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Overview

Drawing on more than a decade of experience in banking and corporate finance, Todd brings a distinctive business perspective to his legal practice. As a member of AP&S's Government Relations and Litigation practice groups, he primarily counsels clients on energy regulatory and environmental matters and advises clients in the Ocean Tech, Blue Tech, and Climate Tech industries. Todd pairs his financial experience with a practice that spans environmental and renewable energy matters, coastal development and maritime law, and corporate and intellectual property issues to provide regulatory and strategic advice to emerging and established companies in these dynamic sectors.

Before joining AP&S, Todd interned with The Honorable Brian Stern of the Rhode Island Superior Court Business Calendar and in the offshore energy industry. He served as a Notes and Comments Editor for the Roger Williams University Law Review and was a Sea Grant Law Fellow for the Marine Affairs Institute.

Experience

- Represented an intervenor in an electric and natural gas distribution rate case before the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.
- Represented a utility company seeking borrowing authority from the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers for infrastructure upgrades.
- Advised and represented renewable energy companies on acquisition-related energy regulatory, land use, and environmental due diligence.
- Represented national telecommunications providers in applications for transfer of control before the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers.
- Represented clients in environmental and land use permitting disputes and appeals.
- Represented clients in intellectual property disputes, including patent infringement and trade dress claims.
- Represented business owners in shareholder and management disputes, including direct and derivative actions involving breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract.

Credentials

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Practices

- Energy & Telecommunications
- Environmental
- Government Relations
- Maritime Law
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation
  - Complex & Business Litigation

Education

- Roger Williams University (J.D., *summa cum laude*, 2024)
- Providence College (M.B.A, 2018)
- Boston University (B.A., International Relations, 2012)

Admissions

- Rhode Island
- Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

Honors

- William J. Coffey Excellence in Maritime Writing Prize, Roger Williams University School of Law 2024
- Marine Affairs Achievement Award, Roger Williams University School of Law 2024
- Notes and Comments Editor, Roger Williams University Law Review
- Sea Grant Law Fellow

Seminars/Publications

- Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Jurisdiction and Adjacent State Law in Offshore Wind Development, Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce (Summer 2025).
- Conflicting Goals: The Ethics and Accountability of Law Firm Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Policies, Student Comment, Roger Williams University Law Review (December 2023).
- Offshore Wind Financial Incentive Programs, Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce (Summer 2023).
- Sustainable Finance and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG), presented with RWU School of Business Professor Dr. Michael Melton at RWU School of Law (April 2023).

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Professional Affiliations

- Co-Chair, Rhode Island Bar Association Environmental and Energy Law Committee
- Vice Chair, Ascending Professionals Committee, Environmental Business Council of New England
- Associate Member, Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Propeller Club of Narragansett Bay

In The Community

- Providence College, MBA Alumni Ambassador
- Save The Bay, Legal Volunteer, (*May 2023 – Aug 2023*)
- Street Law, Volunteer Student Instructor, (*Jan 2023 – Apr 2023*)

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