



# **Personal Attention**

# By design, Maine Law is one of the smallest law schools in the country

We take pride in providing the personal attention that few schools can match, a focus on hands-on learning, and a world-class faculty drawn to our incredible setting on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. Maine Law graduates are public and private sector leaders regionally and around the world. They are judges, elected officials, lawyers in a wide range of practice, CEOs, activists, authors, and arbitrators.

The three-year curriculum offers courses that range from the bedrock foundation of the Socratic Law education and the work of its Cumberland method, to legal aid clinics where students represent real clients in real Maine courts. The underlying purpose of the curriculum is to give students a solid foundation in legal analysis and practical lawyering skills that will serve them well in any field they choose to pursue.

Below is a sampling of popular concentrations:

**Certificate in Information Privacy Law:** In the digital age, data breaches and cybersecurity issues regularly make headlines, and personal information is a coveted commodity. Our legal structure must protect privacy rights while preserving commerce and innovation. Maine Law offers unique opportunities and access in information privacy law. We offer a Certificate in Information Privacy, the Information Privacy Summer Institute, and deep connections to the international Information Privacy community.

## **Certificate in Environmental and Oceans Law:**

Maine Law faculty are at the forefront of research and policy in these rich and wide-ranging areas of study. From our Arctic Summer Institute, to practicums in energy and environmental law, to nationally recognized scholarship around land use, renewable energy, and other sustainable development, our faculty are leading national discourse.

### **Certificate in Public Interest and Social Justice**

**Law:** While the Public Interest and Social Justice certificate is a recent offering from Maine Law, it is not a nascent area of focus for the school. These

issues have long been foundational to a Maine Legal Aid Clinic (CLAC). The certificate mandates certain required courses, one of which is Social Justice & The Public Interest, as well as completion of a certain number of additional courses. Experiential learning is also a requirement, and students must complete at least one semester of work with the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic and may also elect to complete a pertinent externship, job, or practicum course.

**Certificate in Transactional Law:** Lawyers play a pivotal role in a wide range of transactions and other matters distinct from litigation. A foundation in business law, negotiation skills, statutory analysis, and public policy is critical for lawyers engaged in litigation and nonlitigation practices alike, and in their civic leadership activity. Maine Law offers a rich mix of curricular and fieldwork opportunities in corporate law, tax, finance, non-profits, economic development, commercial law, intellectual property, compliance, land use, bankruptcy, and more.

**Criminal Law:** In addition to core criminal law doctrinal course offerings, students also have a myriad of clinical and other experiential learning opportunities to prepare themselves for the practice of criminal law.

Certificate in Compliance: In addition to our J.D. compliance offerings, Maine Law offers a Compliance Certificate Program for nonlawyers that stresses skill building for compliance professionals.















# Legal education. Built around you.

An education that is individually tailored to you from day one. Small classes where you develop close bonds with classmates and professors. Legal aid clinics where you represent real clients and learn how to work like a lawyer, not just think like one. A network of people who care about your success during law school and beyond. An ideal location in a city that has been described as a gem of the East Coast.

If this is what you are looking for in a law school,

Maine Law might be the place for you.





## **Dual Degree Opportunities**

### J.D./M.B.A. (4 years)

With the University of Maine Graduate School of Business

### J.D./M.P.H. (4 years)

With the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine

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With the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine

## **Study Abroad Opportunities**

Maine Law offers international exchanges with the following institutions:

- Arctic University of Norway (Tromsø, Norway)
- Cergy Paris University (France)
- National University of Ireland (Galway)
- Reykjavik University School of Law (Iceland)
- Tsinghua University School of Law (Beijing, China)
- Université Le Mans (Le Mans, France)
- University of Rennes 1 (France)
- University of Greenland (Greenland)

#### **Law Journals**

**Maine Law Review:** The Maine Law Review is published twice annually by second and third year students at Maine Law. The Law Review contains case notes and comments written by our students on current legal problems, as well as articles by judges, professors, and practitioners on pertinent legal issues.

