Christopher Michael Northrop
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Portland, Maine

EMPLOYMENT

University of Maine School of Law – Portland, Maine

Co-Director of Clinical Programs	2022 - present
Director of Summer Clinical Program	2019 - 2022
Professor	2012 - present
Associate Clinical Professor	2007 - 2012
Visiting Clinical Professor	2006 - 2007

Oversee the doctrinal aspects of the Law School's clinical education program including supervision of faculty, program and curriculum development, and coordination with bench, bar, and other legal aid providers. Help develop and oversee the Youth Justice Clinical Program and the Summer Clinical Program; supervision of second and third year law students in their representation of juvenile, criminal and family matters at all stages of litigation including post-judgment motions and appellate advocacy. Supervision of students' independent writing and group study projects.

Gault Center: Consultant 2001 - present
Washington D.C.

Member of investigative teams that observe court hearings and detention centers, conduct interviews with stakeholders, and contribute research, writing, and editing to statewide juvenile defender assessments. Projects include assessments of juvenile defender systems in Kansas, New Hampshire, Missouri, Nebraska, South Carolina, West Virginia, Illinois, Mississippi, Louisiana, Maine and Ohio.

Moulton, Forte & Northrop: Founding Partner 1993 - 2006
Wells, Maine

Legal representation of indigent and low income clients

Pruette, Morey & Northrop: Founding Partner 1989 - 1993
Durham, North Carolina

Education

Juris Doctor, University of North Carolina School of Law
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 1989

Bachelor of Arts, Grinnell College
Grinnell, Iowa 1983

Selected Publications and Podcasts

What's My Age Again? Adolescent Development and the Case for Expanding Original Juvenile Court Jurisdiction and Investing in Alternatives for Emerging Adults Involved in Maine's Justice System, 74 ME.L.REV. 244 (2022), co-authored with Jill Ward, Jonathan Ruterbories and Jess Mizzi

Limited Justice: An Assessment of Access to Counsel and Quality of Representation in Delinquency Proceedings in Kansas, Primary Author Christina Gilbert, National Juvenile Defender Center, December 2, 2020 (contributed research and text as assessment team member)

Undervalued: An Assessment of Access to Counsel and Quality of Representation in Delinquency Proceedings in New Hampshire, Primary Author Amy Borror, National Juvenile Defender Center, August 19, 2020 (contributed research and text as assessment team member)

Juvenile Justice: Past, Present, and Future (parts 1 and 2), The Greater Good Podcast, University of Maine Graduate and Professional Center and WMPG Radio (2019), speaker and co-author with Jill Ward and Jonathan Ruterbories

Kids will be Kids: Time for a "Reasonable Child" Standard for the Proof of Objective Mens Rea Elements, 69 ME.L.REV. 110 (2016), co-author with Kristina Dougherty

Juvenile Training Immersion Program: Coordinator and Trainer's Guide, National Juvenile Defense Center (2014), drafting and review committee

National Juvenile Defense Standards, National Juvenile Defense Center (2013), drafting and review committee

Recent Speaking Engagements

What is Youth? Redefining Jurisdictional Boundaries for Juvenile Court, Gault Center, National Juvenile Defender Summit
San Juan, Puerto Rico on October 15, 2022

2021 Changes to the Maine Juvenile Code, Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, Development Committee and Conference Faculty
Portland, Maine (via Zoom) on October 1, 2021

Juvenile and Education Law, York Bar Association, Speaker
Portland, Maine (via Zoom) on July 16, 2021

Youth Defenders and Implicit Racial Bias, New England Juvenile Defender Center, Development Committee and Conference Faculty
Portland, Maine (via Zoom) on June 25, 2021

Juvenile Defense Training, University of Maine School of Law, Development Committee and Conference Faculty
Portland, Maine on March 12, 2021

Defending Youth in Time of COVID, New England Juvenile Defender Center, Development Committee and Conference Faculty
Portland, Maine on June 26, 2020

Racial Injustice: Reimagining Policy and Public Safety, University of Maine School of Law Racial Injustice Forums, Development Committee and Panelist
Portland, Maine on June 19, 2020

Every Student, All Day, Every Day: Legal Strategies to Keep Maine Kids in School, KIDS Legal, Disability Rights Center of Maine, Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic Education Law Conference, Development Committee and Conference Faculty
Augusta, Maine on November 13, 2019

Litigating Adolescent Development, New England Juvenile Defender Center's Annual Conference, Development Committee and Conference Faculty
Portland, Maine on June 7, 2019

Dual System Involvement: Intersection Between Juvenile Justice and Protective Custody Cases, Maine Judicial Branch Court Improvement Project Conference, Panelist
Newry, Maine on May 2, 2019

Using Adolescent Development to Challenge Mens Rea in Delinquency and Youthful Offender Courts, Green Mountain Juvenile and Criminal Defense Institute, Presenter
Essex Junction, Vermont on June 6, 2018

Using Cross-Clinic Collaborations to Benefit Students, Clients and Communities, Clinical Legal Education Association Annual Conference, Co-Presenter
Denver, Colorado on May 8, 2017

Addressing the Earliest Educational Injustices: How Unconscious Bias Feeds the Preschool-to-Prison Pipeline, Bates College Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observance, Panelist
Lewiston, Maine, January 16, 2017

Professional Activities
Gault Center: Juvenile Training Immersion Program Certified Trainer

Gault Center: Senior Leadership Council

Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, Co-Chair Racial/Ethnic Disparity Committee

Maine Justice Advisory Group, Board Member

York Bar Association, Board Member

Awards

2018 Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Leadership Award for Excellence in Juvenile Defense from the National Juvenile Defender Center for "outstanding dedication and advocacy in the field of juvenile defense"

2017 Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Unsung Hero Award for "highest level of commitment, passion and tireless pursuit of justice in the representation of indigent defendants"

2014 Maine Youth Transition Collaboration Award for my work helping youth transition from foster care to independent living

2009 University of Southern Maine Faculty Senate Award for Excellence in Teaching