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Bio

Rick Shinay has devoted his entire professional career to the practice of real estate law and related areas. From 1981 to 1985, Rick was Branch Manager and State Counsel for the Portland, Maine office of Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation where he developed extensive expertise in real estate title and conveyancing matters and title insurance underwriting in a wide variety of commercial and residential transactions.

Since joining Drummond Woodsum in 1985, Rick has represented individuals and businesses, developers and lenders, as well as many of the firm's municipal and school clients, in all aspects of real estate law in connection with the acquisition, development, financing and sale of real estate.

In addition, Rick has particular expertise in the creation and operation of condominiums and planned unit developments and also provides assistance to clients seeking to preserve land through the use of conservation easements and other similar land preservation techniques.

Rick's prior work with Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation also provided him with unique skills in the area of title insurance matters and, in that regard, Rick serves as President of Classic Title Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of Drummond Woodsum, where he oversees the issuance of title insurance in residential and commercial transactions.

In recognition of his expertise and professionalism, Rick is listed in multiple publications including Best Lawyers in America, Chambers USA, and Martindale Hubbell.

Practice Areas

Business & Corporate
Environmental & Natural
Resources
Land Use & Conservation
Real Estate

Admissions

Maine

Education

University of Maine School of Law, J.D., 1980

Boston College, A.B., 1977

Recognition

Best Lawyers USA, Real Estate Law 2007-2025

Lawyer of the Year, Real Estate Law, Portland, ME (Awarded by Best Lawyers) 2017, 2024

Chambers & Partners, USA Guide, *Maine, Real Estate, Band 2*

New England Super Lawyers, Real Estate, Land Use/Zoning 2007-2010

Martindale Hubbell, AV Preeminent

Memberships

Maine State Bar Association

Maine State Bar Association Title Standards Subcommittee of the Real Estate and Title Section

Cooperatives and Associations of Co-Owners, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law

American Bar Association Committee on Condominiums

American Land Title Association

New England Land Title Association

Maine Land Title Association

Maine Real Estate & Development Association (MEREDA) Legislative Committee

Community/Public Service

Scarborough Long Range Planning Committee
Member

Scarborough Economic Development Corporation
Board Member

Scarborough Land Conservation Trust
Board Member and Former President

South Portland Planning Board

Former Member and Chair

Scarborough Planning Board

Former Member and Chair

Scarborough Open Space Committee

Former Member and Co-Chair

Scarborough Growth and Services Committee

Former Member and Co-Chair

Scarborough Comprehensive Plan Revision Committee

Former Member and Chair

Portland Stage Company

Former Trustee