

## Matthew Ranelli

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Matthew Ranelli is chair of Shipman's Renewable Energy Practice, and also represents clients on environmental and land use matters.

Matt focuses his practice on renewable energy issues in Connecticut. He represents developers, schools, municipalities, quasi-governmental agencies and other stakeholders regarding clean energy projects, green building standards, energy conservation and efficiency projects, energy savings performance contracts, power purchasing agreements, and managing energy options. He also assists clients with a wide variety of transactions, litigation, site remediation, enforcement defense, common law claims and environmental and land use representation including wetlands, zoning and environmental permitting for projects.

Matt's environmental practice focuses on handling state and federal Superfund actions, site remediation, PFAS, Brownfield redevelopment, enforcement defense, common law claims, and environmental permitting. He also represents clients in eminent domain, adverse possession and takings claims as well as with Connecticut Transfer Act compliance.

Pragmatic but considerate, Matt is appreciated by clients for finding achievable solutions to tough problems and offering strategic advice with thoughtful understanding of the client's needs.

### Distinctions

- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America®: *Land Use and Zoning Law* (2016-2026); *Litigation - Land Use and Zoning* (2018-2026), and *Municipal Law* (2018-2026)

- Listed in Chambers USA: *Environment* (2014, 2022-2025); *Real Estate: Zoning/Land Use* (2015-2016)
- Named "Lawyer of the Year": Best Lawyers® New Haven Region *Land Use and Zoning Law* (2022, 2024)
- Listed as a Connecticut Super Lawyer®: *Energy & Natural Resources* (2011-2024), *Land Use/Zoning* (2011-2015)
- LEED Accredited Professional
- Connecticut Bar Foundation: James W. Cooper Fellow

## Professional Affiliations

- Connecticut Bar Association:
  - Environmental Law Section, Chairman (2006-2007), Executive Committee (2002-present)
  - Planning and Zoning Section, Chairman (2012-2014), Executive Committee (2003-present)
- New Haven County Bar Association: Environmental and Land Use Law Committee, Chairman (2008-2010)
- American Bar Association

## Community Involvement

- Connecticut Green Bank: Board of Directors (2009-present)
- New Haven Commission on Disabilities: Member (2007-2020)
- Connecticut Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired: Member (2006-2014)
- New Haven Green Fund: Board of Directors (2009-2010)
- New Haven Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen: Board of Directors (2001-2005)
- Elm City Shakespeare: Board of Directors (2014-2019)

## Credentials

### *Education*

- Vermont Law School, M.S.L., 1997, *summa cum laude*
- Vermont Law School, J.D., 1994
- DePauw University, B.A., 1988

### *Bar Admissions*

- Connecticut, 1994
- New York, 1997

## *Court Admissions*

- U.S. District Court, District of CT, 2000
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of NY
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of NY
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court