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Brad Pattershall joined NHD in 2022 after working as partner at another Portland law firm and then establishing and growing a solo practice in Brunswick, Maine. Brad has a broad-based litigation practice in which he represents individuals and businesses in construction, contract and commercial disputes, personal injury and products liability claims, landlord/tenant disputes, and criminal proceedings. A Maine native, Brad earned a B.A. from Colby College in 1994, and received his J.D. *cum laude* from the University of Maine School of Law in 1999.

Brad has been recognized as a Local Litigation Star in Benchmark: Litigation and as a Rising Star in Super Lawyers New England. His reported decisions have addressed the Fourth Amendment rights of juveniles, the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment, the limits of personal jurisdiction in Maine, the doctrine of *res ipsa loquitur* in the area of products liability, and the bounds of the lawful use of deadly force by law enforcement. Regardless of the subject matter, Brad effectively guides his clients through each phase of litigation. He takes a big-picture view of each case to assure that his representation of each client is as efficient as possible in light of the stakes involved and each client's needs.

From 2016 to 2020, after nominations by Governors LePage and Mills, Brad served as a Commissioner on the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices. In 2017 Brad was elected to serve on the board of directors of Maine Golf, the non-profit governing body of amateur golf in Maine. He was a recipient of a four-year scholarship from Maine Golf as an undergraduate and earned a varsity letter in baseball as well. In law school, Brad was a member of the Moot Court Board, and in 1998 he studied law at the Université du Maine in Le Mans, France, where his classes were taught in French.

Brad is a member of the Maine State Bar Association, the Cumberland Bar Association, and the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. In 2004 he received the Maine Justice Foundation's *Pro Bono Publico* Award for having worked the most hours on completed Volunteer Lawyers Project cases by a Maine attorney. Brad is a member of Mensa and enjoys playing guitar when time permits. He lives in Freeport, Maine with his wife Sharon and two daughters, Sofia and Isla.

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Education

University of Maine School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1999, Université du Maine, Le Mans, France (Fall 1998)

Colby College, B.A., 1994, University of Edinburgh, U.K. (1992-93)

Practice Areas

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Commercial Litigation
Criminal Law
Insurance Defense Litigation
Landlord/Tenant Matters
Personal Injury
Products Liability
Trials and Litigation

Affiliations

Admitted to Practice

- State of Maine
- U.S. District Court, District of Maine
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit

Member, Past and Present

- Bath Brunswick Regional Chamber, Board of Directors
- Maine Golf, Board of Directors
- Brunswick Naval Aviation Museum, Board of Directors
- Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, Commissioner
- Maine State Bar Association, Member
- Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Member
- Cumberland Bar Association, Member

Selected Reported Cases

- *Begin v. Drouin*, 908 F.3d 829 (1st Cir. 2018)
- *McIlvaine v. Ford Motor Co.*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 19134 (D. Me. 2013)
- *Piché v. Nugent*, 436 F. Supp. 2d 193 (D. Me. 2006)
- *Harlow v. Children's Hospital,* 432 F.3d 50 (1st Cir. 2005)
- *Fortin v. Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland*, 2005 ME 57, 871 A.2d 1208
- *Landmark Realty v. Leisure*, 2004 ME 85, 853 A.2d 749
- *State v. Michael M.*, 2001 ME 92, 772 A.2d 1179

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