

John V. Bonneau - Retired

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Honored to be one of the few Maine trusts and estate attorneys inducted into the American College of Trusts and Estate Counsel by virtue of his distinguished tenure in the field, John Bonneau provides legal counsel and representation in the planning of complex estates and in business succession planning.

Many of John's clients are owners of closely held companies that also rely on his business expertise and guidance in transactions, mergers, asset acquisition and sales, as well as in operational matters. He has a comprehensive understanding of corporate and commercial practices, particularly in the management and operation of health care provider entities, such as nursing homes, social service providers and physician groups.

John is a member of the Maine Estate Planning Council and holds the highest competence rating (A-V) awarded by Martindale Hubbell, the national directory of attorneys in the United States.

Prior to becoming a lawyer, John worked for the Maine State Planning Office and the Planning Office of the Maine Department of Transportation. After graduating with honors from Villanova Law School, John practiced law in Philadelphia for five years before returning to Maine. He has served on the boards of a number of local charities, including serving as a Commissioner of the Maine State Housing Authority and, until very recently, he was an active member of the Androscoggin Committee of the Maine Community Foundation.

For the past 30 plus years, John has served as an officer and director for the non-profit charitable organization he and his family helped to create to provide enhanced residential and support services for retarded and autistic individuals.

Education

- Villanova Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 1971
- Bowdoin College, B.A., 1967

Practice Areas

Construction Law
Corporate and Commercial Law Group
Elder Law
Estate Planning, Wills, Trusts
Health Law
Nonprofit and Exempt Organizations



Law Group
Probate and Estate Administration
State and Federal Tax Planning,
Compliance and Appeals

Affiliations

Admitted to Practice

- State of Maine
- U.S. District Court, Maine
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Tax Court

Member, Past and Present

- American Bar Association, Member
- Maine State Bar Association, Member
- Androscoggin County Bar Association, Member
- Fellow of the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel, Member
- Maine Estate Planning Council, Member
- Maine State Housing Authority, Former Commissioner
- John F. Murphy Homes, Inc., Board Member
- Maine Community Foundation, Androscoggin Committee Member

Designations

