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Bio

Aga Dixon has a diverse practice serving schools, municipalities, nonprofits, and Tribal Nations on a broad range of land use, energy, public finance, and climate change issues.

Aga represents landowners, environmental nonprofits, and local governments on the full spectrum of land use, conservation, land management, planning and zoning matters. A former senior land use planner, she brings unparalleled insights to her clients, and regularly prepares local ordinances to address emerging land uses (including climate change adaptation and solar development), assists clients with public proceedings, renders legal opinions, litigates land use matters, and advises officials daily on myriad legal issues.

Aga also has substantial expertise in energy law and assists public sector clients with reaching net zero goals and lowering their energy costs by negotiating renewable energy power purchase agreements and net energy billing credits agreements, solar leases, and related transactions. She enjoys advising clients on issues and opportunities presented by new State and Federal legislation affecting governance and budgets.

Aga advises school clients on emerging topics in school law, including the creation and operation of education service centers and compliance with federal award/grant administration rules. She provides Tribally-Controlled Schools with stem-to-stern legal guidance and representation on school construction projects involving 638 grants and PL 100-297 construction funding, as well as post-construction issues and audits, serves as bond counsel, and advises public sector clients on all aspects of public finance (including tax-exempt bonds, equipment lease purchase financing, borrowing and budgets, procurement, and energy/air

Practice Areas

Energy & Public Utility Law
Land Use & Conservation
Municipal Law
Public Finance
School & Education
Tribal Nations Law

Admissions

Maine

quality improvement projects).

When she is not lawyering, Aga enjoys spending time in nature – biking, hiking, camping, sailing, and paddling – with family and friends.

Education

University of Maine School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2013

Dartmouth College, B.A., *cum laude*, 1999

Judicial Clerkship

Hon. Ellen A. Gorman, Maine Supreme Judicial Court

Representative Clients & Matters

- Successfully litigated a case before the Maine Law Court (*MSAD 6 Board of Directors v. Town of Frye Island*, 2020 ME 45), which ultimately prevented the Town of Frye Island from withdrawing from MSAD 6. As a result, the school district avoided the loss of roughly \$1.5 million in annual assessments that support the school budget and education.
- Advised several Tribally Controlled Schools (including the Laguna Department of Education), municipalities, quasi-municipal districts, and other public entities on Federal (including ISDEAA) award/grant administration, procurements, and audits, and negotiated complex, multi-party PL 93-638 and PL 100-297 construction contracts between owners, contractors, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- As a former land use planner, Aga coordinated regulatory reviews of significant and controversial development projects for the Maine Land Use Planning Commission (formerly, “LURC”), including a five-year administrative review of the largest land development and conservation project in Maine’s history.
- Assisted many municipalities in drafting ordinances and moratoria governing emerging land uses such as medical and adult use marijuana business establishments, short-term rentals, and solar farms.

Recognition

- Edward S. Godfrey Leadership Award
- Maine Law Alumni Association Award
- Robert & Patricia Switzer Foundation Fellowship

Memberships

National Association of Bond Lawyers

Member

Maine State Bar Association

Member

Community/Public Service

Allagash Wilderness Waterway Foundation

Board Member