



John David Kennedy

Litigation / Dispute Resolution

Senior Counsel

David Kennedy's practice at Eaton Peabody concentrates on mediation, arbitration and other ADR techniques. He brings broad experience to helping counsel and parties resolve many kinds of disputes, and has particular experience in assisting parties to reach solutions in family and construction law matters. He takes advantage of Eaton Peabody's network of offices to host ADR events across the state.

Judge Kennedy retired from the Maine Judicial Branch in 2014, after a career there and elsewhere spanning almost 40 years, and counting. He was appointed as an at-large Judge of the Maine District Court in 2002 where he presided over trials, other hearings, arraignments and conferences in all case types, in a number of counties. He was reappointed in 2009. Before his appointment as a judge from 1997 to 2002 he served as one of Maine's first District Court Case Management Officers (now known as Magistrates). He began his service with the courts in 1994, acting as a Regional Court Administrator. In 2013 Chief Justice Leigh Saufley and State Court Administrator James Glessner presented him with the Career Performance Award, the Judicial Branch's highest recognition.

Prior to his significant career in Maine's judicial system, Judge Kennedy was the Revisor of Statutes for the Maine State Legislature in Augusta from 1988 to 1994. He was responsible for all operations of the non-partisan office that provides legislative drafting and association legal support to the Maine Legislature. From 1986 to 1988, Judge Kennedy was a litigation attorney with Amerling & Burns, P.A., and prior to that was Executive Director of Pine Tree Legal Assistance, both in Portland, Maine.

John David Kennedy is a co-author (with Hon. Andrew M. Horton) of *Do Your Divorce Right; Straight Talk from Family Court Judges*; Tower Publishing, Portland, Maine (2011). He was the author of *Statutory Construction in Maine*, 7 Me.B.J. 148 (1992). He also co-authored (with Wendy F. Rau, Esq.): *Maine's Family Division, Lighting a Dark Stairway*; *Maine Policy Journal*, Vol. 11, No. 1 (Spring 2002). More recently, Judge Kennedy was an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maine School of Law. He has been a guest lecturer at a number of law school courses and events; as well as a presenter at many continuing legal education seminars sponsored by the Judicial Branch, the Maine State Bar Association, the Russian-American Rule of Law Consortium and a number of local Bar Associations.

Judge Kennedy also has a passionate interest in collector automobiles. He is restoring an older Porsche, and competes in local autocross events in a STS Miata. He has presided over a number of cases involving disputes about vehicles and related services. His interests in this area have led him to develop a particular knowledge of the legal needs of the collector car community.

Bar Admissions

State of Maine
U.S. District Court for Maine
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Education

Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts, J.D., 1976
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