Spotlight on INFORMATION PRIVACY

Trevor Hughes, Maine Law '95

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The Honorable Daniel E. Wathen (Maine Law ’65) served as Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court from 1992 to 2001. He now is of counsel at the law firm Pierce Atwood, where he has developed an extensive mediation and arbitration practice in Maine, Puerto Rico, and throughout the United States. Among his many activities as a civic leader, Justice Wathen is Board Chair for the Maine Turnpike Authority, former Board Chair for the Maine Community College System, former Chair of the National Judicial College, and a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Maine School of Law. He is originally from Aroostook County and earned his law degree from Maine Law in 1965.

Q: What is the best job you ever had?
A: With the exception of picking potatoes and shoveling manure, I’ve enjoyed all of them. The best job by far was being chief justice. I was given a fair amount of authority, an endless supply of interesting and important cases, and one simple instruction – do the right thing. How could you have a better job than that?

Q: What impact did Maine Law have on your life and career?
A: Maine Law gave me my voice and my life’s work. In my youth I had been a rebel without a cause. I flunked out or quit college a couple of times before I got married in my junior year and became a dean’s list student. Despite my early scholastic record, it appeared to Dean Edward Godfrey and the Admissions Committee that I had an epiphany and, according to the Dean, “we went with the epiphany.”

Q: How would you assess Maine Law’s progress since you graduated?
A: There are a lot more students, and there is more variety in the curriculum. There were no elective courses and no clinics or skills courses, beyond moot court. But the quality of education was exceptional, and that remains today.

Q: What advice do you have for prospective law students?
A: Think carefully before developing a specialty in practice. Law today is more complex and specialists are necessary, but there is great joy and freedom in being a generalist and having the confidence to help people with different legal problems.

Q: You are known as a motorcycle enthusiast. Have you read Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert M. Pirsig?
A: Yes, I have read it several times. The book somehow captures the feeling I get when I am riding my bike with no destination in mind and just picking any road that I choose. Someone, maybe Pirsig, said that when you ride in a car, you look at the scenery. When you ride a bike, you are part of the scenery.
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Dear Friends,

Fifty years ago, a new law school opened its doors on High Street in Portland. The school employed three resident professors, a librarian and an assistant librarian. Twenty-seven students took courses inside a brick building that still had signs from its days as a children’s hospital. Just four years later, with a thriving law library, a dynamic Law Review and several more professors, the University of Maine School of Law earned accreditation from the American Bar Association. Maine Law was well on its way to becoming an integral voice for education, public service, public policy, and justice in Maine.

This rapid ascent, according to founding Dean Edward S. Godfrey, was largely a product of a willingness to take action in the face of adversity. “The establishment of a law school by the University of Maine has been itself an act of high daring in the present competitive state of American legal education,” Dean Godfrey wrote in 1963. That legacy of bold action, fifty years later, still resonates here at Maine Law. Once again, we find ourselves in challenging times. And once again, Maine Law is engaged in bold action to advance the school’s mission of education, research, and public service.

Shifting Landscape

The lingering economic downturn and dramatic changes in the legal profession have reduced the availability of law firm jobs and public sector positions, while fewer people nationwide are applying to law schools. Any prospective law student certainly must assess the affordability and cost-benefit analysis of attending law school. In the wake of negative media attention and growing student debt burdens, the very value of a legal education is the subject of public debate.

Maine Law is navigating this terrain effectively. Our success reinforces my firm belief that a law school education is uniquely valuable and provides the foundation for success in any number of careers. Analytical discipline and problem-solving skills of a lawyer apply in business, non-profit organizations, government, public policy development, and, of course, in the judiciary or the practice of law.

In this environment, our students as always are resourceful and creative as they forge career paths, some traditional, some new, as evidenced by the wide array of careers among our graduates. Whether clerking for a federal appeals court in Washington, D.C. or a state court in Maine or Alaska; lawyering in the expanding arena of data privacy or intellectual property; managing a lobster export business or a nonprofit enterprise; serving in a government agency or the legislature; working in a law firm, a legal services office, or simply hanging out a shingle — our recent graduates are contributing to a rich history of innovation at Maine Law.

Changing with the Times

As reflected in this issue of Maine Law Magazine, our law school is taking action to maximize opportunities for our students. Over the past several years, Maine Law has achieved greater autonomy and authority, enabling and fueling exciting changes.

Our curriculum continues to evolve and reflect new career paths. We are expanding our clinical programs, where students learn the practical skills that are required by employers. More than ever, we are connecting students with internships and externships in a range of fields and practice areas. We have made internal structural changes for effective multi-year planning and management. We are competing well for the best students, in Maine and across the nation, including an expansion of scholarship aid. We remain a destination point for excellent professors.

The cover story on information privacy describes our place in an emerging discipline. In cooperation with the International Association of Privacy Professionals and its CEO Trevor Hughes (Maine Law ’95), we have nurtured a robust new career track in the field of data privacy. In several concerted initiatives, Maine Law is expanding the school’s institutional relationships, offering tailored education and professional certification, and placing our students in externships for credit, internships for pay, and selected post-graduate jobs with companies in need of data privacy expertise. Maine Law has emerged as a magnet for leaders in the field, as witnessed by our second annual Data Privacy Conference and two week summer institute for credit this year.

The privacy initiatives are among the robust mix of activity in our Center for Law and Innovation, which includes the Maine Patent Program, the Intellectual Property Law Clinic, public education initiatives, and curricular innovation. With respect to career opportunities, the Center has further developed Maine Law’s relationship with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. We now enjoy an annual student visitation program and a formal agreement that
Curricular Innovation and Scholarship

As Maine’s only law school, we are committed to public service and regional impact. In these pages, you will read about Anna Welch who has joined Maine Law to lead the launch of a new Refugee and Human Rights Clinic. Teaching in the immigration law clinic at Stanford Law School for the past two years and previously practicing immigration law in Maine, Anna is appointed initially as Libra Visiting Professor. She supervises law students representing clients in immigration and asylum matters. The clinic provides practical learning for students, while helping address a critical need for legal services in Maine and reflecting the international nature of legal practice.

Maine Law’s engagement globally is also evidenced in our newly established LL.M. (Master of Laws) degree program to supplement our longstanding J.D. program. The University of Maine System Board of Trustees approved this post-professional degree in January 2012, and the American Bar Association acquiesced in April 2012. The program focuses primarily on foreign lawyers seeking an American law degree and training, and on selected American law school graduates. The program will enrich and further diversify the Law School community and provide modest new revenue as public funding lags for higher education.

Faculty productivity is stronger than ever. Building upon a long tradition of teaching innovation and public service, today’s professors at Maine Law are heightening the Law School’s national profile with sophisticated scholarship and policy analysis. Our professors have published widely, including three books released this year alone and numerous articles and presentations. (See Page 28.) Professor Malick Ghachem’s new book, The Old Regime and the Haitian Revolution, was published in March by the prestigious Cambridge University Press. A major contribution to the history of slavery and with implications for today’s rule of law, Professor Ghachem’s book is the first comprehensive account of the role of law in the transformation of Haiti from a slave colony into an independent nation.

Maine Law continues to be a destination for accomplished visitors – numerous scholars for faculty workshops, judges and attorneys for presentations to students, visiting scholars from the U.S. and abroad, and experts from a variety of disciplines for public panels and educational conferences. (See Page 10.) We created a program for aspiring law professors to present workshops in Maine during the summer, providing guidance to prospective professors and supplementing our ongoing program of faculty workshops throughout the academic year. And, we are honored to welcome Judge Kermit Lipez of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit as Jurist in Residence at Maine Law this year. He recently assumed active retired status as judge and will teach part-time at the Law School while maintaining an active caseload.

With support from Maine attorney Catherine Lee, Maine Law established the Justice for Women Lecture series. The inaugural lecturer in March 2012 was the Honorable Unity Dow, a lawyer, human rights activist, and novelist who served for a decade as the first woman high court judge in Botswana. The second annual Justice for Women Lecturer in March 2013 will be Leymah Gbowee of Liberia, who received a Nobel Peace Prize for her leadership in achieving peace in her troubled nation. Our annual Frank M. Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service continues to be among our premier public events, while the Maine Law Review annual symposium, the French-American Seminar, and the Annual Governance and Ethics Symposium add to the vibrancy of the Maine Law community.

