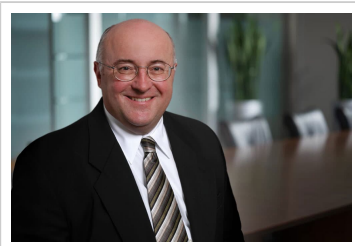

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- Maine State Bar Association, Member
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- American Law Firm Association, Member
- Workers' Compensation Section, Maine State Bar Association, Past Chair
- Workers' Compensation Section, American Law Firm Association, Chair

Selected Reported Cases

- *Hincks v. Robert Mitchell Co.*, 1999 ME 172, 740 A.2d 992.
- *Bouford v. Bath Iron Works Corp.*, 514 A.2d 470 (Me. 1986).
- *Stockford v. Bath Iron Works Corp.*, 482 A.2d 843 (Me. 1984).
- *Rines v. Scott*, 432 A.2d 767 (Me. 1981).

Awards, Merits & Honors

- Ranks AV Martindale Hubbell since 1992 (25 years)
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