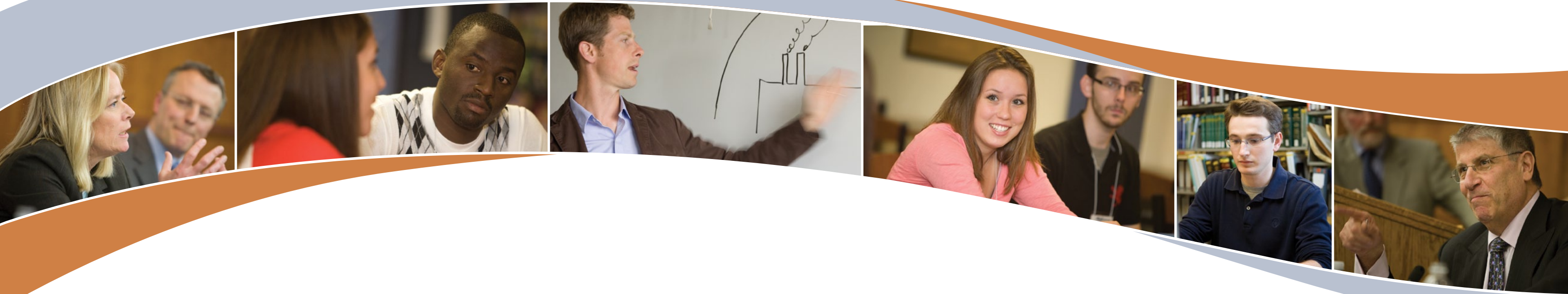


# University of Maine School of Law



Expect more.



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## Come prepared. Leave **empowered.**

FOR NEW STUDENTS AT MAINE LAW, THE REALIZATION comes early: this place is different. Staff is attentive, taking extra care to smooth the path to an entirely new pursuit. Students are friendly, supportive and diverse, coming from unexpected backgrounds, with perspectives to match. Faculty members are open – both in class and out – to conversation, curiosity and the very well being of the students they'll grow to know over the course of an exciting, engaging three-year journey.

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THE ATMOSPHERE PROVIDED BY THE STAFF, THE FACULTY, THE STUDENTS IS ONE THAT IS VERY INVITING, AND IT'S VERY CONDUCTIVE TO THE STUDY OF LAW. YOU HAVE INTIMATE ACCESS TO YOUR PROFESSORS. YOU KNOW EVERYBODY IN YOUR CLASS.

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*muhamed ali khazada, student*

But the difference doesn't stop there. It extends to Maine's unique legal community, where students are encouraged to interact with practicing lawyers and members of the judiciary alike, at every level. First year students soon learn that they're viewed as peers – and that their contributions are every bit as vital as those of seasoned legal veterans.

Why? Because Maine Law is more than a graduate institution. It's more than three years of books, briefs, late nights and legal principles. We are a critical component of the justice system, the business community, the policy arena, and the social fabric, where students are seen as the future – wherever it leads, and whatever it holds.

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## Fundamentals – with **perspective**

FOR MANY PROSPECTIVE LAW STUDENTS, STEREOTYPES define expectations. And while tough courses, demanding faculty and high expectations are part of any legal education, they're just a small part of the richer, more personal reality of each student's Maine Law experience.

Sure, the basics are crucial. That's why our core curriculum is designed to steep students in the legal theory, critical thinking, persuasive writing and fundamental advocacy skills required of future lawyers – regardless of their future plans.

But many of our greatest strengths reach well beyond traditional fundamentals. Our clinical programs allow students to apply what they learn, helping clients with real issues to navigate the justice system and reach meaningful resolutions. Our specialized practice programs help to advance critical thinking in areas like Marine Law, Intellectual Property, Corporate Governance, and Social Justice, while enabling students to move seamlessly into legal practice and other careers.

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THE BENEFIT OF SUCH AN INTIMATE ENVIRONMENT IS THAT YOU CANNOT ESCAPE THOSE WHO CHALLENGE YOU, MAKING YOU A MORE WELL-ROUNDED PERSON, AND ATTORNEY, IN THE LONG RUN.

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*corey hadley, student*

And when principles become practical realities, we take special care to prepare our students to demonstrate core competencies – resulting in a bar exam passage rate that typically exceeds 90% each year.



## The **people** behind the education

SOME CALL IT NON-TRADITIONAL. BUT WE PREFER TO THINK of the close relationships between our students, faculty and staff as indispensable. At Maine Law, accomplished law professors and expert practitioners eschew the notion that students should be left to sink or swim. Regular interaction, both during and beyond class, is the norm.

That openness never comes at the expense of quality. Our faculty arrives prepared, from the world's most prestigious law schools and legal institutions, bringing deep experience into an environment where learning, not intimidation, is the objective.

The benefit of that collegiality extends to the student body. Where many law schools cultivate an atmosphere of intense competition, Maine Law students live, work and socialize together, bringing a richness to the education process that reflects the close-knit nature of the Maine legal and business community. And regardless of where our students' careers take them, those ties remain vital long past graduation, both personally and professionally.