Advancing Maine Law

We are pleased to welcome Vendean Vafiades (Maine Law ’85) as our new Director of Advancement and External Affairs. An established leader in Maine’s bench, bar, and public arena, Vendean brings a wonderful mix of skill and experience to the Law School’s advancement strategies. Another alumna, Alison Beya (Maine Law ’97), joins us as Director of Admissions and promises to bring tremendous energy and focus to student recruitment. Former newspaper reporter Trevor Maxwell is our new Communications Director, contributing to Maine Law’s enhanced outreach and public identity.

The University of Maine School of Law would not be where it is today if not for the commitment and support of our alumni and friends. Thank you for all you do to strengthen Maine Law and our extended community – through the annual fund, major gifts, active engagement with our students and faculty, and leadership in the bench, bar, public and private sectors, and civic affairs. The Maine Law Alumni Association, the University of Maine School of Law Foundation, and the Board of Visitors all play a crucial leadership role. We count on you all as ambassadors of Maine Law and partners in our success.

Starting a new fall tradition, we hosted a multi-year reunion program this September with alumni from ten different classes from the past 50 years. While our predecessor institutions date back to 1898, the academic year of 1962-63 holds a special place in history, as it was the first year of the University of Maine School of Law as we know it today. As we enter this golden anniversary year, the future is bright for the next chapter at Maine Law.

Please enjoy this issue of Maine Law Magazine.

Peter Pitegoff
Dean, University of Maine School of Law
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Judge Lipez joins Maine Law as Jurist-in-Residence

The University of Maine Law School is honored to welcome Judge Kermit V. Lipez as the Law School’s Jurist-in-Residence this academic year.

Kermit Lipez is a federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, which includes Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Puerto Rico. He joined the Circuit Court in 1998 following his nomination by President Bill Clinton.

He assumed senior status on the court at the end of 2011 and continues to hear cases on the bench while also teaching a class this year at the Law School.

Judge Lipez is a longstanding friend of the University of Maine School of Law, where his wife Nancy Ziegler earned her J.D. degree. He is an active member of the Law School’s Board of Visitors and supervises Maine Law students in a judicial externship program.

Judge Lipez delivered the keynote address at the commencement ceremony for Maine Law’s class of 2012.

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Governance & Ethics Symposium explores ‘Crisis of Trust’ in business, government

The University of Maine School of Law’s 2012 Governance & Ethics Symposium, “The Crisis of Trust in Public and Private Sector Institutions,” was held April 25, 2012 at the Law School.

The event explored the erosion of trust in America’s business leaders, elected officials and government agencies, nonprofits, and even entire financial systems.

The annual Governance & Ethics Symposium series was established in 2009 by the University of Maine School of Law. Co-chairs are Dean Peter Pitegoff of the Law School; Dan Boxer, adjunct professor of Governance & Business Ethics; and Tom Dunne, retired partner with Accenture.

Panelists at the symposium included Robert A.G. Monks, a governance expert and author; John Branson, a Portland attorney who has represented Occupy Maine; Rep. Emily Cain, D-Orono; David Flanagan, president and CEO of Preservation Management, former CEO of Central Maine Power; and Peter Mills, executive director of the Maine Turnpike Authority, and a former state senator.

IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie C. Baird, a longtime resident of South Portland, passed away on March 27, 2012, at The Cedars in Portland. She was born on Nov. 11, 1911, in Portland. She and her husband, Kenneth Baird, established the Kenneth and Marjorie C. Baird Scholarship Fund, to be used by needy and deserving students entering the second or third year at the University of Maine School of Law. She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth, in 1987.

Laurie Ann Gibson (’84) died on March 15, 2012, due to complications from seven years of treatment for ovarian cancer. She was born on September 16, 1958, in Lewiston. She graduated from the University of Maine School of Law in 1984, where she was a member of the Law Review. After being admitted to the bar in Maine, she clerked for then-Chief Justice Robert Clifford of the Maine Superior Court. She joined the law firm of Skelton, Taintor and Abbott in 1985 and later concentrated on litigation research and writing at Berman & Simmons in Lewiston. In 1993 she left to focus on her writing career and formed Lawyers Assistance Group, the first law firm in Maine to offer contract writing services to other lawyers. In 1989 she was appointed by Gov. John McKernan to the Maine Board of Bar Examiners, where she served first as secretary and then as its chair until 2005. In 2001 she was appointed to the Subcommittee on Bar Admissions of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar where she served until 2006. She also served on the National Conference of Bar Examiners’ Subcommittee on Multistate Performance Test Policy until resigning due to illness in 2007. She served on the Maine Bar Journal Editorial Advisory Committee from 1989 through 2001 and was its chair in 2001. She was appointed as the Reporter for the Maine Civil Rules Committee in 2009 and as a Trustee of the Lawyers’ Fund for Client Protection in 2010.

David Scott Humphries Sr. (’67) died in Citrus Springs, Florida, on February 19, 2012. He was born on Dec. 28, 1941, in Portland, Maine. He attended schools in Bath, Maine, and graduated from Morse High School. After graduating from high school, he pursued his undergraduate studies at the University of Maine in Orono. His professional studies were at the University of Maine School of Law, graduating in 1967 and passing the bar exam that year. He served as an estate attorney for Maine Savings Bank for several years before moving to Florida.
Eighty-eight students were awarded J.D. degrees on May 19, 2012, at commencement ceremonies for the University of Maine School of Law.

The Honorable Kermit V. Lipez delivered an inspiring and encouraging keynote message to the graduates. Judge Lipez serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. “Your hard work has brought you to another milestone. You have graduated from a fine law school,” Judge Lipez said. “Unexpected doors will open for you. You have a versatile degree. Economic woes are transitory. You do indispensable work. You will help people and reform institutions, constantly refine your skills, and, if you choose, discover the rich history of the law.”

The Honorable Joseph M. Jabar, ’71, an Associate Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, was named the 2012 recipient of the L. Kinvin Wroth Award for distinguished service as an alum. Graduating student Devin W. Deane of Troutville, Virginia, delivered the student address.

On Feb. 4, 2012, the Maine Law Review, in consultation with the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, presented a symposium entitled: “Balancing Fairness with Finality: An Examination of Post-Conviction Review in Maine and Across the Nation.”

The event, which supplemented the Law Review’s spring symposium volume of the same title, included two speakers and a panel discussion featuring four experts in the field of post-conviction review.

Christopher Johnson, the chief appellate defender for the State of New Hampshire, gave an overview of his forthcoming Maine Law Review article that compares post-conviction review procedures in the United States with those employed in Finland.

Assistant Prof. Yolanda Vazquez, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, gave the keynote address, speaking about immigration consequences of conviction and the respective roles of courts and attorneys in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in Padilla v. Kentucky.

The half-day event concluded with a panel discussion featuring U.S. District Court Judge Lynn Adelman, Maine Attorney General Bill Schneider, Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers President Sarah Churchill, and Mary Kelly Tate, Director of the Institute for Actual Innocence at the University of Richmond Law School.

Excerpts from the symposium are available at www.youtube.com/user/UMaineLawSchool.

Roughly 200 alums took part in a reunion weekend held Sept. 14-15, 2012, at the University of Maine School of Law. Celebrating 10 classes, the reunion was the first multi-year reunion at that scale in the school’s history.

“The event honored graduates from every five years, beginning in 1962 and ending in 2007. “It was a great event,” said Mary Roy, Maine Law’s Assistant Director of Advancement and Development. Roy was the lead planner of the reunion.

“We were thrilled with the response and the enthusiasm for the multi-year concept. I think it gave people a chance to make new connections, while also enjoying time with old friends.”

1962 classmates the Hon. Carl O. Bradford and Phil Weiner are honored as part of Maine Law’s 50th celebration at reunion weekend in September.

Participants included residents of 10 states, living as far away as Olympia, Washington. At a welcome reception, Dean Peter Pitegoff gave special recognition to members of the class of 1962: The Hon. Carl O. Bradford of Yarmouth, Maine, and Phil Weiner of Silver Spring, Maryland.
Vafiades brings deep knowledge, experience to advancement and external affairs

By Trevor Maxwell

E ducation and justice. As themes, those two words have been at the forefront of Vendean Vafiades’ life for as long as she can remember. They guided the Bangor native in her work as a private attorney, as an advocate for women and children, as the Chief Judge of the Maine District Court, and as a Commissioner with the Public Utilities Commission.

