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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

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

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

Practice Areas

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

Admissions

Maine

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

Rangley Lakes Heritage Trust
Co-Founder

Judiciary Committee of the Maine Legislature
Former House Chair

Saco River Corridor Legislation
Principal Author