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## Employment

University of Maine School of Law – Portland, Maine	
Professor Emeritus, Supervising Professor	2024 - present
Co-Director of Clinical Programs	2022 - 2024
Director of Summer Clinical Program	2019 - 2022
Professor	2012 - 2024
Associate Clinical Professor	2007 - 2012
Visiting Clinical Professor	2006 - 2007
Maine Law: Professor Emeritus, Supervising Professor	2024 - present

Responsible for all aspects of the Law School's Rural Practice Clinic including supervision of student attorneys, coordination between Maine Law and University of Maine at Fort Kent (UMFK) and building relationships between Maine Law and the local community. Class taught: Rural Practice Clinic (Maine Law), Constitutional Law (UMFK).

Maine Law: Professor and Co-Director of Clinical Programs 2012 - 2024

Oversaw 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. Helped develop and oversee the Youth Justice Clinic, the Rural Practice Clinic and the Summer Clinical Program; supervision of student attorneys 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. Classes taught: Juvenile Law (seminar and podium), General Practice Clinic, Youth Justice Clinic.

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 Law Partner 1993 - 2006  
Wells, Maine

## 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 Borrer, 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

*Special Immigrant Juvenile Status in Maine* (Series), Multiple Sponsors Development Committee and Speaker

Portland, Maine on June 26, 2024, for Family Law attorneys

- Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse

Newry, Maine on April 4, 2024, for Judiciary and Attorney General's office

- Maine Judicial Branch, Court Improvement Project

Lewiston, Maine on April 2, 2024, for Parent Attorneys in Protective Custody proceedings

- Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

*Juvenile Defense, Minimum Standards*, Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Panelist, Moderator

Portland, Maine on September 28 – 29, 2023

*What is Youth? Redefining Jurisdictional Boundaries for Juvenile Court*, Gault Center  
Speaker

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 Defense 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*, Maine 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  
Development Committee and Conference Faculty

Augusta, Maine on November 13, 2019

*Litigating Adolescent Development*, New England Juvenile Defender Center  
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: Youth Defender Advocacy 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

### **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