Fortunately for the University of Maine School of Law, Vafiades recently decided to bring her considerable talents back to her alma mater. She joined Maine Law this spring as Director of Advancement and External Affairs. Vafiades is responsible for advancing the Law School on many fronts, including development and community relations. The task includes management of annual fundraising, major gifts initiatives and capital campaigns, and stewardship of the Law School’s relationships with foundations, corporations, government agencies and the broader community.

“It’s a really interesting time to join my colleagues at the Law School. There are so many terrific people who care so much about the school, and who are engaged in setting a course for the future,” Vafiades said. “The Law School offers much to Maine and provides continuing support to the business and legal communities, as well as free legal assistance to vulnerable families and individuals. I’m excited to promote this great legal institution.”

Although Vafiades has learned from each stop in her professional journey, it might have been an experience from her youth that had the most profound impact on her trajectory. She attended South Portland High School after her family moved to the area, and she was an eager participant in the Girls State mock government program, in which she served as Governor. As a junior, Vafiades was one of two high school girls from Maine “elected” to Girls Nation in Washington, D.C.

“We attended in the role of senators, for a week. I had lunch with Margaret Chase Smith. I spent a half day with Everett Dirksen,” Vafiades said. She took on the role of Senate Majority Leader, and she loved the collaboration with other students from across the country. “That experience really sparked my interest in government, public service and education.”

After graduating from the University of Southern Maine with a degree in education, Vafiades worked as associate commissioner of the state Department of Education. She decided to earn her law degree, and she graduated from Maine Law in 1985. Vafiades has served in high-profile volunteer roles as President of the Maine Bar Foundation and President of the Maine Civil Liberties Union. She was also the first woman lobbyist for the Maine Women’s Lobby.

Vafiades said her family never pressured her to become a lawyer, but the career path was once “highly recommended” at a family gathering. Her uncle, Lewis “Lew” Vafiades, was a legendary attorney who founded a firm in Bangor, along with his cousin Nicholas Brountas, in 1957. Lew Vafiades died in 2001, and his wife Marian died last year. They were well-known philanthropists, supporters of the arts and of legal education.

Each year, Maine Law awards scholarships from the Lewis V. Vafiades Scholarship Fund to students with superior academic credentials, with preference given to students who are residents of Aroostook, Piscataquis, Somerset, Penobscot, Washington, Hancock, and Franklin counties.

After law school, Vendean Vafiades practiced in the Augusta area, then in Portland at Bernstein Shur. She moved on to serve as the Chief Deputy Attorney General, then as Chief Counsel to the University of Maine System. In the 1990s Vafiades was recruited by then Gov. Angus King to serve as a District Court Judge, which she did from 1997 to 2007, including posts as Deputy Chief and Chief Judge. She directed juvenile drug courts, dedicated dockets for child protection cases, and the development of Maine’s successful family court model. Vafiades also initiated the domestic violence accountability docket.

Former judge and Bangor native Vendean Vafiades is a 1985 Maine Law graduate.

In 2007, Vafiades was recruited again, this time by then Gov. John Baldacci, who was looking for someone with an adjudication background to serve on the three-member Public Utilities Commission. The PUC regulates Maine’s telecommunications companies, suppliers of electricity and gas, and water districts, and provides consumer protection services.

“Once again I have to credit Maine Law,” Vafiades said. “The courses I took in administrative and regulatory law were very helpful in giving me a solid base in tackling these issues.”

Vafiades received the L. Kinvin Wroth Distinguished Alumna Award from the University of Maine School of Law in 2009.
Maine Law thanks everyone who participated in the following 2011-12 events:

**Selected Conferences & Panel Discussions**

Ten Years After 9-11: Maine and World Perspectives on Law and Foreign Policy. Sept. 12, 2011. Richard Murphy, U.S. Attorney’s Office; Zachary Heiden, Maine Civil Liberties Union; Edward Girardet, Journalist and Director, Institute for Media and Global Governance, Geneva; Professor Hayat Alvi, U.S. Naval War College.

Law and the Olympic Movement. September 13, 2011. Peter Carlisle (’94), Octagon; Sonja Keating, General Counsel, U.S. Equestrian Federation; Nancy Hogshead-Makar, Florida Coastal School of Law; and sports law attorneys Paul Greene (’07) and Matt Lane (’09).


Should juries be allowed to ask questions? March 21, 2012. Hon. Andrew Mead, Maine Supreme Judicial Court; Gerald Petruccelli, Petruccelli, Martin & Haddow; Peter DeTroy (’72), Norman Hanson & DeTroy; Sarah Churchill (’02), Strike, Goodwin & O’Brien; and Paula Silsby (’76), former U.S. Attorney for the U.S. District Court for the District of Maine.


Governance & Ethics Symposium: The Crisis of Trust in Public and Private Sector Institutions. April 25, 2012. Robert A.G. Monks, Governance Expert and Author; John Branson, Branson Law Office; Rep. Emily Cain, Maine House Minority Leader; David Flanagan, Maine Turnpike Authority; Dan Boxer, Adjunct Professor, Governance; Tom Dunne, Accenture (retired partner); and Peter Pitegoff, Maine Law Dean.

The reception for the 2012 Center for Law & Innovation Annual Conference, held at Pierce Atwood in Portland.


**Selected Speakers**


Professor Cheryl Nichols. December 9, 2011. Associate Professor, Howard University School of Law. “Diversity in the Financial Services Industry?”


By Trevor Maxwell

A mother tells her daughter: Behave like a good wife. Obey your husband and sacrifice yourself for your marriage and family.

Another woman dreams that her granddaughter will dance well enough to become one of the king’s many wives.

A family mourns the rape of their teenage daughter, not because of her suffering, but because she will no longer be a suitable bride.

In Botswana and other countries of southern Africa, where the Honorable Unity Dow grew up, these are scenarios that play out every day. How can young women, particularly in developing countries, aspire to greater achievements in life? How can they become leaders when the people closest to them, out of genuine love, push them toward lives of oppression?

Those were among the tough questions that Dow explored on March 27, 2012, as she presented the University of Maine School of Law’s first annual Justice for Women Lecture. Dow is a novelist, lawyer and former judge. She was the first woman to serve on Botswana’s High Court, a post she held from 1998 to 2009, when she decided to return to the private practice of law.

Dow spoke to a diverse and lively crowd of about 400 people at the Abromson Community Education Center in Portland. The best tool that the global community has to promote justice for women, she said, is education. Educational opportunities give women the strength and base of knowledge to challenge traditional power structures.

Dow said she grew up in poverty, and it was her education – at the University of Botswana and Swaziland, and then at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland – that gave her the confidence to stand up for her beliefs.

Dow said she supports the use of quotas in the developing world, to ensure that more women are allowed access to fields including law enforcement and the judiciary. Cultural systems will not change unless women have seats at the tables where the rules are made, Dow said.

“Justice demands footpaths in public spaces that are safe for women,” she said. “It demands communities that do not treat women as if they are perishable goods. It demands schools that do not shortchange girls.”

Dow is one of the world’s foremost advocates for the rights of women and indigenous groups. One landmark case during her tenure on Botswana’s High Court involved a group of Botswana’s Bushmen who won the right to live and hunt on ancestral lands in the Kalahari. The author of four novels and a non-fiction book, Dow published her latest book, Saturday is for Funerals, in 2010. The book examines recent successes that Botswana has had in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

The Justice for Women Lecture series is an endowed program that will bring speakers to Maine each year to discuss good work and strategies to empower women and girls, particularly in the developing world.

The Law School established the Justice for Women Lecture series with support from attorney and civic leader Catherine Lee and other donors.

Lee, the founder and manager of Lee International Business Development in Westbrook, has a global practice that focuses on greenhouse gas emissions trading. In her extensive travels, Lee has been impressed with the work being done to eliminate barriers for women and girls. Conversations last year between Lee and Maine Law Dean Peter Pitegoff led to the creation of the lecture series.

Dow’s visit to Portland included visits with Law School faculty and students, community leaders, high school students and other groups, including the Mitchell Institute and CIEE, an international exchange organization based in Portland. She also received a key to the City of Portland from Mayor Michael Brennan.

The second annual Justice for Women Lecture will be presented on March 20, 2013, by Leymah Gbowee, who earned The Nobel Peace Prize in 2011 for leadership in her home state of Liberia.
Bank statements. Medical records. Social security numbers. There was a time when your private information existed only in physical space. Letters arrived in sealed envelopes. Folders were stored in filing cabinets and hard copies were the only copies. In less than a generation, that world has vanished.

