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Bio

Grady Burns advises municipalities, municipal boards, code enforcement officers, and developers on the multifaceted and ever-changing landscape of municipal and land use law. Grady brings a uniquely valuable perspective to his practice – he is a former city councilor for the city of Auburn. He understands first-hand how important well-functioning local governments are to the lives of their community members.

Grady counsels clients on drafting and enforcement of ordinances and rules, and litigates appeals from decisions by state and local permitting authorities. Grady also helps ensure municipal clients apply their rules correctly and fairly for those with whom they interact.

Grady graduated second in his law school class, served as the editor-in-chief of the *Maine Law Review*, and received the Faculty Significant Achievement Award. He also received the Kenneth R. Clegg Award for Excellence for obtaining the highest combined score on the Maine Bar Exam.

Grady published his *Law Review* article “Who Takes a Dam: Regulatory Confusion and Surging Opportunities for Small Dam Removal in Rural Maine,” 71 Me. L. Rev. 361, in 2019.

A lifelong Mainer, Grady enjoys spending time with his wife in their hometown of Auburn. He’s an avid board gamer and motorcyclist, and serves as a Board Member for the Maine Justice Foundation.

Education

Practice Areas

Land Use & Conservation
Litigation
Municipal Law

Admissions

Maine

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

University of Maine Farmington, B.A. History, *summa cum laude*

University of Maine Farmington, B.S. Secondary Education – Social Studies, *summa cum laude*

Recognition

University of Maine School of Law Faculty Significant Achievement Award

Kenneth R. Clegg Award for Excellence

Publications

Who Takes a Dam: Regulatory Confusion and Surging Opportunities for Small Dam Removal in Rural Maine, 71 Me. L. Rev. 361 (2019).

Memberships

Maine State Bar Association

Gignoux Inn of Court
Former Member

Community/Public Service

Maine Justice Foundation

Auburn City Council
Former City Councilor, at-large

Auburn Middle School
Former Youth Football Coach