Ocean and Coastal Law Journal: The Ocean and Coastal Law Journal (OCLJ) is dedicated to facilitating discourse on legal issues related to domestic and international use of the sea and seashores. It is published by second and third year students at Maine Law. Volumes include articles by practitioners and scholars, as well as comments and case notes written by stu-

dents addressing issues of marine resource regulation, coastal zone management, marine environmental protection, and other topics of importance in the field of ocean and coastal law.

Student Journal of Information Privacy Law: The Student Journal of Information Privacy Law (SJIPL) is dedicated to publishing student-authored scholarship on the topic of information privacy law. Published papers may be written by students at Maine Law or submitted from students at other schools. The SJIPL publishes three categories of work: (a) shorter-form commentary blog posts; (b) papers written by Maine Law students to satisfy their Information Privacy Law Certificate requirement; and (c) traditional law journal articles, in paginated volumes published online. The SJIPL is published by second and third year students at the University of Maine School of Law.

# **Selected Signature Events**

**Justice For Women Lecture Series:** We bring a distinguished speaker to Maine annually to present a public lecture and to contribute to a global conversation about justice for women and girls in the developing world. Past lecture topics have included: the human rights crisis in Mexico; the struggle for human rights in Syria; food insecurity; and ending sex trafficking in India.

#### **Judge Frank M. Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service:**

Every fall, we host a distinguished speaker to present a lecture in honor of the late Judge Frank M. Coffin, a longtime federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, former member of Congress, and renowned leader and mentor in public service. Past lecturers have included Mary Bonauto, Civil Rights Project Director, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders; and Kevin Gover, Director of the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of the American Indian, among many others.

**Academic Success Program at Maine Law:** Maine Law offers a full array of academic success programming, including a mini bar exam for first year students, academic success teaching fellows in all first year doctrinal classes, a bar preparation class for third year students, and a faculty director of our academic success program.







# **Learning by Doing**

# Externships, Semesters-in-Practice, and Experiential Learning Opportunities

## **Externships**

Maine Law's Externship Program allows students to work alongside seasoned attorneys and judges for academic credit. Depending on the placement, students in the Externship Program handle advocacy, policy, regulatory enforcement, and transactional legal matters, and may have the opportunity to practice as a student attorney during their third year of law school.

Recent externship placements include:

- Corporate: TD Bank N.A.; Cianbro Corporation; Foreside Financial Group, LLC; WEX
- **Criminal:** Offices of the United States Attorney and the Maine Attorney General; Federal Defender's Office; various District Attorney and public defender offices
- Environmental: Conservation Law Foundation; Maine Attorney General's Office – Natural Resources Division; Maine Department of Environmental Protection; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- **Health:** InterMed P.A.; Mercy Hospital; Maine Medical Association; Consumers for Affordable Health Care; Penobscot Community Health Care; MaineHealth
- Judicial Externships: State District Court; U.S. Bankruptcy Court; U.S. District Court (Maine); U.S. Court of Appeals (First Circuit)
- **Privacy:** International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP); Elsevier; RXAnte; Maine Attorney General's Office Public Access Ombudsman
- Public Interest: Disability Rights Maine; Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP); Legal Services for the Elderly; Pine Tree Legal Assistance
- **Create Your Own Externship:** In addition to regularly offered externship placements, students can also create their own externships at any number of courts, agencies, or institutions.

#### **Semester in Practice**

The Semester in Practice Externship Program allows selected students the unique opportunity to spend an entire semester working alongside a seasoned attorney. This is a full-time externship, which provides 12-14 credits for the semester anywhere in the country or the world.

### **Rural Pathway**

Rural communities face a crisis in their access to justice. A lack of access to lawyers, and by definition justice, threatens to grow significantly worse due to changing demographics and an aging legal workforce. Maine Law has emerged as a leader in efforts to develop the next generation of rural lawyers. Through the innovative Rural Lawyer Project and Rural Legal Aid Clinic, we are comprehensively tackling a serious problem that confronts Maine and other states. In 2017, with funding from the Maine Justice Foundation, Maine Law launched a program to combat this problem by awarding paid summer fellowships to students to work in law offices in Maine's most rural counties. The Rural Law Fellowships pair students with rural lawyers who serve as mentors, and provide direct exposure to rural practice and inspire them to pursue careers in these communities.

