

# A stellar year for CLERKSHIPS

As of November 28, 2018, 21 graduates of the Maine Law Class of 2018, which amounts to 28 percent of the class, have been selected to clerk for judges in 23 clerkships. These coveted positions provide a wealth of experience and are valued stepping stones to subsequent career paths in the legal profession.

Maine Law has an active Clerkship Committee, comprised of faculty members who seek to build meaningful relationships with members of the judiciary, to educate and advise students about opportunities for clerkships, and to assist students throughout the application process. Professor Sara Wolff is the current chair of that committee.

Congratulating our graduates, she said: "We are so proud of our Class of 2018 and their successes in securing clerk-

ships this year. I think it is a testament to the high caliber of our students and their reputations in the legal community for excellence in reasoning and judgment, writing, research, and professionalism. We are thrilled for the Class of 2018, and we look forward to seeing them thrive in their positions."

"I would like to applaud the efforts of our graduates as well as the faculty on the Clerkship Committee," said Dean Danielle Conway. "The Committee's one-on-one work with our students to guide them through the clerkship application process is just one of many examples of Maine Law's commitment to each and every student. All of our students have direct access to personalized career guidance from our faculty, staff, and alumni during their time at the Law School."

## Class of 2018 clerkship placements

### U.S. Court of Appeals

- > **Sara Cressey** (First Circuit, Hon. Kermit V. Lipez; for the 2019-2020 term year)

### U.S. District Court

- > **Bonnie Ball** (District of Maine, Hon. John H. Rich III, U.S. Magistrate Judge; for the 2019-2020 term year)
- > **Katie Bressler** (District of Maine, Hon. Lance Walker '00)
- > **Sara Cressey** (District of Maine, Hon. Jon D. Levy)
- > **Carolyn Liegner** (District of Maine, Hon. John A. Woodcock, Jr. '76)
- > **Isaac McMahan** (Eastern District of Tennessee, Hon. Pamela L. Reeves; for the 2019-2020 term year)
- > **Bill Wahrer** (District of Maine, Hon. John A. Woodcock, Jr. '76)

### Immigration Court

- > **Noel Sidorek** (Omaha Immigration Court, Omaha, Nebraska, under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Chief Immigration Judge)



**28 PERCENT**  
Proportion of Maine  
Law Class of 2018  
earning federal or state  
clerkships

**10 PERCENT**  
Average national  
proportion for students  
earning clerkships

### Maine Supreme Judicial Court

- > **Bonnie Ball** (Hon. Leigh Saufley '80, Chief Justice)
- > **Cyrus Cheslak** (Hon. Thomas Humphrey, Associate Justice)

- > **Alexandra Harriman** (Hon. Andrew Mead, Associate Justice)
- > **Casey Olesen** (Hon. Joseph Jabar '71, Associate Justice)
- > **Ariel Pardee** (Hon. Jeffrey Hjelm, Associate Justice)
- > **Hanni Pastinen** (Hon. Donald Alexander, Associate Justice)
- > **Kurt Petersen** (Hon. Joseph Jabar '71, Associate Justice)
- > **Michael G. Walker** (Hon. Donald Alexander, Associate Justice)

### Maine Superior Court

- > **Joshua Avery** (Cumberland/York)
- > **Jana Kenney** (Bangor)
- > **Nicole Mason** (Augusta)

### Maine District Court

- > **Shannon Flaherty**
- > **Amanda LaBelle**
- > **Matt Simone**

### State of Connecticut, Superior Court

- > **Tara Golson**