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Bio

Ron Ward has substantial expertise in all aspects of real estate law, development law, commercial leasing and financing, secured transactions (representing both lenders and borrowers), and administrative and environmental law – particularly local, state, and federal permitting.

Ron advises real estate developers and entrepreneurs on the development and financing of complex commercial developments, as well as significant residential developments. Ron successfully handled the legal aspects of the redevelopment of the Shipyard Brewing Company block in Portland, Maine. On the civic side, he also led the Portland Chamber's involvement in multiple pro-development initiatives at Portland City Hall, and the referendum initiative that transformed Portland's governance from City Manager-led to elected Mayor-led.

Ron has been honored by the Maine Real Estate Development Association Public Policy Award and is recognized in both Best Lawyers in America and New England Super Lawyers for his real estate work.

Ron's spare time is largely devoted to collaborating with his wife, Barbara, to chart a course through the choppy waters of the pandemic and the realities of twin teenagers at home. He confirms these complexities dwarf even those presented by the Rule Against Perpetuities.

Education

Bates College, B.A., 1971

Practice Areas

Business & Corporate
Real Estate

Admissions

Maine

University of Maine School of Law, J.D., 1977

Recognition

Best Lawyers USA, Real Estate Law 2007-2025

New England Super Lawyers, Real Estate, Administrative Law 2007-2010

Martindale Hubbell, AV Preeminent

Maine Real Estate Development Association (MEREDA), Public Policy Award

Memberships

Maine State Bar Association

American Bar Association

Community/Public Service

Portland Community Chamber City Affairs Committee
Former Chairman

Portland's Downtown District
Former Board Member and Past President

Various City Task Forces on Greater Portland Issues