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## **Worthen joins Preti Flaherty's real estate and finance practice group**

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Matthew Worthen

Portland, ME Matthew Worthen has joined Preti Flaherty as a director in the firm's real estate and finance group. Worthen previously served as a shareholder and chair of the real estate group at a Maine-based law firm.

Worthen is one of New England's most accomplished real estate and finance attorneys, with more than twenty years of experience handling large and complex transactions for lenders, developers, universities, multinational corporations, and more. Leaning on his extensive industry knowledge, Worthen adeptly guides clients through a wide range of commercial and real estate transactions. From business lending and refinancing to mixed-use developments to utility-scale energy projects, he is well versed in the structuring and negotiation of a diverse range of commercial real estate matters.

"Matt's decades of experience and pragmatic approach to client guidance fit neatly into the real estate and finance team here at Preti," said Jason Howe, chair of the real estate and finance group. "We have made a conscious effort to grow our practice by welcoming laterals who are at the top of their respective fields, allowing us to expand a team that is focused on servicing clients both today and for the decades to come."

"Matt is a great fit for Preti — he's creative, he's sharp, and he makes complex projects possible," said Michael Smith, the firm's newly elected managing partner. "Matt's proven track record of success and unparalleled industry knowledge will be a major asset to our already deep bench of real estate attorneys, and we are excited to count him as a colleague."

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