#### **Moot Court**

The Moot Court Board at Maine Law is available to selected students during their second and third year. The Board has up to six teams that travel to moot court competitions across the U.S. Recent Moot Court Teams have won multiple awards including Prize Brief in the Brown Admiralty Law Competition, two prize arguers in the Gibbons Criminal Procedure competition, and the Prize Brief in the Jessup International Law Competition.

At Maine Law students are guaranteed a clinical or externship experience.









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# **Learning by Doing**

# The Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic Programs and Policy Initiatives

Refugee and Human Rights Clinic: In the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic (RHRC), students serve as the attorneys assisting low income immigrants through a broad range of cases and projects. Maine Law students are responding to immigration crises as they arise, including working with the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project, an immigration non-profit in Maine, by helping conduct intakes and education presentations to the newly arrived asylum seekers in Portland, Maine. Students enrolled in the RHRC have also traveled to Laredo, Texas, to volunteer in week- or semester-long increments with the Laredo Project, a collaboration between Jones Day and the Rio Grande Legal Aid. Students' work involves conducting intakes with detained women and assessing their eligibility for relief from deportation.

**Youth Justice Clinic and the Center for Youth Policy and Law:** The Youth Justice Clinic provides students the opportunity to address the needs of troubled children in a number of diverse settings. Students in the Youth Justice Clinic frequently collaborate with local agencies to assist clients in meeting educational, mental health, and housing needs. With guidance and instruction from a faculty supervisor, student attorneys meet with clients and their families, attend school meetings, file motions, appear in court, and take the lead in developing programs for their clients designed to avoid both incarceration and recidivism. Students also work with other legal aid attorneys at the collaborative "Tuesdays at the Teen Center" project, which involves weekly meetings with homeless teens at the Preble Street Teen Center to provide free legal advice, resource referrals, and an occasional pizza. Established in 2017 with a grant from the John T. Gorman Foundation, the Youth Justice Clinic and the Center for Youth Policy and Law (YJCCYPL) supports Youth Justice Clinic students and faculty in their policy work. Students work with the YJCCYPL, Maine's Youth Justice Advisory Group, and Criminal Law Advisory Committee to research, draft, and advocate for proposed legislation.

**Prisoner Assistance Clinic:** Prisoners and their families face difficult circumstances for managing parental rights, probate, and other civil matters. Whether these issues are related to the incarceration or independent of it, they require legal counsel often impossible for prisoners to obtain. The Prisoner Assistance Clinic helps inmates at the Maine Correctional Center in Windham in the Men's, Women's, and Pre-Release Units. Third year law students,

who have been sworn in as student attorneys, meet with their clients in the prison to assist them with their civil legal matters.

**Rural Practice Clinic:** This program was developed to offer students interested in rural practice an opportunity to experience the benefits that come with living and working in a rural region while helping to provide legal services to a chronically underserved region. In partnership with the University of Maine at Fort Kent (UMFK), Maine Law's Rural Practice Clinic provides residents of northern Maine assistance with a wide variety of legal issues. Students are housed on the campus of UMFK at no cost to the student. While living in Fort Kent and participating in the Rural Practice Clinic, each student is expected to maintain a caseload and represent clients in legal matters including Criminal Defense, Protective Custody, Family Matters, Debt Collection Defense, and Foreclosure Defense. In addition to assisting clients in longer-term litigation, Rural Practice Clinic students provide short term, limited representation to community members in civil and criminal matters.

Protection from Abuse Program: Most students enrolled in Clinic courses also participate in the Protection from Abuse Program, where they represent victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Clinic student attorneys work closely with court advocates from Safe Voices, a non-profit organization based in Lewiston-Auburn. The Clinic's work in this program is highly valued by the courts. With the assistance of counsel, most cases are settled without a trial. If an agreed resolution of the case cannot be reached through negotiation, the student attorney represents the client at trial.