Now, personal information exists largely online – a place of unlimited digital storage, where data can be shared, accessed and manipulated instantaneously from anywhere on the planet.

What information should be kept private? Who is collecting data, and for what reasons? As a consumer, what are my privacy rights in the digital age? What role should governments play? Who is responsible if my data falls into the wrong hands?

Welcome to the complex and rapidly evolving field of information privacy. It represents a growing area of law. The University of Maine School of Law, thanks to the forward thinking of its professors and the leadership of its graduates, is playing a prominent role in the field.

Maine Law’s Center for Law and Innovation houses one of the nation’s top programs in data privacy law, offering a core 3-credit course, and several complementary courses, including a new summer institute focused on global information privacy and security. Through the Center, students have secured internships at companies and organizations including Phillips Electronics, Digital Policy Group, IDEXX, and the Future of Privacy Forum. The Law School offers externships for credit at firms like monster.com. Maine
Law graduates work in upper level data privacy positions at Accenture, Yahoo!, Playdom, Ernst & Young and other companies.

The annual data privacy conference hosted by the Law School draws some of the leading scholars and corporate players in the field. This year, the conference capped off an Information Privacy Institute, offered jointly by Maine Law and the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). The two-week Institute was the nation’s first for-credit law school summer program in information privacy. Attendees included law students and professionals, who had the option at the end of the program to test for the Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP) credential, the most-recognized certification in the field.

“Many factors have come together in the right ways and at the right time, and they’ve made Portland a center of gravity for data privacy,” said Trevor Hughes, a 1995 Maine Law graduate who is now President and CEO of the International Association of Privacy Professionals. Hughes’ organization is the world’s largest association of privacy professionals. Hughes also teaches information privacy at the Law School, as an adjunct professor.

“It’s amazing to see what an impact Maine Law is having in this field, but what’s most exciting is how much potential remains,” Hughes said. “This is an area of law and commerce that is still in its infancy. There are so many opportunities for law students and graduates.”

Some of the positions law graduates take as privacy professionals include legal compliance officers, consumer protection regulators, and data security officers, who are responsible for the general protection of an organization’s information from breach and misuse.

Peter Pitegoff, Dean of the Law School, said the emphasis on information privacy is an example of how a small law school can act in sync with the changing global marketplace. More than ever, Maine Law graduates are using their education and training to pursue non-traditional, multi-disciplinary job paths.

“In this increasingly digital world, data privacy is huge,” Pitegoff said. “Tapping into that field is one way that we can expand the range of opportunities for our students. Curriculum is part of it, fieldwork is part of it, career placement is part of it, and networking is important.”

The conference was titled “Privacy in Practice,” and talks were focused on consumer privacy, which has been an issue of intense debate in Congress, the Federal Trade Commission, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and even at the White House.

Speakers included Harriet Pearson, former Chief Privacy Officer for IBM; Chris Wolf, director of the privacy and information management practice group at Hogan Lovells, and co-founder of the Future for Privacy Forum; Adam Thierer, Senior Research Fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University with the Technology Policy Program; and Trevor Hughes (Maine Law ’95), President and CEO of the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). Videos of the TED-style talks are available at www.lawandinnovation.org.

The conference was held on the final day of Maine Law’s Information Privacy Institute, an intensive educational program offered jointly by the Law School and the IAPP. The two-week Institute was the nation’s first for-credit law school summer program in information privacy, and will become an annual feature at Maine Law.

Courses were taught by Omer Tene (Associate Professor at the College of Management School of Law, Rishon Le Zion, Israel) and Kris Klein (founder of nNovation LLP and adjunct professor at University of Ottawa Law School).

Professors Tene and Klein spoke at the Privacy in Practice conference, as well. Participants at the Institute included law school students and mid-career professionals, who had the option to sit for the Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP) Exam.

Maine Law’s Center for Law and Innovation houses one of the nation’s top programs in data privacy law.
In each issue of Maine Law, we take a look at alumni specializing in different fields.

Kyle Friedman, ’08
Accenture
Kyle assists clients that build and manage IT systems containing personal data. She is also U.S. Data Privacy Officer for Accenture, managing the collection and use of employee personal data.

“Maine Law offered me a unique insight into a practical, innovative career path. Data privacy is such a necessary function for virtually any business, public and private, and Maine Law provides the opportunities to make an effective impact in the field. The data privacy education I received at Maine Law was practical and relevant, and just not available anywhere else.”

Virginia “Ginny” Lee, ’05
Intel
As Senior Attorney for Privacy and Security at Intel, Ginny is responsible for providing legal guidance on a variety of matters, especially as they relate to “Privacy By Design.”

“My introduction to Privacy came through my law clerk position with Trevor Hughes at the NAI (Network Advertising Initiative). The alumni network at Maine Law is very strong with many individuals, such as Trevor, who feel it is their responsibility to give back by offering intern positions. I look forward to being able to return the favor.”

‘A pipeline to jobs’
Andrew Clearwater (’09) has been the Center for Law and Innovation Fellow for the past two years. Clearwater has written about data security breaches, including the highly publicized case involving the Maine-based Hannaford supermarket chain. He has presented recently at the Privacy Law Scholars Conference hosted jointly by The George Washington University Law School and Berkeley Law School, as well as other conferences.

Clearwater also has worked for Harvard’s Berkman Center for Internet and Society, and for iCommons Ltd. This spring, he taught information privacy along with adjunct professors Hughes and Ken Mortensen, Chief Privacy Officer at CVS Caremark Corp.

Clearwater points to a handful of law schools that are advancing the understanding of data privacy issues and training future lawyers to practice in the area. George Washington, Ohio State University and New York University are on that short list, Clearwater said. Maine Law’s small size has not held the school back as it carves out its own foothold in the landscape of data privacy, he said.

“Our niche is that we’re outward facing toward employment. We’re building a pipeline to jobs. That is distinct, and I think it’s an appealing thing, given today’s economic climate,” Clearwater said. “There is a lot of success in what we’re doing, and we want to keep building on that success.”

The evidence of that momentum can be seen in the recruitment of incoming students like 27-year-old Blake Bassett. The Salt Lake City native discovered Maine Law while researching schools online. He was impressed enough by the school’s reputation in the field that he applied without ever having visited Maine. Bassett has worked for a major IT corporation in Washington, D.C., and has been trained as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army Reserves. He started at the Law School this fall and is currently on leave due to deployment.

“Working at Computer Sciences Corp., one of the top IT integrators in the world, really opened my eyes to the world of data privacy,” said Bassett, who has particular interest in the protection of critical computer networks and infrastructure. He met with Clinical Prof. Rita Heimes in March, when she was attending the annual IAPP Global Privacy Summit in Washington, D.C. Heimes is the director of Maine Law’s Center for Law and Innovation, as well as the part of it. We are working diligently to build new career tracks for graduates.”

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Law School’s Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

“She reached out to me, which I really appreciated,” Bassett said. “I was able to sit down with her and talk about the curriculum and career paths, things that interested me.”

Nothing could make Heimes happier. Since becoming the Center’s director in 2001, Heimes has gradually built its portfolio in the information privacy field, from adding courses to forging relationships with world renowned privacy professionals.

“The students are the heart of what we do,” Heimes said. “They are the people who are going to lead these global conversations about data privacy, corporate responsibility, consumer rights, the role of government. These are big issues that are going to be around for a long time. At Maine Law we’re able to put students in the best possible positions to take part in the process.”

New era of data-sharing

In 2001, one of the first people Heimes collaborated with was Hughes. At the time, he was working as director of privacy for Engage, a startup online media and software company.

“Back then there weren’t many privacy professionals. It was a new field and I was probably one of the first 30 or 40 privacy professionals in the U.S.,” Hughes said. “Nobody was completely sure what it meant, but we knew the risk profile was growing and growing, as the Internet was opening up the use and sharing of data.”

The evolution of the Internet opened up a floodgate of economic activity, and ushered in a new era of global communication and commerce. But without a mature framework of laws, rules, regulations or standards, the Internet also presented new risks to corporations, non-profits, government agencies and families – essentially every individual and entity that participated in the technology. All of those entities would need help managing and protecting data. Hughes saw great potential for jobs, especially for people with law degrees. He hoped that Maine Law could play a role in the development of the field.

“At its core, information privacy is a law-driven field. Legal skills, while they may not be necessary for every privacy role, are some of the most fundamental skills to the profession,” Hughes said.

Heimes recalled Hughes’ enthusiasm and vision for the future. The Center for Law and Innovation’s first conference, coordinated by Heimes in 2001, was on data privacy.

