

WELCOME TO THE CLASS OF 2025



# CAMPUS MAP

University of Southern Maine



1. University of Maine School of Law
2. Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic
3. Luther Bonney Hall
  - > Student Financial Services
  - > Campus Card Center
  - > Food/Coffee
4. Sullivan Gym
5. Woodbury Campus Center - **Currently Under Construction**
  - > Food court
  - > USM Bookstore
6. Abromson Center & Parking Garage



# DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

Location: Maine Law Building ■ 246 Deering

- 9:30 AM**     **Sign in and Refreshments** (Maine Law Lobby)
- 10:00 AM**     **Welcome**  
Leigh I. Saufley '80, Dean  
Caroline Wilshusen '07, Associate Dean for Admissions
- 10:30 AM**     **Introduction of the Class of 2025**
- 11:30 AM**     **Introduction of Faculty & Staff**
- NOON**         **Lunch** (Maine Law Lawn)
- 1:00 PM**     **Technology Essentials** (Moot Courtroom)
- 1:20 PM**     **Class Photo** (Maine Law Lawn)
- 1:30 PM**     **Breakout Sessions:** (Sessions repeat on the half hour.)

## Professional Headshot

*2nd Floor Student Lounge*

■ Please review breakout session assignments for timeslot or see postings in the lobby. [This is a mandatory, scheduled session.](#)

## Student Organization Fair

*2nd Floor Annex*

■ Student organizations — such as the Student Bar Association, the Multicultural Law Society, the Maine Association for Public Interest Law, the Women's Law Association, LGBTQ+ Law and Policy Group, Maine Law Information Privacy Association, and the Environmental and Energy Law Society — provide excellent support, networking opportunities, professional development and valuable information that will enhance your legal education. There are also organizations to support your wellness at Maine Law including: Maine Law Soccer, the Student Mental Health Alliance, and more. Please join us to meet members of these important organizations.

## Career Development

*Middle Classroom*

■ Meet Maine Law's Director of Career Development and get a quick overview of your path through law school toward a legal career. We'll talk about your job search timeline — particularly the fact that you don't need to worry about it for most of your first semester — and the things you have to offer that will impress legal employers. Bring your questions!

## Open Conversation on the lawn

■ You are welcome to take a break on the front lawn if you wish.

## Staying Healthy and Happy in Law School

*1L Classroom*

■ Congratulations! You've chosen a challenging path. Most law students find they are stretched intellectually, socially, and financially by law school. It can be uncomfortable, lonely and bewildering at times. This session, led by Dean Mason in Student Affairs, will introduce you to some of the resources and strategies you can use in times of stress — or offer to your friends when they're struggling. You'll leave with a personal strategy to optimize your mental and physical well-being while you adjust to the demands of your new learning environment.

## Academic Success Program

*Moot Classroom*

■ Maine Law is committed to your success as a law student and ultimately a legal professional, including helping you succeed academically! This session will introduce you to the variety of resources available to you to support your first year studies. Meet the 2022-23 2L ASP Teaching Fellows, learn about the opportunities available to help you transition to the rigor of preparing for the law class experience and discuss how law school assessments fit into your preparation for class, your reading assignments and your study and outlining workload. Professor Greg Bordelon will walk with you on your path to academic success at Maine Law - from 1L year to the bar exam!

## Welcome to the Library

*3rd Floor Circulation Desk*

■ The Law Library Breakout Session will include a tour of Library spaces, including quiet study spaces, accessing the Library on weekends and in the evening. We will start at the Circulation Desk on the Third Floor directly off the main elevator before heading to additional library spaces on the second and third floor. The Circulation Desk is where you will be able to check out print Faculty Reserves for your courses and Special Reserves. We will discuss using your Library card at Maine Law and how to request materials from other Libraries in the University of Maine System. There will be a brief overview of using the Canon Machines for scanning to pdf, printing, and photocopying. Plus meet the Library staff.

## Technology Support

*Room 118*

■ Still having trouble connecting to the wi-fi? What did they say about printers? Please feel free to join the technology team for individual technology support.

## Meet the Maine Law Registrar

*Room 122*

■ She may be the most important person in the building! She can answer your questions about course registration, exam processes, the MyLawPortal, loan deferments and more. Please drop by and bring your questions.

