



## Richard A. Spencer

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## Bio

Dick Spencer specializes in complex problems which require effective advocacy at the local and state levels and before administrative agencies, the state courts, and the Maine Legislature. He is among Maine's leading experts in diverse areas including land use and conservation, municipal law, and public finance. Dick also advises multi-generational families on how best to transfer their Maine seasonal and other properties to the next generation. Dick's approach to problems is intuitive and creative. Having practiced law for nearly 50 years, Dick offers his clients unparalleled insights into how to achieve their most important strategic goals.

Dick is listed in Best Lawyers in America, a guide to leading lawyers in the country, in the categories of education law and public finance law. He also served for four years as House Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Maine Legislature.

An avid outdoorsman, Dick is passionate about fly fishing and hiking. He enjoys spending time with his family and traveling the world with his wife. Deeply committed to improving his community and the natural environment, Dick currently serves on the Board of the Mechanics Hall in Portland, the Board of the Kennebago Lake Camp Owners Association, and the Public Policy Committee of Maine Coast Heritage Trust.

## Education

## Practice Areas

Environmental & Natural Resources  
Land Use & Conservation  
Municipal Law  
Public Finance  
School & Education

## Admissions

Maine

Harvard College, B.A.,*cum laude*, 1966

Columbia Law School, J.D.,*Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar*, 1969

## **Recognition**

Public Finance Law Lawyer of the Year, Portland, ME (Awarded by Best Lawyers) 2017

Education Law Lawyer of the Year, Portland, ME (Awarded by Best Lawyers) 2023

Best Lawyers USA, Education Law, Public Finance Law

Martindale Hubbell, AV Preeminent

## **Publications**

*Multi-Generational Ownership and Planning for Family Owned Properties* (January 3, 2018).

## **Memberships**

Maine State Bar Association

American Bar Association

National Association of Bond Lawyers

## **Community/Public Service**

Maine Charitable Mechanic Association  
*Board Member*

Maine Coast Heritage Trust  
*Public Policy Committee*

Kennebago Lake Camp Owners Association  
*Board Member and Past President*

TEMPOart  
*Past President*

International Senior Lawyers Project, Mining and Environmental Project in Mongolia

Maine Audubon Society  
*Past President*

Portland Trails  
*Co-Founder and Past President*

Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust  
*Co-Founder*

Judiciary Committee of the Maine Legislature  
*Former House Chair*

Saco River Corridor Legislation  
*Principal Author*