Over the next several years – with input from Hughes and his participation as an ad-

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Anthony Matyjaszewski, ’11
Network Advertising Initiative

As Associate Counsel for Compliance and Technology at NAI, Anthony advises member companies on opt-out best practices and compliance with the NAI code of conduct. Among several other duties, Anthony assists with general policy and best practice development within the organization.

“Between the variety of internet and privacy law courses, and the local internship and externship opportunities in this field, I can’t imagine a better place to prepare for a career in privacy than Maine Law.”

David Wainberg, ’08
Network Advertising Initiative

David serves as Counsel and Senior Director of Technology for NAI. He has also provided consulting and counsel to private clients on matters related to technology, privacy, and information security law, including HIPAA, ECPA, cyber self-defense, malware risk, and cyber insurance.

“To put it bluntly, the return on my investment in a degree from Maine Law has been phenomenal. I got a great education, and thanks to a network of grads who came before me, I’ve had an incredible opportunity to make a career in the privacy field.”

Justin B. Weiss, ’06
Yahoo!

Justin is Senior Director for International Privacy and Policy within Yahoo!’s Global Privacy Group. He helps ensure that Yahoo!’s business practices are properly adapted for diverse cultures and legal systems.

“I think it’s wise, and also very prescient, for the law school to carve out ownership in the area of privacy. I see a lot of analogies between the emergence of privacy as a dedicated practice and the early stages of the intellectual property specialization, both of which are now common within pretty much every firm that matters to major multinationals.”
Information Privacy Summer Institute 2013

Students from Maine Law and other law schools are invited to the second annual Information Privacy Summer Institute, to be held June 10-19, 2013.

The Institute provides up to 6 course credits through two, 2-credit classes over ten consecutive days (excluding Sunday), and an optional 1-credit paper for each course due in mid-July. Designed for beginners interested in the privacy field, the courses are also appropriate for legal professionals seeking to gain skills in this growing profession and can be approved for CLE.

The 2013 summer program will coincide with events sponsored by the International Association for Privacy Professionals (IAPP) that provide students with unprecedented networking opportunities. The IAPP will also make available the Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP) exam on Thursday, June 20, at the IAPP’s Portsmouth offices.

This is an ideal opportunity for law students to gain a key credential for a privacy law career.

Courses:
Global Privacy Law (Prof. Omer Tene) (2-3 law school credits)
Advanced Privacy in Practice (Prof. Kris Klein) (2-3 law school credits)

For more information and to register: rheimes@maine.edu www.lawandinnovation.org

“...It’s amazing to see what an impact Maine Law is having in this field, but what’s most exciting is how much potential remains.” – Trevor Hughes

...an office in York, Maine, to a larger space in Portsmouth, N.H., just across the Piscataqua River. Hughes said he is proud that the association now employs a staff of 54 people, including several Maine Law graduates. He is also proud to have taught and mentored several individuals who have gone on to careers in the data privacy field.

From Portland to Washington, D.C.

Justin B. Weiss, Maine Law ’06, is one of the protégés. These days, he travels the world as Senior Director for International Privacy and Policy at Yahoo!

In 2006, Weiss was a third-year student at Maine Law, the same year that Hughes made his teaching debut at the school, with a course titled “Privacy in the Digital World.” Weiss was a student with a professional background in international relations, having served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guinea, then as an International Relations Officer at both the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City in 2002, and Italy’s Olympic Winter Games in 2006.

“Before I returned from Italy to complete law school, I hadn’t really had any per-
sonal experiences that mapped to the subject of information privacy, but the topic was interesting to me,” Weiss recalled of Hughes’ course. “Trevor was an outstanding teacher. We hit it off right away.”

After Weiss graduated from Maine Law, Hughes hired him as a staff attorney for two digital trade associations – the Email Sender & Provider Coalition and the Network Advertising Initiative. At the time, both associations were located in York, Maine, along with the IAPP. Through his experience with the trade organizations, Weiss learned about the legal and business challenges related to data privacy, and he cultivated a practice focused on the workings of the Federal Trade Commission and the emerging internet privacy regulatory space.

In 2009, Weiss worked to open a Washington, D.C., office for the Network Advertising Initiative, and helped recruit a new executive director for that group, as Hughes was dedicating himself to the IAPP fulltime. Later that same year, Weiss was hired by Yahoo! to expand its privacy program internationally, still based from D.C.

“We operate more than 50 websites around the world. One of the responsibilities that comes with that is that we certainly have to account for a good deal of legal and cultural diversity,” Weiss said.

With his technical privacy expertise and background in international relations, Weiss represents Yahoo! before governments around the world, including in testimony. He regularly advises major international organizations such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, and he spoke at the Law School’s Data Privacy Conference in 2011. Weiss said he encourages students to explore opportunities and take advantage of Maine Law’s connections to employers.

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Giving students the tools

Heimes and Clearwater said the ideal education in information privacy should combine the best of the classroom with the best of actual work in the field, primarily through externships for credit and through internships.

“We’re trying to round out the experience,” Clearwater said. “We want to make sure that you are applying the skills at the same time you are learning the theories.”

Several Maine Law students in recent years have secured internships, externships and fellowships in the field. Rachel Coffin, a third-year student from Carrabassett Valley, is one of them. Coffin served as a fellow this summer for the Future of Privacy Forum, a Washington, D.C., think tank whose mission is to advance responsible data practices. The Forum is chaired by data privacy experts Jules Polonetsky and Christopher Wolf.

“It has been a great experience,” Coffin said in July, in the midst of her fellowship. “The project I have been working on is to look at mobile apps and see whether they have privacy policies or not, and to take a close look at the types of policies.”

The project involved review of 50 apps from the Apple store, 50 from Google Play for the Android market, and 50 from Amazon for the Kindle Fire.

In general, the researchers found that more apps are incorporating privacy policies.

The results of the project were to be shared with the Attorney General of the state of California, and with the Federal Trade Commission. This fall, Coffin is an extern at the IAPP.

Maine Law students are getting the message, and for those who are interested in the field of information privacy, they are seizing the moment, Heimes said.

“We’re giving our students three key tools that should give them an advantage in the job market,” she said. The first tool is the coursework; the second tool is the opportunity for internships, for-credit externships, and job networking; and the third tool is a CIPP exam for privacy certification by the IAPP.

With these tools, students become unique candidates for full-time jobs,” Heimes said.
In March, Maine Law signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), allowing our students to enroll in a summer externship program with the federal agency, for course credit. For ten weeks, students work full time on location at the USPTO’s offices in Alexandria, Va., supervised on site by USPTO attorneys and staff. The externship law course is supervised by Prof. Rita Heimes, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Director of the Law School’s Center for Law and Innovation.

Most students who participate in the summer program are interested in patent law, and possibly employment as a patent examiner or in a related position with the USPTO, after graduation. This is the second year in which Maine Law students have been invited to join the exclusive ranks of USPTO summer externs. The formal arrangement between the school and the agency ensures that our students will have such opportunities into the future.

This summer, Michael Warmflash (’13) and Daniel D’Alessandro (’13) represented Maine Law in the USPTO externship class. Both students have undergraduate degrees that would qualify them to sit for the patent bar examination and serve as patent examiners, if they choose. Because employment with the agency is a major goal of most summer externs, the program gave them a significant opportunity to meet with supervisors and USPTO managers who can smooth the long-term employment application process and make such jobs more likely.

“This experience was a tremendous eye-opening opportunity for me,” said Warmflash, who worked in a patent examination unit. “Washington D.C. is an incredible city, and the program gave me a networking opportunity with over 200 like-minded young professionals from all over the country who are interested in different aspects of patent law.”

D’Alessandro worked in the Office of Petitions, answering questions from lawyers and pro se patent applicants about the patent prosecution system. He also conducted research on the Patent Prosecution Highway and on patent valuation methods to help the agency make more informed policy decisions.

“All of my time here has increased my knowledge of the patent system and will likely improve my ability to work with the patent office in the future,” D’Alessandro said.

There is no question that the summer externship experience is a significant factor in landing a job with the USPTO. Katherine Kolosowski-Gager (’12) and Jennifer Tichy (’12) – the first two Maine Law students to participate in the USPTO’s summer externship in 2011 – are both employed full time with the agency.