**4:30 PM**     **Closing Remarks**

**5PM - 7PM:**   **Community Celebration:** 27 Pearl Street Rooftop

## DAY 2: THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Location: Maine Law Building ■ 246 Deering

- 9:00 AM**      **Sign in and Refreshments** (Maine Law Lobby)
- 9:25 AM**      **Welcome Back** (Moot Courtroom)  
Caroline Wilshusen, Associate Dean for Admissions
- 9:30 AM**      **Building Your Legal Reputation** (Moot Courtroom)  
Leigh I. Saufley, Dean  
Professor Beth Richardson, Director of Field Placements and Pro Bono
- 10:00 AM**     **Duty to Disclose, Academic Requirements,  
Policies & Procedures** (Moot Courtroom)  
Dmitry Bam, Vice Dean  
Professor Greg Bordelon, Director of the Academic Success Program  
Scheherazade Mason '01, Dean of Students  
Caroline Wilshusen, Associate Dean for Admissions
- 10:30 AM**     **Break**
- 11:00 AM**     **Introduction to Legal Writing** (Moot Courtroom)
- 11:30 AM**     **Break for Lunch: Meet Your Faculty Advisor**
- 1:00 PM**      **Briefing a Case with Your Legal Writing TAs**
- 2:00 PM**      **Break**
- 2:30 PM**      **Brave Spaces** (Moot Courtroom)  
Aisha Simon, 3L  
Andrés Kenney, 3L
- 4:00 PM**      **Lemonade, Iced Tea on the Lawn**



## DAY 3: FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Location: Maine Law Building ■ 246 Deering

- 9:00 AM**     **Sign in and Refreshments** (Maine Law Lobby)
- 9:25 AM**     **Welcome Back**  
Caroline Wilshusen, Associate Dean for Admissions  
Scheherazade Mason, Dean of Students
- 9:30 AM**     **Conversation: Your Obligations as a Law Student** (Moot Courtroom)  
Lawyers occupy a position in society with particular privileges and ethical responsibilities. Some of these demands and obligations begin in law school. In this session, you and your classmates will discuss hypothetical situations you could encounter as a law student, to help you understand your duties, your choices, and the supports available to you when you encounter ethical challenges.
- 10:30 PM**     **Break**
- 11:00 AM**     **Introduction to the Case Method** (Moot Courtroom)  
Anthony Moffa, Associate Professor
- NOON**         **BBQ Lunch on the Front Lawn**
- 1:00 PM**     **OPTIONAL SESSION: Overcoming Doubt** (Moot Courtroom)  
By now, you've met some pretty impressive people, and heard a lot of talk about the challenges ahead for you. If you're like many law students, there's a part of you that's excited and a part of you that's intimidated. You might have already wondered *What have I gotten myself into? Do I belong here? Can I do this?* These are common thoughts — but they're not always easy to talk about. This session can help you recognize some sources of anxiety and fear, and the ways to recognize, reframe, and overcome it.

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## ORIENTATION +

Please mark your calendars for these important sessions.

All sessions will be held in the 1L Classroom at the lunch break, unless otherwise indicated.

- September 1**     **Lunch with the Student Affairs Team**  
Travis Clough and Dean Mason want to buy you lunch, and let you know how they can help you thrive in law school. This session will introduce you to the supports and services your Student Affairs team offers to help you feel connected and successful at law school. We'll leave ample time for you to ask questions and/or share your ideas and requests — or just head out and review your reading before class....
- September 8**     **Academic Planning** Information to come from Emily
- September 22**     **Library Open House** (3rd Floor Circulation Desk)
- September 29**     **Building Your Law School Budget** (12:15–1:00 PM)
- October 6**         **Job Search & Timeline** (12:15–1:00 PM)  
Learn about the general timeline for searching for internships and jobs, review Career Services Office resources, and get introduced to Symplicity.
- October 13**     **Networking & Applying for Jobs** (12:15–1:00 PM)  
Learn how to connect with and expand your network and what legal employers look for in job applications.

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**The American Constitution Society** ([acs@maine.edu](mailto:acs@maine.edu)) works for positive change by shaping debate on vitally important legal and constitutional issues through development and promotion of high impact ideas to opinion leaders and the media. ACS strives to make a difference in the constitutional, legal, and public policy debates that shape our democracy.

**Black Law Student Association** ([blsa@maine.edu](mailto:blsa@maine.edu)) The National Black Law Students Association, founded in 1968, is a nationwide organization formed to articulate and promote the needs and goals of black law students and effectuates change in the legal community.

