

## Media Law

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### We Represent The Media

Preti Flaherty has the largest media practice in northern New England, representing publishers and broadcasters throughout the region, leading media trade associations, as well as national media when they are drawn into our legal system.

Pursuing a vigorously proactive First Amendment practice, we provide prepublication review, libel and privacy advice, protection of newsgathering and editorial processes and related services for a range of clients, including some of the region's largest and most influential media organizations. Our attorneys work in tandem with our clients to strategize and prosecute freedom of information claims against government entities under state and federal open records and open meetings laws.

As general counsel to leading press associations, we have had great success effecting favorable changes in the laws and defending against legislation adverse to the media.

When necessary, we also possess the proven knowledge and experience to secure our clients' interests in court, as demonstrated in our widely-reported defense of Forbes magazine in a \$10 million libel suit. We have also obtained libel defense verdicts in favor of WGME-TV, the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram, the Maine Times, the Casco Bay Weekly, the Forecaster, Wal Mart, and others.

We are members of the counsel section of the Media Law Resource Center, and are co-authors of its widely used 50 State Survey of Media Libel Law in the United States. We author the Maine Chapter in several publications by The Reporters' Committee for Freedom of the Press. We are members of the Online Media Law Network, an initiative of the Citizen Media Law Project, Harvard University's Berkman Center for Internet and Society, and Arizona State University's Center for Citizen Media. We are also members of the Student Press Law Center's pro bono attorney network.

At Preti Flaherty, we know that probing and unfettered newsgathering is frequently enhanced by sound legal judgment. We work in partnership with our clients to strengthen their power to gather and disseminate information.

### Representative Media Clients

#### Trade Associations

Maine Daily Newspapers Association  
Maine Freedom of Information Coalition  
Maine Press Association

#### Newspapers/Magazines

Bridgton News  
Brunswick Times Record  
Forbes  
The Forecaster  
Journal Tribune  
Kennebec Journal  
Maine Sunday Telegram  
New York Observer  
The New York Times Company  
Portland Press Herald  
Wiscasset Newspaper

#### Broadcasters

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Pegasus Broadcast Television, Inc.  
Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.  
WGBH Educational Foundation  
WMTW Broadcast Group, LLC