The USPTO externship is one of many experiences available to Maine Law students interested in intellectual property law and patent law in particular. As home to the Maine Patent Program, a unique initiative that provides patent counseling to inventors and entrepreneurs throughout the state, the Center for Law and Innovation at Maine Law offers a clinic in intellectual property and patent prosecution matched by few other law schools. Clinic students are certified by the USPTO to prepare and file patent and trademark applications with the agency, and work closely with Maine innovators on intellectual property and business matters.

“Graduates of our IP Clinic are working at large and small IP law firms, in-house with businesses, and at the USPTO,” said Prof. Heimes. “Their experiences at our clinic not only prepared them for their law practice, but impressed their potential employers enough to get them noticed in the first place.”

Maine Law is increasing its efforts to recruit students with science and technical backgrounds to take advantage of the Law School’s special programs in patent law, including its relationship with the USPTO.

With the agency hiring thousands of patent examiners each year, it’s a fruitful relationship at just the right time.
The 65-year-old woman feared for her life. In her home country in Southeast Asia, she was a member of a pro-democracy group, and had fled to the U.S. after surviving life-threatening attacks on her family.

She came to Portland and applied for political asylum here. But when her legal bid was rejected in 2008, the woman was scheduled to be sent back.

Enter Anna Welch, who at the time was an attorney at the Portland law firm of Verrill Dana. Welch took the woman’s case, pro bono, through referral from the non-profit Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project. Welch convinced an immigration judge that her client had the right to political asylum; the denial was reversed, and the woman stayed in Portland.

This is the kind of impact that a well-trained and compassionate lawyer can have on another life, and these are the skills that Welch will share with law students at the University of Maine School of Law.

Welch has accepted an appointment...
Anna Welch, Libra Visiting Professor

A native of Machias, Maine, Anna Welch spent her childhood in Maine, Florida and Colorado. She graduated with honors and highest distinction from the University of Colorado at Boulder where she studied journalism and Spanish. Welch then went to the Washington College of Law at American University. She participated in the school’s International Human Rights Clinic, which had a major impact in setting her career path. Welch graduated summa cum laude, order of the coif, and then went to Peru for a year, beginning in August of 2005, as a Fulbright Scholar. In Lima, Welch worked with a non-profit organization to establish a public water management system in Chosica, one of the shantytowns known in the city as “pueblo joveñes.”

From 2006 to 2010, Welch practiced at the Verrill Dana law firm in Portland, where she was head of the firm’s Immigration & Global Migration Group. She also served as a volunteer lawyer for the non-profit Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project in Portland. Welch was instrumental in helping to expand ILAP’s roster of pro bono lawyers for asylum cases. In 2008 she earned ILAP’s “Attorney of the Year” honor.

During her time at Verrill Dana, Welch taught immigration law at Maine Law, as an adjunct professor. She also helped supervise student attorneys at the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic. In 2010, Welch spent time in Nairobi, Kenya, where she handled more than 100 cases as a human rights attorney at Refugepoint (formerly Mopendo International).

“I was born in Maine and have always considered it my home,” Welch said. “I became really attached to Maine Law during my time as an adjunct professor. I felt the culture here was a good match for me. People are collaborative, supportive and friendly.

“Intellectually, the students at Maine were right up there with the students at Stanford. There is really no limit to what they can accomplish,” she said. “I’m very much looking forward to meeting the students who will take on the first cases for the clinic.”

The Refugee and Human Rights Clinic is an expansion of Maine Law’s Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, which already houses clinical programs specific to juvenile justice, prisoner assistance, domestic violence and general practice.

Like those other programs, the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic will serve a dual mission: It will offer invaluable hands-on legal training and experience to Maine Law students, while serving a critical societal need by providing free legal services to low-income refugees and immigrants.

Student attorneys, under the supervision of Welch and other Maine Law clinical faculty, will represent clients on a variety of immigration matters.

As Libra Visiting Professor, and she takes the lead this fall as Maine Law launches its highly anticipated Refugee and Human Rights Clinic. Formerly an adjunct professor during her time at Verrill Dana, Welch rejoined the Maine Law community on July 1, 2012. She will serve as a clinical professor and supervising attorney, as a classroom teacher and as an advisor to students who are interested in immigration law and human rights.

For the past two years, Welch was a Fellow at Stanford Law School, where she taught and supervised students at Stanford’s Immigrants’ Rights Clinic.

Anna Welch brings enormous energy, deep commitment, and sophisticated expertise to our new Refugee and Human Rights Clinic,” said Maine Law Dean Peter Pitegoff.
“A wonderful colleague, she is sure to inspire our students and make a critical impact in the lives of Clinic clients.”

The clinical work for students includes interviewing clients and witnesses and preparing their testimony, conducting factual and legal investigations and marshaling of evidence, presenting human rights documentation, developing case strategies, writing briefs, appearing in administrative hearings and participating in human rights advocacy projects.

“Students develop critical skills that are relevant to any area of the law, while helping to fill a gap for this critical need. There are not enough lawyers taking asylum cases and other difficult cases in the area of immigration law,” Welch said.

“The stakes are incredibly high,” she said. “In asylum cases, what does it mean if you lose? It means that person will be deported to a place where they will likely be persecuted, and possibly killed. As a lawyer, it doesn’t get any more real than that.”

Maine Law alum Victoria Morales, ’05, practices with Thompson Bowie in Portland. Morales is one of about 100 lawyers in Maine who take asylum cases through the Pro Bono Immigration Panel administered by the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project. She said the time is right for the development of the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic, to complement the other clinical offerings at Maine Law.

“These are the kind of cases that are perfect for law students,” Morales said. “They involve interviewing skills, a big world picture that is very different from civil litigation, the experience of presenting evidence before an administrative court.

“For a school that is putting itself out there as offering real, practical, hands-on experience, this clinic is a fantastic addition,” she said.

When Morales was at Maine Law, she took a one-credit course on immigration law, taught by former ILAP director Beth Stickney. Morales also handled a family law case, while working for the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, that involved immigration issues. But that was the extent of her training in the field. Later, after going to work for Thompson Bowie, Morales learned from Welch and the other local attorneys who took pro bono asylum cases.

“Anna is an incredible leader, and she is going to bring so much to the student experience,” Morales said. “A favorable outcome in an asylum case is the best feeling you could ever have as an attorney, and they have been some of my proudest moments.”

The need for refugee and human rights lawyers has been rising throughout the U.S. in recent years, including here in Maine. The need is particularly acute in the city of Portland, home to relatively large immigrant communities from Somalia, Sudan, Cambodia, Vietnam and numerous other nations.

According to recent articles in the Portland Press Herald, the fastest growing group of immigrants in the city are people from central Africa who are seeking political asylum. They come from countries including Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where they were the victims of violence, or were persecuted because of tribal affiliation, sexual orientation, or because they spoke out against government leaders. City officials are not sure how many of these newcomers have arrived in Portland, but estimates range up to 1,000.

“In fiscal 2009, only a handful of asylum-seekers applied for General Assistance, a program funded by both the state and the city to help the indigent,” the Press Herald reported this spring. “In the first eight months of fiscal 2012, the city had 178 cases of asylum-seekers, representing 269 people.”

Susan Roche, legal director at the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project, said the organization has seen a nearly 500 percent increase in asylum seekers in the past three years. ILAP hired an asylum coordinator, Noel Young, last year.

“That is the one area that we have seen the largest growth, so having the law school get involved is a real positive,” Roche said.

As requests for assistance come through ILAP, Young will refer some of the cases to Maine Law’s Refugee and Human Rights Clinic. ILAP will serve as a second information hub for students.

In general, ILAP helps immigrants gain or improve their legal status. The organization also seeks to unite families, improve the educational and job opportunities for immigrants, so they can participate fully in their new communities. While ILAP has staff attorneys who handle many cases, they also rely heavily on volunteer lawyers.

“Hopefully, some of the students will participate in the clinic, graduate from law school and serve as pro bono immigration lawyers, either here in Maine or wherever they go,” Roche said.

“The clinic is a great opportunity for students to learn about immigration law, while also developing skills that will be helpful in other types of cases.”
University of Maine School of Law

Celebrating 50 Years

Our roots

1898 University of Maine School of Law opens in the third floor of the Exchange Building, at the corner of State and Exchange Streets in Bangor.

1900 The Law School becomes a Charter Member of the Association of American Law Schools.

1911 Fire destroys the law school building. The school relocates to the Merrill Estate at Union and Second Streets in Bangor. Only five scorched books are rescued from the library.

1917-1918 Student enrollment declines as the U.S. enters World War I.