**The Business Law Association** ([bla@maine.edu](mailto:bla@maine.edu)) aims to provide a forum for law students interested in business and corporate law, information concerning business law courses, programs, and future careers in the field, and promote an understanding of current legal and corporate issues. This year we plan to hold several events showcasing local attorneys speaking on issues they see in practice of business law. We are planning on an event featuring negotiation skills and one featuring a general discussion of transactional law issues.

**The Energy and Environmental Law Society** ([EELS@maine.edu](mailto:EELS@maine.edu)) provides law students a forum to discuss, understand, and gain access to the fields of not only environmental and energy law, but also to the Maine lawyers and employers active in these and related fields. Environmental and energy law are remarkably broad and include areas often viewed separately. Such areas include land use, real estate, torts, state and local government, administrative law, food and animal law, climate change, ocean and coastal law, and marine law. EELS, in coordination with E2Tech, organizes fundraising opportunities, educational panel discussions, and community events to promote engagement.

**If/When/How** ([lsrj@maine.edu](mailto:lsrj@maine.edu)) trains, networks, and mobilizes law students and legal professionals to work within and beyond the legal system to champion reproductive justice. In collaboration with communities, organizations, and movements, we work to ensure all people - especially those most likely to face reproductive injustice - have the ability to decide if, when, and how to create and sustain a family. The Maine Law chapter is one of over seventy law student chapters of the national If/When/How organization.

**The LGBT+ Law & Policy Group** ([lawlgbt@maine.edu](mailto:lawlgbt@maine.edu)) serves as an educational, political, and social group for the LGBT community at Maine Law and is dedicated to the inclusion of all people who are interested in furthering the goals of the LGBT community. We sponsor an array of events that increase awareness of both the issues that impact LGBT people and the unique legal concerns of the LGBT community.

**Maine Association for Public Interest Law** ([mapil@maine.edu](mailto:mapil@maine.edu)) is a student group focused on public interest law. The group is committed to mobilizing the next generation of lawyers to be committed to equal justice. To achieve this we offer opportunities for pro bono hours and community service opportunities while in law school. We engage with surrounding agencies that serve the poorest and most vulnerable populations. We also have an annual auction to raise money for fellowships.

**The Maine Juvenile Law Society** ([mjls@maine.edu](mailto:mjls@maine.edu)) focuses on the interactions that occur between juveniles and the legal system. Through facilitating group discussions on and educating other students about the overall juvenile justice system, MJLS works to raise awareness about relevant concerns as well as benefits that could come with having a separate system for juveniles. The MJLS achieves these goals through community meetings featuring professors, students, and local attorneys.

**The Maine Law Basketball Association** ([lawbball@maine.edu](mailto:lawbball@maine.edu)) The Maine Law Basketball Association was established in 2009. While the group's membership cuts across all classes including alumni, genders and skill levels, there is one unifying attribute of its members: an emphasis on fun and comity. We are dedicated to helping students achieve a life/work balance while at school; fostering networking; and honing team-working skills.



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**The Maine Law Information Privacy Association** ([mainelaw.infoprivacy@maine.edu](mailto:mainelaw.infoprivacy@maine.edu)) provides Maine Law students with information about current topics and trends in information privacy law. The organization also helps to share information with students about the Maine Law Certificate in Information Privacy, and general information about the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). The group helps students to network and learn more about employment in the privacy industry in Maine, New England, and the United States.

**Maine Law Soccer** ([lawsoccer@maine.edu](mailto:lawsoccer@maine.edu)) is a group of students who get together throughout the school year to play pick up soccer in a league. The team typically consists of those who show an active interest by reaching out to the student group president, but anyone interested in getting together to play soccer is welcome to join.

**Maine Law Together (MLT)** ([mainelaw.together@maine.edu](mailto:mainelaw.together@maine.edu)) is committed to creating and maintaining a supportive environment at Maine Law. This will be a place where students can feel comfortable discussing any and all difficulties that come with being a law student, such as cold calls, anxiety, self-doubt, parenthood, partnership, and so much more. Regular meetings will be held, and events/programming will be focused on trauma-informed lawyering, mental health, mindfulness and more! MLT's existence will strengthen the community at the Law School and will ultimately contribute to a healthy shift in the entire Maine Legal Community; thus, creating better educational, professional, personal, and client outcomes.

