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PRACTICE AREAS

Environmental & Natural
Resources

Land Use & Conservation

Real Estate

Condominium & Community
Association Practice

EDUCATION

Boston College, A.B. , 1977

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

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Maine

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.

Rick is listed in Best Lawyers in America, a guide to leading lawyers in the country, in the category of Real Estate Law. In addition he is included in Chambers USA, an independent guide to the top lawyers in the U.S., in recognition of his expertise in Real Estate Law.

AWARDS

- Best Lawyers USA, Real Estate Law 2007-2020
- New England Super Lawyers, Real Estate, Land Use/Zoning 2007-2010
- Chambers USA, Maine, Real Estate
- Martindale Hubbell, AV Preeminent
- Lawyer of the Year, Real Estate Law, Portland, ME (Awarded by Best Lawyers) 2019

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 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
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