1920 University of Maine Board of Trustees votes to close the College of Law, primarily because of financial difficulties.

1927 Clarence Peabody, the last acting Dean of the College of Law, creates the private Peabody Law School. The Maine Legislature allows Peabody's graduates to sit for the Bar Exam.

1941 World War II, plummeting enrollment, and Peabody's death lead to the closure of the Peabody Law School.

1947 A group of local lawyers creates the Portland University Law School in Portland.

1961 The Maine Legislature approves University of Maine merger with Portland University. The Legislature authorizes the University of Maine to absorb the Portland University Law School students into the new public law school in Portland.

1962-1971. High Street, Portland

1962 (January). Edward S. Godfrey (above) is named as the first Dean of the University of Maine School of Law.

1962 (September). The modern-day University of Maine School of Law opens at 68 High St. in Portland.

1966 University of Maine School of Law earns full accreditation from the American Bar Association.

1968 The Maine Legislature creates the University of Maine System to unite the public universities in different parts of the state.

1970 The University of Maine at Portland-Gorham (renamed the University of Southern Maine in 1978) is created. Maine Law becomes associated with the new school, while retaining its name and mission to serve the entire state and all of its public universities.

1972 Maine Law moves into the school’s ‘new’ home: a circular, seven-story building at 246 Deering Avenue in Portland.

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1972 to present. Deering Avenue, Portland

1978 Maine Law establishes the Marine Law Institute to provide research, teaching, and public service in the area of ocean and coastal law and public policy. The Institute is renamed the Center for Oceans and Coastal Law in 2011.

1978 The Technology Law Center is established at the Law School and subsequently becomes the Center for Law and Innovation, including the Maine Patent Program and (in 2007) the Intellectual Property Clinic.

1980 The Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, one of the first law school clinical programs in the nation, is established at Maine Law, with a mission to provide free legal aid to low-income individuals and families.

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Previous homes

1911-1920. Union Street, Bangor

1939-1941. Exchange Street, Portland

1949-1961 Park Street, Portland

(Images by David S. Silsby)
I probably worked in about 10 or 15 institutions while I was in France, and then another half-dozen in the United States, and one institution in Haiti itself, to collect all of my materials. The most important places were the John Carter Brown Library at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, the French National Library in Paris, and the French Colonial Archives in Aix-en-Provence. The vast majority of the original primary source documents for the study of colonial Haiti are located in France rather than Haiti.

Q: What were the themes that emerged as you reviewed these source materials?

A: The themes really grew out of the archival nature of the materials themselves, that is to say they grew out of the fact that it was the French imperial state that was compiling all of these (primarily legal) records. One theme in particular was the effort to control the behavior of masters in the French colonies, in particular Haiti.

One of my chapters relates the story of a prosecution of a master for torturing his slaves in 1788, just before the onset of the French and Haitian revolutions. It was the record of an extraordinary prosecution, a very rare effort to enforce a provision of the Black Code that prohibited masters from torturing and mutilating their slaves. There were various reasons why the French colonial state sought to do that, but one of them by the end of the 18th century was simply to prevent a slave revolution from happening. The vicious cycle of violence between slaves and masters, and how that cycle threatened the stability of the entire plantation system, was a prominent theme of the research and of the book itself.

The element that I find most interesting and dominant throughout this Old Regime period is this strategic interest, which was both the self-interest of the master and the strategic interest of the colony as a whole, in keeping the system going. It is out of that sense of interest that I locate the origins of a sense of limits on slaveholder authority and, ultimately, rights and privileges attaching to free people of color and then to slaves.

Q: How does the subject matter of your book apply to Haiti and to the outside world today?

A: Haiti is, in so many ways, the descendant of this slave colony: its modern history has been ravaged by the legacies of that history, including environmental devastation, violence between different racial groups, torture, rape and so on.

A second legacy is the treatment of Haiti by the outside world in the years since the revolution gave rise to Haitian independence. That independence met with an embargo on the part of the United States under Jefferson, and a refusal on the part of France to acknowledge the independence of Haiti, until it had paid a large indemnity to the former planters, and similar hostility on the part of basically every major western power at the time. That really did not end until well into the 20th century, and quite a few scholars of contemporary Haiti continue to see traces of that hostility even in the contemporary era.

As to the world outside of Haiti, there are probably more people in a state of control by other persons today than there were at the height of Atlantic slavery, at least so say some abolitionists. The idea that we are past “slavery” today, that we are in a kind of abolitionist era, is a false one. At the same time, the notion of what slavery is today is different. It isn’t always defined as a property relationship. For example, the sex trade that you find in so many parts of the world today: the victims of it are treated as property, but it is not a legally recognized property relationship, because no state today, with the possible exception of Mauritania, actually recognizes one person’s right to own another person. So you have the functional equivalent of slavery, you have things that look like slavery, recurrent manifestations of the human will to dominate other persons – and so you have courts that struggle to define what “slavery” can and should mean today.

Prof. Malick Ghachem joined the faculty at the University of Maine School of Law in 2010. He teaches criminal law and procedure, legal history, law and religion, and related constitutional subjects. Prior to joining the legal academy, Prof. Ghachem practiced law for five years in Boston, working primarily in the areas of criminal defense, employment discrimination, and commercial/securities litigation. He also served as law clerk for the Honorable Rosemary Barkett of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Miami and as a lecturer in political science at MIT. Professor Ghachem holds undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in history from Stanford. He is the author of The Old Regime and the Haitian Revolution (Cambridge University Press, March 2012) and has published a number of articles in the fields of American constitutional and French colonial legal history.
Professor Malick Ghachem’s *The Old Regime and the Haitian Revolution* examines the role of law in Haiti’s transformation from slave colony to independent nation.
Imagine a young Iraqi man working as a combat interpreter for the Coalition Forces during the Iraq War. The year is 2007. He’s living on a U.S. base in Baghdad, using his skills in English and Arabic to keep himself and the soldiers of his unit alive.

Imagine him on ambush missions in the “Triangle of Death” between Baghdad and Al Hillah, or walking with road clearance teams, searching for hidden roadside bombs.

Now see him between missions. His head is buried in one of his law books, and every few months he goes to a nearby university for exams. He’s 18 years old and he dreams of earning his law degree and then moving to America to enroll in a master’s program.

That young man, Ali Farid, has turned those dreams into reality.

Now 23 years old, Farid earned his law degree in Baghdad and moved to Maine last year on a Special Immigrant Visa. This fall, he is among the first few students enrolled in the new LL.M. (Master of Laws) program at the University of Maine School of Law in Portland.

“I have ambition,” Farid said this summer. “This is a great opportunity. This is going to expose me to the whole world, literally. It is what I was born to do.”

Maine Law’s LL.M. is a post-professional degree. The program is intended primarily for foreign candidates who have earned a law degree outside the United States. Participants will learn about the American legal system and context.

Maine Law welcomes its first LL.M. students

Ali Farid of Baghdad is one of the first foreign students to enroll in the new program

{ Story by Trevor Maxwell / Photo by René Minnis }
their professional goals. It is all personally tailored,” said Prof. Charles Norchi, director of the new program. Prof. Norchi is also the director of Maine Law’s Center for Oceans and Coastal Law.

“The program will be small,” Norchi said. “We want to keep the standards high for the LL.M., just like we do for the J.D. We want the graduate program to enrich the educational experiences of the J.D. students. When they exchange views, it makes the classroom so much livelier. It brings the material alive because there are people who have had experiences in other countries, and they have diverse points of view.”

This year, in many ways, will serve as a pilot year for the program, Norchi said. The first three students are from Iraq, Somalia and Saudi Arabia, and a few more students might start in January. Prof. Norchi envisions a program eventually of 12 or fewer students per year.

“We are purposefully reaching out to contacts in France, Italy, Russia, Switzerland, China, the Middle East and Afghanistan,” Norchi said of himself and his faculty colleagues. “We can do well recruiting directly, because of our contacts.”

Charles Norchi has consulted in more than two dozen countries, primarily on behalf of United Nations agencies and other international organizations. He has extensive experience in Afghanistan, where he worked as a journalist covering the Soviet War in the 1980s. He has been building the framework so that Maine Law will become a destination for students from the war-torn country.

In July, Prof. Norchi visited the capital city of Kabul, where he spoke to Afghan lawyers and LL.M. candidates bound for American law schools through the Public Private Partnership of Justice Reform in Afghanistan. Norchi arranged for Prof. Rogoff’s class this fall – Introduction to U.S. Law – to be made available by video to law students at the American University of Afghanistan.