General Practice Clinic: Each student in the General Practice Clinic maintains a caseload and represents several low income individuals in various areas of the law. Student attorneys interview and counsel clients, develop case theories, conduct discovery, negotiate with opposing parties, prepare cases for court, and conduct hearings, trials, and appeals. Students regularly brief and argue cases before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court and participate in hundreds of matters before Maine's federal, state, and probate courts, and administrative agencies. Student attorneys take on a wide range of case types in the General Practice Clinic, from criminal defense to family law to consumer law.

"We believe the best way to learn how to practice law is by practicing law."

- Deirdre Smith, Professor of Law









# Our Alumni at Work

# Maine Law is on the move.



Ioann Bautista Class of 2018 **Deputy Secretary of State** 

for the State of Maine, Augusta, ME Hometown: Sheldon, Iowa

My clinical experience helped me develop my communications skills and apply the theoretical concepts of the classroom.



Adam Cohen Class of 2022 Associate Attorney at Klein Hornig, LLP,

Washington DC

**Practice Focus: Affordable Housing and** 

**Community Development Hometown: Portland, Maine** 

I can't speak highly enough about the rigor and quality of legal education I received at Maine Law and how well it prepared me to hit the ground running during my first year as an attorney.



Heather Kenyon Class of 2022

**Science and Advocacy Associate** at Friends of Casco Bay, **South Portland, ME** Hometown: Baldwinsville, New York

Maine Law boasts professors that are high caliber and supportive, and an administration that is accessible and willing to listen to, and learn from, its student body.



Camrin Rivera Class of 2022 Associate Attorney, Perkins Thompson,

**Practice Focus: Immigration and Litigation** Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah

Maine Law is truly unique because it is a small community with an equal opportunity to that of larger institutions. It was clear from my visit that I would receive an excellent education, unmatched professional experience in the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic, and develop lasting relationships with my peers.

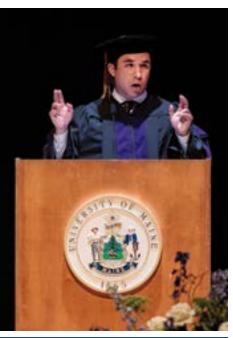


Josh Rosen Class of 2022 JD/MBA Foley Hoag, LLP, Boston, MA **Practice Focus: Energy & Climate Law** 

# **Hometown: Portland, Maine**

The University of Maine exposed me to opportunities with business. government, and law, and highlighted the path to securing a career like this one. The education I gained through the University of Maine, the support I received from my advisors, the personal connections made along the way, all of that set me up for success.





# **MAINE LAW CLASS OF 2022 BY THE NUMBERS**

of graduates are employed in JD and JD advantage jobs (89%) or pursuing a further degree (5.5%).

16.4%

of graduates have clerkships in federal and state courts.

of graduates are working at large firms with 100+ attorneys.

# EXAMPLES

**NATIONAL FIRMS:** 📕 Foley Hoag (Boston) 📕 Metaverse Law (Newport Beach, CA) 🛚 Klein Hornig (DC)

**MAINE FIRMS:** Graduates are employed in 24 Maine law firms.

**PUBLIC INTEREST:** Pine Tree Legal Maine Equal Justice Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services





# **Our Home**

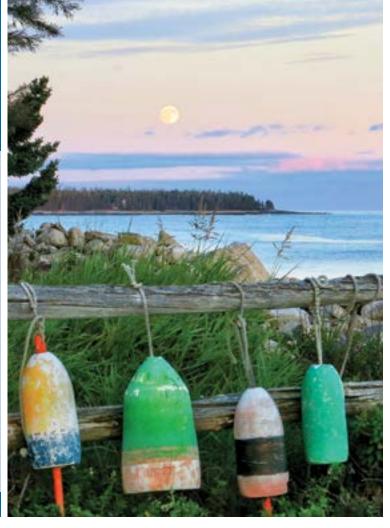
# Maine: Yes. Life's Good Here.

The University of Maine School of Law reaches all corners of the state. Strong connections to the legal community throughout Maine create myriad opportunities for students to have real impact, even as a law student. Maine Law students are drafting and lobbying for new legislation, arguing in front of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, externing for federal and state judges, and working on policy issues that have national impact.



