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Bio

As a member of the firm's Employment and Labor and School Law practice groups, Blake McCartney advises public and private employers on all aspects of employment and labor law. Blake is passionate about helping clients solve people-centered issues and brings an empathetic approach to her practice, allowing her to anticipate client needs and concerns and proactively address potential conflicts.

Blake's practice encompasses a range of services, including conducting school and workplace investigations, representing clients before the Maine Human Rights Commission (MHRC) and the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation, conducting comprehensive policy and handbook reviews, and advising clients on compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations. Blake's practice also includes fair housing matters. She regularly represents housing providers facing housing discrimination complaints and provides guidance on fair housing compliance, including reasonable accommodation requests. She works closely with clients to address fair housing issues proactively and effectively.

During her time in law school, Blake served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Maine Law Review, worked as a student attorney at the University's Refugee and Human Rights Clinic, and completed a federal judicial externship. After law school and before joining Drummond Woodsum, Blake served as a law clerk for Chief Justice Stanfill of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

Outside of her legal practice, Blake enjoys staying active through running, skiing, and biking. She values time spent with her husband, family, and friends, and loves exploring Portland's trail system with her

Practice Areas

Employment & Labor
School & Education

Admissions

Maine

Portuguese Water Dog, Stevie.

Education

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

Colby College, B.A.

Awards & Recognition

Best Lawyers, *Ones to Watch*, Labor and Employment Law – Management, 2026

Maine Law Foundation Alumni Award

Publications

A Case Against School Choice: Carson Ex Rel. O.C. v. Makin and the Future of Maine's Nonsectarian Requirement (Volume 73.2 of the Maine Law Review)

Memberships

Maine State Bar Association

Community/ Public Service

Justice Andrew M. Mead Fellowship for Pro Bono Service with the Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project, 2024