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Bill Ferdinand's practice focuses on representing clients in the Maine Legislature and practicing energy, environmental and land use law. Bill leads the legislative lobbying team for the firm. He represents a wide variety of clients in the Maine Legislature, from multi-national corporations to small businesses and individuals. Bill also provides state and municipal regulatory advice and assistance, particularly in the areas of energy, environmental and land use law.

Representative Legislative Experience:

- Represent Maine timberland owners on all policy matters — including forestry regulation, land use regulation, environmental protection, and taxation.
- Represent ISO New England on electric energy system and market policy.
- Represent health care providers, including a large healthcare system on all health care funding, tax and regulatory policy issues — including hospitals, long term care, mental health, pharmacy, and ambulance services.
- Represent a national on-line education service company on education policy, and establishment of a virtual charter school in Maine.
- Represent a leading international manufacturing company on transportation policy issues.
- Represent a leading national energy services company on energy conservation legislation, and securing contracts for energy services in Maine.
- Represent the YMCA Alliance of Maine on legislation to promote healthy living, youth development and social responsibility.
- Represent Maine cemeteries and crematories on regulatory policy issues, including crematory regulations.

Representative Energy, Environmental and Land Use Experience:

- Counsel to ISO-NE in proceedings before the Maine PUC — including MPUC review of improvements to the Maine transmission system.
- Counsel to water, sewer and electric cooperatives on regulatory matters.
- Counsel to lenders, purchasers and developers of energy facilities in Maine on environmental and land use aspects of sales transactions, and land use/environmental permitting of facilities.
- Counsel to land owners and real estate developers in planning and construction of tourism and housing developments that combine modern infrastructure with conservation lands.
- Counsel to coastal land owners on construction in the shoreland zone (homes, docks, clearing vegetation)

Prior to joining Eaton Peabody, he was on the staff of the State Planning Office where he advised the Maine Legislature and state agencies on environmental and economic development policy.

Relative cases

Rockland Plaza Realty v. City of Rockland, 2001 ME 81

Norris Family Associates v. Town of Phippsburg, 2005 ME 102

Nelson v. Bayroot, LLC, 2008 ME 91

Bar Admissions

States of Maine and Connecticut

Education

Vermont Law School, Masters of Environmental Law, 1992

Tulane University Law School, J.D., 1987

St. Lawrence University, B.A., 1984

Memberships & Affiliations

E2Tech Council, Board Member

Brunswick Topsham Land Use Trust, Board Member

Maine State Bar Section on Environmental Law, Member

Maine State Bar Association, Member

American Bar Association, Member