Engaging with our communities: In response to a rural access to justice crisis in Maine and across the country, Maine Law established the Rural Lawyer Project in 2017. The program pairs students with rural lawyers who serve as mentors, and provides students with direct exposure to rural practice to inspire them to consider pursuing careers in these communities.





# **Portland, Maine**

# Think about the ideal place to study law.

It should have the amenities that are most important to you, whether that means a diverse selection of local food or easy escapes into nature. It should be full of energy. No matter how far you are from your original hometown, you want it to feel like home.

For Maine Law students, that place is Portland. The city is regularly selected for inclusion on new top 10 lists; it's been deemed one of the best places in the U.S. to raise kids, live, find a job, and perhaps most importantly, to eat! Portland is a favorite of Washington Post and New York Times reporters.

With over 60,000 residents in the city proper (there are closer to 520,000 in the Metropolitan Statistical Area), Maine's largest city would be considered small by many standards. But with a thriving music and art community, exceptional restaurants and breweries, and minor league baseball and basketball, there is always something to do in Portland. For those interested in outdoor activities – surfing, swimming, boating, hiking, fishing, island-hopping, mountain climbing, and skiing are an easy drive. Portland is also home to a vibrant and growing multicultural population. Students enrolled in Portland public schools speak more than 60 languages.









# Admissions

# The Application Process

We accept applications electronically through the Law School Admission Council's (LSAC) website. Visit them at LSAC.org for comprehensive instructions.

**Eligibility:** You must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year institution by the time you begin study at Maine Law or be enrolled in one of our accelerated law programs (3+3). You can find a list of participating 3+3 institutions on our website (mainelaw.maine. edu). In addition, each applicant must have taken the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) within the past five years and have registered with LSAC's Credential Assembly Services (CAS).

Application Timeline: Applications open on September 15th and close on July 15th. Decisions are made on a rolling basis until the class is filled. We strongly encourage applicants to apply early and take the LSAT no later than January. Applicants who apply by March 1st are notified of a decision by April 15th. All other applicants will be notified on a rolling basis based on the timing of their application.

### **Early Action, Non-Binding Application**

**Program:** Applications submitted by November 15th with all supporting documents filed no later than December 1st will receive a decision by December 31st.

**Standards for Admission:** Maine Law is, by design, one of the smallest law schools in the country. We read and consider all aspects of your application and are committed to creating a well-rounded community of scholars and students. Age, class, lived experience, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic, and career background are all considered and necessary for a vital community. This diversity is a critical factor in student growth.

**Law School Admissions Test (LSAT):** We strongly encourage you to take the LSAT no later than January of the year you intend to matriculate. Your LSAT must have been taken within the last five years.

**Academic Transcripts:** Final academic transcripts from each college or university you have attended must be submitted to LSAC.

Letters of Recommendation: We require at least two letters of recommendation and no more than four. At least one letter from a professor who knows you well and can assess your academic performance and potential for the study of law is preferred. We also welcome letters from employers or supervisors who know you well and can evaluate your work ethic, judgment, motivation, communication skills, and other qualities that would make you a successful candidate.

**Character and Fitness Addendum:** All applicants with character and fitness disclosures must submit an explanatory addendum.

**Resume:** All applicants must include a resume or CV with their application.

**Personal Statement:** A personal statement, written in your own words, is required. It should be approximately two double-spaced pages. This is your opportunity to tell us who you are. Share the experiences, values, motivations, and aspirations that will distinguish you from other applicants. Explain why you have chosen to pursue law; why you are well-suited to study and practice law. The statement will be evaluated for writing, reasoning, and communication skills.

**Optional Statements:** We encourage you to include optional statements to support your application.

- Please share how your life experience has impacted your personal trajectory, inspired you, and or molded your perspective on law and learning. This may include but is not limited to challenges bested, skills built, or lessons learned due to discrimination, personal or family hardship, a rich life experience, your role as a parent, your socio-economic status, and multicultural experiences.
- If you believe the University of Maine School of Law is the right law school for you, in a brief statement, please let us know why.
- If you believe your undergraduate GPA, LSAT score, and/or resume do not represent your ability to excel in law school, please include a brief statement explaining why. This may include gaps in your resume, concurrent obligations with your undergraduate studies, personal or family struggles, or other information you believe will provide context for the Admissions Committee."

