

# CLINIC MILESTONES

## 1969

■ Maine Legislature amends 4 M.R.S.A. § 807 to permit eligible law students to practice under faculty supervision and pursuant to rules set by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

■ University of Maine School of Law Dean Edward Godfrey obtains a grant from the Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility (funds provided by the Ford Foundation) to launch the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic.

## 1970

■ Founding Director Cushman Anthony establishes the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic. The first location was in the Old Port at the former Grace Baptist Mission on Market Street.

## 1972

■ Professor Judy Potter starts as director of the Clinic.



## 1977

■ The Clinic receives the Emil Gumpert award of the American College of Trial Lawyers for excellence in the teaching of trial advocacy.

## 1988

■ Professor Michael W. Mullane starts as director of the Clinic.



■ Clinic moves to 65 Exeter Street location.

## 1995

■ Clinic moves to new location at 59 Exeter Street – 50% larger than previous offices.



## 1998



■ Maine's current Governor, Janet T. Mills, then an attorney in private practice in Skowhegan, supervises Clinic summer interns.

■ Scott Gould starts as director of the Clinic.

## 1999

■ U.S. Justice Department Office of Violence Against Women awards Clinic the first grant to represent plaintiffs in Protection From Abuse proceedings in Lewiston District Court on a weekly basis.

## 2001

■ Professor Valerie Stanfill starts as interim director of the Clinic.

## 2003

■ Professor Jim Burke launches the Prisoner Assistance Clinic with grant funds provided by the Maine Bar Foundation and the Maine Department of Corrections.



■ Funds raised during the Law School's Foundations for the Future Campaign provides for expansion and improved accessibility of the Clinic building.

## 2004

■ Professor Deirdre Smith starts as director of the Clinic.



## 2006

■ Professor Chris Northrop launches the Juvenile Justice Clinic with grant funds from the Sam L. Cohen Foundation and Maine Bar Foundation, among others.



■ Professor Tina Schneider begins as faculty supervisor for the Protection From Abuse program.

## 2008

■ The Chronicle of Higher Education profiles two Clinic student attorneys for their representation of Maine college students targeted in file sharing litigation brought by the Recording Industry Association of America.

## 2011

■ Clinic establishes the Cushman D. Anthony Summer Fellowship in juvenile policy.

■ Safe Voices honors the Clinic with "Community Hero Award" for "invaluable efforts on behalf of victims of domestic violence in the courtroom."

## 2012

■ Professor Anna Welch launches the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic with grant funds provided by the Sam L. Cohen Foundation and the Davis Family Foundation.



## 2013

■ Adjunct Clinical Professor Tina Schneider receives Thomas P. Downing Award.

## 2017

■ Maine Center for Juvenile Policy and Law launches with a grant from the John T. Gorman Foundation. Jill Ward begins as project manager.

■ Professor Christopher Northrop receives "Unsung Hero Award" from the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys.

■ Maine Law receives a grant from Sam L. Cohen Foundation to create the Sam L. Cohen Refugee and Human Rights Clinical Professorship.

## 2018

■ Professor Christopher Northrop receives Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Leadership Award for Excellence in Juvenile Defense from the National Juvenile Defender Center.



## 2019

■ Professor Jim Burke receives the Howard H. Dana, Jr. Award from the Maine Justice Foundation.

## 2020

■ Professor Courtney Beer starts as director of the Prisoner Assistance Clinic, following the retirement of Prof. Burke.



■ Professor Anna Welch receives Thomas P. Downing, Jr. Award.

■ In honor of the Clinic's 50th Anniversary, Maine Law launches a fundraising effort to support Clinic Summer Interns.

■ Maine Supreme Judicial Court expands its student practice rules to allow practice as a student attorney after three semesters of law school.