

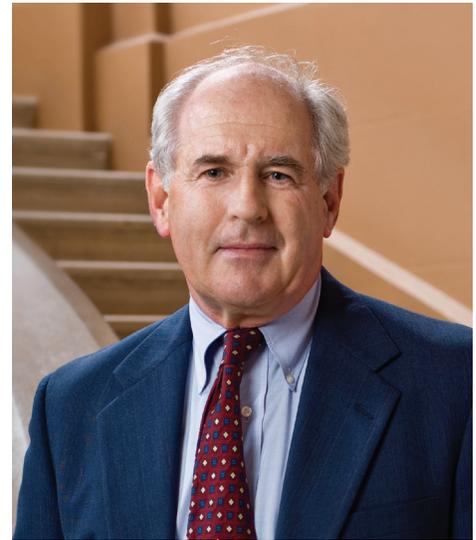
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Although a trial lawyer, John understands that addressing his clients' challenges may sometimes require him to turn to resources outside the courtroom – legislation, agency assistance, state trade groups, and municipal councils – to find the means to help his clients achieve their goals. Having tried many cases, chaired a town council, lobbied in Augusta, and appeared before multiple agency tribunals and boards, John knows that there are often many different forums available to provide his clients with the solutions they want. He also knows that the options may not be readily apparent and that a fresh look at each client and each situation is required. By first defining and understanding the clients' needs and goals, John works with the client to craft an effective, efficient strategy – through litigation or otherwise – to reach the goal.

Given his approach, John's practice involves a wide variety of trial and administrative work, including complex corporate litigation, antitrust litigation, majority-minority shareholder disputes, probate and estate-related litigation, and employment benefits and discrimination litigation. John does considerable employment and labor counseling and is the author of the 2011 guide, *Maine Human Resources Manual*, written at the request of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. John also spends substantial time on governmental relations advocacy before the Maine Bureau of Insurance, the Maine Legislature, and OSHA. *Morrill v. Maine Turnpike Authority*, 2009 ME 116, provides an example of a legislative solution crafted by John that withstood judicial scrutiny.

John was the lead defense lawyer in *American Economy Insurance Company v. Maine Workers' Compensation Residual Market Pool*, lawsuit that challenged the constitutionality of state legislation that established a \$220 million deficit funding package for the Pool. For more than a decade, John has served as general counsel to the Pool, an unincorporated association of more than 160 insurance companies, and guided the Pool from deficits estimated to be in excess of \$500 million to solvency. John was also chief liaison counsel for the tobacco manufacturers in *State of Maine v. Philip Morris Incorporated* and has continued in that role in subsequent civil, administrative, and legislative matters relating to tobacco use. John has also successfully defended oil companies alleged by the State of Maine to have ruined town aquifers. In the employment arena he has handled employment discrimination claims from the agency level through the First Circuit, ERISA defense work for a paper company, a national bank and a life insurance company. More recently John has been involved in many probate disputes and is believed to be the only Maine lawyer to have successfully obtained jury verdicts for two plaintiffs in will contests involving substantial estates. See *Therault v. Burnham*, 2010 ME 82. In the late spring of 2011, John completed his representation of a coalition of Maine employers and trade groups that through a successful lawsuit and enactment of legislation that he drafted and negotiated, will compel the Maine Workers' Compensation Board to promulgate a medical fee schedule that will yield substantial savings for Maine employers.



PRACTICE AREAS:

Civil Litigation
Employment Practices and Labor
Governmental Relations

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS:

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EDUCATION:

Middlebury College *cum laude*
George Washington University
School of Law, J.D. *cum laude*

BAR ADMISSIONS:

State of Maine
United States Supreme Court
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First Circuit
United States District Court for the
District of Maine

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Maine State Bar Association
Maine Trial Lawyers Association
Defense Research Institute

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Vice Chair and Chair
Cumberland Town Council
President of the sailing class
Club 420 Association
Vice President of the United States
Optimist Dinghy Association