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Todd J. Griset is the chair of Preti Flaherty's Energy and Telecommunications Practice Group. He helps clients make critical decisions on energy and utilities matters. Todd's clients range from startups to Fortune 500 companies, and include developers and owners of renewable and traditional energy projects. He also works with industrial and commercial energy consumers and trade associations. He advises clients on permitting and regulatory affairs, as well as transactions relating to infrastructure, manufacturing and energy assets.

Todd offers clients significant experience in commercial, regulatory and legislative settings. Combining an understanding of business and technology with the law, he advises clients on how to achieve their goals and maximize their opportunities in energy and other markets across the nation. He actively represents clients before federal and state regulatory agencies including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and state public utilities commission. Todd also advises clients on regional energy market design and operations in the ISO-New England, PJM, and other control areas. On behalf of his clients, he pursues grants, incentives, and other funding sources for energy and efficiency projects, and defends clients against regulatory enforcement actions.

Todd is a frequent author and speaker on energy issues. He authors the Energy Policy Update blog and has been published in a peer-reviewed law journal on renewable ocean energy. His writings appear regularly in publications including the Offshore Wind Wire and Electric Light & Power.

A Reading, Massachusetts native, Todd is a graduate of Phillips Academy and Dartmouth College, where he studied physics and French literature. Todd earned his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School in 2002. Todd also earned a master's degree in environmental studies from the University of Pennsylvania, where he examined the relationship between legal regimes and environmental contamination in the Arctic. He is fluent in both continental and Quebecois French. Todd has practiced with Preti Flaherty since 2002.

Admissions

- Maine

Services

- Cleantech & Renewable Energy
- Climate Strategy
- Education Law
- Energy & Telecommunications
- Government Procurement
- Maine Legislative Team
- Offshore & Onshore Wind Power
- Municipal Broadband

Education

- University of Pennsylvania Law School (J.D., 2002)
- Dartmouth College (A.B., 1999)
  - Physics, French Literature
- University of Pennsylvania (M.S., 2006)
  - Environmental Studies

Languages

- French

Professional Activities

- Maine State Bar Association
- Tide Mill Institute (TMI)
- Solar Energy Association of Maine (SEAM)
- Northeast Energy Commerce Association (NECA)
- Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance (MMSA)

Honors & Recognition

- Listed in *Chambers USA, America's Leading Business Lawyers for Business*
- Listed in the Woodward/White's *The Best Lawyers in America* for Energy Law and Environmental Law
- JD Supra Readers' Choice Awards
  - Top Author - Energy Industry and Utilities Sector, 2016 & 2017

Civic and Charitable Activities

- Leadership Maine, Rho Class, Maine Development Foundation

Representative Matters

- Enabled the development of a new 25-megawatt biomass-fueled generation facility by securing incentives including a long-term power purchase agreement, tax benefits and a $2,000,000 grant.
- Secured key federal regulatory approvals for a $6 billion transaction involving the sale of a nationwide portfolio of manufacturing facilities and related generation assets. Todd minimized his clients' regulatory burdens while securing the necessary approvals, enabling the deal to take place.
- Obtained certification of a refurbished 50-megawatt biomass generation project at a forest products manufacturer's facility as a new renewable resource, allowing the

mill to produce renewable energy certificates. This created a new revenue stream for the mill.

- Defended industrial energy consumers against proposed legislation that would have reduced incentives for energy efficient investment. To achieve this result, Todd demonstrated the value of energy efficiency programs, convincing legislators of the return on investment.