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## **Rickmond McCarthy**

## Consultant

Rick McCarthy has spent 20 years working in public policy and advocacy. With 11 years experience in the Senate President's Office, Rick knows the legislative process and the workings of state government. He is recognized in the Statehouse as being a skilled consensus builder who is well versed on the major public policy issues of the day. His experience in state and federal budget and finance is particularly strong along with the topics of transportation, housing, wastewater, solid waste, and early care and education.

Since 2008, Rick has represented a variety of clients before the legislature and state agencies. He works with them to develop and implement focused and achievable strategies. He has worked with social service agencies, advocacy associations, municipalities, and private sector firms. He also puts his consensus building skills to use in helping organizations find common ground and work together, assisting with organization and management and strategic planning.

Rick serves as the Managing Director of Eaton Peabody Consulting Group, the government relations and economic development affiliate of Eaton Peabody.

Prior to joining Eaton Peabody Consulting, Rick served as Chief of Staff to Senate President's Beverly Daggett and Beth Edmonds. Earlier in his career, in 1996, he was the Planning Coordinator for the Town of South Berwick. In 1997 he was hired as a Special Assistant to Senate President Mark Lawrence. Subsequently, Rick served in the same capacity for Senate President Michael Michaud, before becoming Michaud's Chief of Staff. Rick's career started in 1986 as a litigation assistant working on complex litigation with Jenner and Block in Chicago and, in 1990, was hired as a litigation assistant with the McLane Law Firm in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Rick is a member of the Board of Directors of the Maine Real Estate and Development Association (MEREDA) and President of the Kennebec Messalonskee Trails, which builds and maintains recreational trails in the Waterville/Winslow area.

## Education

University of Illinois at Chicago, Education, M.A. University of Chicago, History, B.A.

## Memberships & Affiliations

International Economic Development Council (IEDC), Member Maine Real Estate & Development Association (MEREDA), Board Member Kennebec Messalonskee Trails, Director and Fundraising Chair



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