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Bio

For over 35 years, Gary Vogel has served the legal needs of real estate developers, investors, banks, business owners, and housing authorities. Named by Best Lawyers in America for his expertise in real estate, banking and finance and corporate law, Gary brings to his clients unparalleled insights in commercial real estate and development matters; affordable housing and community development; corporate and commercial transactions and governance; complex financing transactions; business formation and governance. Gary also assists Maine companies transition to employee ownership using Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs).

Gary's real estate development practice involves developments utilizing the low-income housing tax credits, Federal and State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits, New Market Tax Credits and Renewable Energy Credits. As an example, Gary was the developer's counsel on the Mayo Mill project in Dover Foxcroft – utilizing state and federal historic tax credits to transfer a vacant large mill complex into a thriving community space containing an Inn, apartments, office space and a cafe. Gary also regularly represents lenders in complex commercial loan transactions and ESOP finance transactions. In 2019, Gary was selected by Best Lawyers USA as the banking and finance lawyer of the year for greater Portland.

Gary is a leading expert in advising housing authorities that provide safe, decent, affordable public housing for Maine residents. He has represented housing authorities for over 30 years, including the Portland, South Portland and Westbrook Housing Authorities. He regularly represents clients in connection with state and federal housing finance programs including the Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit, and

Practice Areas

Affordable Housing &
Community Development
Banking & Financial Services
Business & Corporate
Mergers & Acquisitions
Restaurant, Hospitality,
Specialty Food & Beverage
Securities Law
Venture Capital & Emerging
Companies
Real Estate
Condominium & Community
Associations

Admissions

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

the Section 8 Program and other housing finance programs through HUD, the USDA and Maine State Housing Authority.

In his corporate practice, Gary helps business owners purchase, grow and sell their businesses in transactions that often require interdisciplinary expertise: real estate, financing, employment, contracts, intellectual property, and tax planning. Gary skillfully handles these transactions, involving other top-notch professionals from the firm to produce a great result.

Gary enjoys spending time with his family, grown children, and grandchild. When not in the office, Gary can be found exploring the coast of Maine on his sailboat in the summer, and in Maine's mountains skiing in the winter. Dedicated to serving the community, Gary is on the Board of Goodwill Industries of Northern New England, and the Board of the Maine Real Estate and Development Association (MEREDA) where he is the past president and where he served as chair of the public policy committee for many years.

Education

Albany Law School of Union University, J.D., *cum laude*, 1985

Keene State College, B.A.

Recognition

- Best Lawyers USA: Banking and Finance Law, Corporate Law, and Real Estate Law 2013-2023
- Chambers USA, Maine, Real Estate
- Martindale Hubbell, BV Distinguished
- Maine Real Estate Development Association (MEREDA) – recipient of several awards
- Lawyer of the Year, Banking and Finance Law, Portland, Maine (Awarded by Best Lawyers) 2019

Memberships

Maine State Bar Association

Maine Real Estate Development Association (MEREDA)
Board of Directors

MEREDA Legislative Committee
Chair

Community/Public Service

Goodwill Development Corporation
Board Member (2001-present)

Portland Yacht Club

Board of Directors (2001-2007)

Goodwill Industries of Northern New England

Board Member (1992-1998); President (1996-1998)

Falmouth Board of Assessment Review

Former Member (1994-1998); Chair (1996-1998)

Jewish Community Alliance

Former Board Member

Jewish Community Alliance

Chair of Lawyers committee involved in merger of Jewish Community Center and Jewish Federation

Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Member