**Maritime Law Society (MLS)** Maritime law, or admiralty law, is a combination of domestic and international laws that covers contracts, torts, injuries or offenses that take place on navigable waters. MLS serves students interested in, or who want to learn more about, maritime law and other maritime activities in the State of Maine. MLS will have professional networking and other fun events to learn more about this exciting field and take advantage of our unique location to the Port of Portland, New England's second-largest tonnage seaport and one of the largest oil ports on the East Coast.

**The Multicultural Law Society** ([multicultural@maine.edu](mailto:multicultural@maine.edu)) focuses on issues impacting underrepresented ethnic groups, including Maine's refugee population. We are passionate about equal rights and fair treatment for everyone. We seek to create a forum for the community to address legal barriers affecting multicultural groups; educate ourselves and our classmates on the disproportionate impact of the current legal practices on communities of color; engage with community leaders to help meet the needs of the under-represented; and inspire current college and high school students to consider a career in law.

**The Student Animal Legal Defense Fund** ([saldf@maine.edu](mailto:saldf@maine.edu)) is a group focused on informing the Maine Law community about current legal issues in animal rights and animal welfare law. We also seek to educate and carry out projects for organizations involved in animal welfare/rights.

**The Women's Law Association** ([wla@maine.edu](mailto:wla@maine.edu)) was developed in response to the increased awareness of the impact of the law on women and the impact of the growing number of women attorneys on the law. Through its educational activities, the WLA encourages the development of a network among women at Maine Law; women practitioners in all branches of the legal field; women in the judiciary; and organizations in the state that are concerned with the issues affecting women.

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Instagram: [UMaineLaw](#)

Twitter: [@UMaineLaw](#)  
MyLaw Portal: [my.law.maine.edu](http://my.law.maine.edu)

**FALL SEMESTER 2022**

<b>August</b>	24-26	Wednesday-Friday	Orientation
	26	Friday	Add/Drop ends for Professional Skills Course
	29	Monday	Fall Term Begins
<b>September</b>	2	Friday	Add/Drop (other than professional skills courses) ends 4:00 pm
	5	Monday	Labor Day (No classes)
	9	Friday	Last Day to Select P/F Option 4:00 pm
<b>October</b>	10	Monday	Indigenous Peoples' Day (No classes)
<b>November</b>	7-11	Monday-Friday	Spring 2023 Priority Registration Week
	11	Friday	Veterans' Day (No classes)**
	23-27	Wednesday-Sunday	Thanksgiving Recess (No classes)
	29	Tuesday	Monday Schedule
<b>December</b>	2	Friday	All classes end
	8	Thursday	Examination period begins for all classes, 9:00 am
	20	Tuesday	Examination period ends

\*\*\*To comply with ABA Standard 310, classes scheduled to be held on this day must be made up before the end of term

**SPRING SEMESTER 2023**

<b>January</b>	13	Friday	Add/Drop ends for Professional Skills Courses
	16	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No classes)
	17	Tuesday	Spring term begins
	23	Monday	Add/Drop (other than professional skills courses) ends 4:00 pm
	30	Monday	Last Day to Select P/F Option 4:00 pm
<b>February</b>	20	Monday	President's Day (no classes)
<b>March</b>	13-17	Monday-Sunday	Spring Recess (no classes)
<b>April</b>	3-7	Monday-Friday	Fall 2023 Priority Registration Week
	25	Tuesday	Monday Schedule; All classes end
<b>May</b>	1	Monday	Examination period begins for all classes, 9:00am
	11	Thursday	Examination period ends
	20	Saturday	Graduation

**SUMMER SEMESTER 2023**

<b>May</b>	22	Monday	Summer session begins
	29	Monday	Memorial Day (No classes)
<b>June</b>	19	Monday	Juneteenth (No classes)
<b>July</b>	4	Tuesday	Independence Day (No classes)
	13	Thursday	All classes end
	17	Monday	Examination period begins for all classes, 9:00 am
	20	Thursday	Examination period ends

**Note:** Examination periods are an integral part of the academic calendar. Students must be available to sit for examinations during the designated period regardless of their individual examination schedules; this includes regularly scheduled examinations on Saturdays. Examinations may be rescheduled (due to inclement weather or some other unforeseeable event) during the period and students will be expected to be present at the newly appointed time.