of Portland tavern tell appeals board that police wrongly label it as a trouble spot**

April 29, 2014

**Portland council delays final action on Sangillo's liquor license, OKs reggae fest**