# **Application Checklist**

August 1:

	First Year Applicants
(CAS) through	the Credential Assembly Services n LSAC. All applications are accepted through the Law School Admission AC) website.
$\square$ Take the Law	School Admissions Test (LSAT)
Application su	ubmitted online via LSAC.org
LSAT Score	(must be taken within the last 5 years)
CAS Report	
Two to Four	Letters of Recommendation
Resume or C	CV
Personal Sta	tement
Character ar	nd Fitness Addendum (if required)
Optional Ess	says:
■ Life Expe	rience Essay
■ Why Mair	ne Law Statement
■ LSAT, UGI	PA, Resume Addendum
	e Application for Federal Student Aid ebruary 15. Use the University of Southerr 09762.
	Transfer Applicants
Application su	ubmitted online via LSAC.org
CAS Report	
Letter of Go	od Standing from Current Law School
Two to Four	Letters of Recommendation
Personal Sta	tement
Resume or C	CV
First Year La	w School Transcript
Character ar	nd Fitness Addendum (if required)

	LL.M. Applicants
Application submitted online via LSAC.org (Unless applying from partner institution. Please see list on our website at mainelaw.maine.edu.)	
CAS Repo	ort
Two to Fo	our Letters of Recommendation
Personal S	Statement
Resume o	or CV
IELTS or T	OEFL Scores
Character	and Fitness Addendum (if required)
	Visiting Students
details.	ed law schools. Please see our website for
A	dmissions Timeline
September 15	: Applications Open
November 15:	Early Action Application Deadline
February 1:	Priority Merit Scholarship Application
	Deadline
February 15:	Financial Aid Deadline (Even if you have
	not received a decision, please submit your FAFSA information by February 15.)
April 15:	First Deposit Due
June 1:	Second Deposit Due
	LL.M. Deposit Due
July 15:	Applications Close

**Transfer Deposit Due** 

## **Degrees Offered**

Juris Doctor (J.D.)

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D.)

## **Dual-Degree Programs**

J.D./M.B.A. (4 years) With the University of Maine Graduate School of Business

J.D./M.P.H. (4 years) With the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine

J.D./M.P.P.M. (4 years) With the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine

### **Certificate Programs**

Certificate in Public Interest and Social Justice

Environmental and Oceans Law

Information Privacy Law

Business and Transactional Law

# Student Budget Estimate 2021-2022 Tuition:

Maine and Canadian Residents: \$23,880

Rhode Island and Vermont Residents:

\$31,650

Non-Resident: \$36,000

It is estimated that a single student will spend approximately \$17,660 during the nine-month academic year on fees, books, housing, travel, and other living expenses.

# Visit Us!

We would love to meet you! Please join us for an information session (in person or virtual). We are also happy to set up individual meetings, either in person or by ZOOM.

Please visit our website (mainelaw. maine.edu) for details or contact us at lawadmissions@maine.edu or 207-780-4341.

# Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Fellowships

Maine Law provides generous support to students through merit scholarships. No separate application is required; however, the priority application deadline for merit consideration is February 1st. Need-based scholarships are also available. Please submit a statement of need to lawadmissions@ maine.edu.

**Financial Aid:** Federal Unsubsidized Loans, Federal Graduate PLUS Loans, and Private Loans are available to assist in financing your legal education. Remember to file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 15. Please use the University of Southern Maine's code 009762.

**Fellowships:** Maine Law offers unique fellowships for incoming students who have demonstrated a desire to pursue meaningful work in the areas of public interest, information privacy, and environmental law. Please see our website for further details.

The University of Maine School of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association, is a member of the Association of American Law Schools, and is the only accredited law school in the State of Maine. We are proudly based in Portland, Maine. The University of Maine School of Law is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.