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**WE TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR STUDENTS.  
WE WANT THEM TO SUCCEED AND LEARN AND DO WELL.**

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*dave owen, professor*

In an environment where faculty and students work together from day one, our capable staff applies that same philosophy with an unparalleled commitment to student success – and a knack for eliminating unnecessary bureaucracy. This group of professionals – some who are Maine Law graduates themselves – ensure that students receive the support they need to concentrate on their education.

## Networked for **success**

IN MAINE, LEGAL EDUCATION IS MUCH MORE THAN a purely theoretical pursuit. It is a practical experience, where students have direct access to legal practitioners, in every area, and at every level. And while many of our graduates go on to practice – or do business – in other markets, their participation in the diverse Maine Law community provides unmatched preparation for every facet of their professional lives.

At Maine Law, student exposure to Maine's broader legal and policy community begins early. While the core curriculum is often taught by seasoned law professors, practicing attorneys are frequently recruited to bring practical insights to the classroom. Area law firms, often staffed by Maine Law graduates, open their doors to students with internship opportunities, seminars and topical lectures geared toward practicing professionals, business leaders and degree candidates alike.

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**I HAVE FOUND AN EXTREMELY WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT.  
THE COMMUNITY HAS EMBRACED ME.**

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*katrise hernandez, student*

Our students also have unparalleled access to key decision makers in government and public service. Members of the judiciary rely on Maine Law students to staff internships and provide research support, while actively contributing to classes, seminars and Q&A sessions at Law School functions.

And on a more local, personal level, Maine Law is situated in the heart of Portland, Maine, a vital, progressive coastal city with cultural, recreational and social opportunities few large cities can match.

The result? Maine Law students graduate with outstanding legal credentials – and established contacts, practical skills and social networks that take many lawyers decades to develop.

The ultimate test of any institution is the quality of its graduates. At Maine Law, our record speaks for itself. Our distinguished graduates include the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, the Maine Attorney General, the U.S. Attorney, the Maine Senate President, four of Maine's last six Governors, and prominent lawyers, business leaders and government officials throughout the U.S. – and the world.

For a small city, Portland packs a powerful punch: the beauty of the shore, uncommon diversity, and as much cultural activity as cities ten times its size. Consistently recognized as one of America's most livable cities, it is the perfect place to live – and learn.



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## An all-access pass – to the future

GIVEN THE DIVERSITY OUR STUDENTS BRING TO Maine Law, and the opportunities they enjoy while here, it is no surprise the paths our students choose after they graduate lead in so many different directions.

THERE ARE TWO ASPECTS ABOUT MAINE LAW THAT I HAVE TRULY GROWN TO LOVE. THE FIRST IS THE CULTURE OF COMMUNITY THAT IS FOSTERED BY THE SMALL CLASS SIZES AND GENUINE ACADEMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS. THE SECOND IS THE CALIBER OF THE PROFESSORS WITH DIVERSE ACADEMIC, TEACHING, AND LEGAL EXPERIENCES.

mark j. peltier, student

For some graduates, the path leads to other communities, ranging from rural Maine to major metropolitan markets, both in the United States and abroad. For others, it leads to a wide range of legal practice options, whether as solo practitioners, large firm associates, government attorneys or public interest advocates. For still others, it leads to alternative careers beyond the legal realm, with many graduates applying their skills in business, policy, academic and other diverse fields.

Whatever their ultimate objectives, our graduates leave with the education, practical experience and relationships they need to thrive, both personally and professionally.

Type of Institution  
Public Law School, founded 1962  
Law School of the University of Maine System

Degrees Granted  
Juris Doctor

Joint degrees with University of Southern Maine and University of Maine Business Schools  
JD/MBA

Joint degree with The Muskie School of Public Service  
JD/MCP in Community Planning & Development  
JD/MS in Health Policy & Management  
JD/MA in Public Policy & Management

Clinical Programs  
Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic (Domestic Violence, General Practice, Juvenile Justice, Prisoner Assistance)  
Externship, Judicial Externship  
Intellectual Property Clinic

Tuition Costs and Budgets  
For information on tuition, costs, and budgets please see our website at [www.mainerlaw.maine.edu](http://www.mainerlaw.maine.edu).

Alumni  
Over 2700 practicing in 42 states and abroad.

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The University of Maine School of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association, is a member of the Association of American Law Schools, and is the only accredited law school in the State of Maine. We are proudly based in Portland, Maine, and are an Administrative Unit of the University of Southern Maine.

To learn more about our school, including how to apply for admission, contact the Assistant Dean for Admissions at [mainerlaw@usm.maine.edu](mailto:mainerlaw@usm.maine.edu) or 207-780-4341.

Maine Law is committed to diversity in its student body in all its forms, and does not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin or citizenship status, age, disability or veteran status.



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