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Bio

Bill Plouffe has 30 years of Maine land use, environmental and municipal law practice experience. Since joining Drummond Woodsum in 1984, he has represented commercial, private and municipal interests before federal and State natural resource agencies and has provided counsel to clients in permitting, enforcement and transactional contexts. He is listed in Best Lawyers in America in the categories of Land Use and Zoning Law, Land Use and Zoning Litigation, Municipal Litigation, and Municipal Law. Best Lawyers has selected Bill as Maine's 2014 Municipal "Lawyer of the Year" and as Municipal Litigation "Lawyer of the Year" for 2013. Best Lawyers is a well-respected publication listing attorneys who have been selected by their peers and clients as being among the top lawyers in the U.S. in their various fields.

Bill also serves as the town attorney for several Maine municipalities and has served as special counsel for towns and cities throughout the State. In addition to providing representation on zoning and land use enforcement, elections, finance, personnel and other issues often confronted by municipalities, he has also been involved in complex specialized areas of municipal law such as tax increment financing arrangements, multi-million dollar tax abatement requests litigated before the State Board of Property Tax Review and the courts, solid waste flow control ordinances, contract zoning, impact fee ordinances, human rights ordinances, development moratoria and large scale open space acquisitions.

Education

Practice Areas

Environmental & Natural Resources
Land Use & Conservation
Municipal Law

Admissions

Maine
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. District Court for the District of Maine

University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., *with honors*, 1974

Holy Cross College, B.A., 1969

Recognition

Land Use and Zoning Law Lawyer of the Year, Portland, ME (Awarded by Best Lawyers) 2016-2018

Municipal Law Lawyer of the Year, Portland, ME (Awarded by Best Lawyers)

New England Super Lawyers, Land Use/Zoning 2007-2017

Litigation – Municipal Lawyer of the Year, Portland, ME (Awarded by Best Lawyers)

Best Lawyers USA

Chambers USA, Maine, Environment

Martindale Hubbell, AV Preeminent

Memberships

Maine State Bar Association

Community/Public Service

Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust
President

Appalachian Trail Conservancy Board of Directors
Vice Chair

Maine Task Force on Lead Poisoning Liability and Insurance
Member, appointed by Governor Angus King

Maine Municipal and Rural Electrification Cooperative Agency
Member, appointed by Governor Joseph Brennan

Commission to Examine Problems of Tort Litigation and Liability Insurance in Maine
Member, appointed by Governor Joseph Brennan

Maine Environmental Health Advisory Committee
Advisory Committee

Environmental and Technical Advisory Committee of the Maine Alliance
Member

Town of Freeport Coastal Planning Commission
Chair

Town of Freeport Coastal Waters Commission
Vice Chair

Appalachian Mountain Club
Vice President