The addition of the LL.M. program represents another step as Maine Law continues to increase its global outreach and engagement.

Maine Law offers student exchanges with universities in France, Canada, Hong Kong, England and Ireland. The Law School brings international speakers to Maine, and visiting scholars this fall include people from China, Thailand, Japan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The school’s newest legal clinic, the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic, also opened this year and will primarily serve clients who are seeking asylum from countries around the world.

As for Farid, he is excited that his journey has led him here, to the coast of Maine.

Farid’s father, an electrical engineer, had served as a general in the Iraqi Army. His mother earned a degree in psychology. Their family moved often during the first Gulf War in the 1990s, but they always kept Farid in the best schools, and they emphasized education. Farid decided to work for Coalition Forces because he believed in the U.S. mission in Iraq, and because he wanted to support himself financially as he pursued his law degree in Baghdad.

Farid worked for the Coalition Forces for three years. On combat missions, Farid interpreted between U.S. officers and regular citizens, sheiks, Iraqi security forces, private contractors and others. He also served as a cultural advisor for the military units to which he was assigned.

“The thing that kept me going was the law college, plus the people I worked with,” he said. “I was treated like an American soldier, it was amazing. I’d like to thank every guy I met over there.”

Because of his time living on the U.S. base and his work as an interpreter, Farid qualified for a Special Immigrant Visa. He originally planned to move to Boston, because of the city’s reputation as a hub for education. But Farid’s aunt, who lives in Westbrook, Maine, convinced him to come to Portland instead. He arrived in the fall of 2011, along with a friend who also worked for Coalition Forces in Iraq. Since coming to Maine, Farid has worked for the City of Portland as a shelter attendant, and he continues to work with Catholic Charities as a volunteer and as an interpreter.

Ultimately, Farid wants to use his law degrees to help refugees and immigrants, perhaps as a law professor or working for an international organization such as the United Nations.

“I wanted to come to the states and get my master’s degree. So now I am living the dream. I feel like I belong here.”

Ali Farid, Maine Law LL.M. student
“Building upon a long tradition of teaching innovation and public service, today’s professors at Maine Law are heightening the Law School’s national profile with sophisticated scholarship and policy analysis.”

– Peter Pitegoff, Dean

Prof. Angela Arey and Prof. Nancy Wanderer are writing a book tentatively titled Off and Running: A Guide to Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis For Aspiring Lawyers, (Wolters/Kluwer, forthcoming 2013). The book is aimed at teaching students the fundamental skills of legal research, writing, and analysis by leading them through a series of assignments that simulate the practice of law.

Prof. Dmitry Bam published an article, “Making Appearances Matter: Recusal and the Appearance of Bias,” in 64 Brigham Young University Law Review 943 (2011). It was posted on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN) and immediately featured on the prestigious Legal Theory Blog and on the Judicial Ethics Forum website http://judicialethicsforum.com. He moderated a panel on the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act in February 2012 at the University of Southern Maine.

Clinical Prof. James Burke gave an introductory presentation on “Women in Maine Prisons” at a lecture given in October by Prof. Paula Johnson of Syracuse Law School on the experiences of incarcerated women. The lecture was co-sponsored by University of Maine School of Law and the University of Southern Maine. He presented at the annual Bridging the Gap Program for New Lawyers in November 2011 and serves on the Maine State Bar Association’s Continuing Legal Education Committee.

Andrew Clearwater, Fellow at the Center for Law and Innovation, has published several articles on whether data breach mitigation costs are cognizable damages in the Privacy Advisor. He presented a discussion at Maine Law on the topic of U.S. v. Jones and the implications of the case as it relates to future cell phone tracking by law enforcement in April 2012. He was also a featured guest in March on the Blunt Youth Radio Project, discussing copyright law. He recently participated in the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Tracking Protection Working Group, acting as a co-author of an industry proposal defining key aspects of the meaning of tracking within Do Not Track, which is a standard being called for by the White House and Federal Trade Commission to enable a one-click setting in a web browser to send a message to websites that the user does not want to be tracked.


Prof. Christine Davik presented a paper, “Experiencing Technological Difficulties: How the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act Fails to Adequately Protect,” at the University of Houston Law Center Works-in-Progress Intellectual Property Colloquium in February.

Emeritus Prof. Orlando Delogu’s article “Funding the Judicial Department at a Level the Supreme Judicial Court Deems ‘Essential to Its Existence and Functioning as a Court’ is Required by Doctrines of Comity and...
Duties Imposed by Maine’s Constitution” was published in Maine Law Review. His article “Friend of the Court: An Array of Arguments to Urge Reconsideration of the Moody Beach Cases and Expand Public Use Rights in Maine’s Intertidal Zone” was published in the Ocean and Coastal Law Journal. Over the past year he has written six op-eds for Maine Ahead; three op-eds for The Portland Press Herald and the West End News; and four articles for the Maine Lawyers Review. His articles and opinion pieces focus on a wide variety of issues ranging from Maine politics, local and national economic issues, public policy issues, and zoning limitations, just to name a few. He presented on the topic of local land issues as well as on the pros and cons of TIFs (Tax Increment Financing) at the annual meeting of the International Association of Municipal Lawyer in Chicago. He was an invited presenter at a subcommittee workshop of the Maine Legislature’s Taxation Committee. The committee discussed possible changes to Maine’s state and local tax structure.

Prof. James Friedman wrote an op-ed entitled “The Anti-Boycott Law and Free Speech in Israel” for Jurist, a web-based legal news and real-time legal research service published through the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. The article can be viewed at jurist.law.pitt.edu/forum/2011/07/james-friedman-boycott-law.php.

Prof. Malick Ghachem’s book, The Old Regime and the Haitian Revolution was published by Cambridge University Press in 2012 and has been well received. (To learn more about the book, see Page 24.) He also published an article, “Prosecuting Torture: The Strategic Ethics of Slavery in Pre-Revolutionary Saint-Domingue (Haiti)” in the Law and History Review in November 2011. He also published “At the Origins of Public Credit: A Story of Stock-Jobbing and Financial Crisis in Prerevolutionary France” in “The Financial Crisis of 2008: French and American Responses,” edited by Prof. Rogoff.

Prof. Rita Heimes, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of the Center for Law and Innovation, published “Trademarks, Identity and Justice,” in the John Marshall Review of Intellectual Property Law. She was interviewed for a podcast on technology, e-discovery and law school curriculum by the Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists. It has been posted at http://aceds.org/.

Prof. Lois Lupica published a groundbreaking national study on the Costs of the Bankruptcy Abuse and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (BAPCA). She was the principal investigator on the study, which was sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI). To read more, go to: http://www.mainelaw.maine.edu/news/2011_lupica_bapca.html. She presented the “Costs of Bankruptcy Reform Study Final Report” at the ABI Winter Leadership Conference in December 2011 in Palm Springs, Calif. She was on a plenary panel this summer discussing the Supreme Court’s bankruptcy decision of Stern v. Marshall at the ABI Northeast Bankruptcy Conference in Newport, R.I. She was selected as a Class of 2012 Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. She was recently appointed Co-Reporter for the American Bankruptcy Institute Presidential Task Force on National Ethics Standards for Bankruptcy Practice.


Prof. Charles Norchi, Director of the Center for Oceans and Coastal Law and LL.M. Director, published an article in Lloyd’s (London) List Maritime Shipping Journal, titled “Could Blue Berets Beat Piracy?”, which discusses the possibility of adding additional UN security to protect merchant ships in piracy-prone waters. He delivered a series of lectures at Xiamen Academy of International Law in China on “The Public Order of Oceans: Claims to the Sea,” in summer 2011. He presented his paper, “Peoples, Sovereigns and Crises: Self-Determination in the New Haven School of International Law” at the “Contemporary Legal Problems from a New Haven Perspective” conference in October at City University School of Law in Hong Kong, China. He gave a presentation on piracy in international law at a conference in Hong Kong in March 2011, convened by the Centre for Maritime and Transportation Law at the City University of Hong Kong and a talk on “China and the Oceans” at the Annual Institute of Policy Scientists at Yale Law School. He convened a Maritime Piracy Roundtable with contributors to his forthcoming book, Maritime Piracy: Problems, Strategies, Law, for the annual Maritime Labor Convention Meeting of the International Labor Organization in December in Geneva, Switzerland. He was elected Chair of the Admiralty and Maritime Section at the AALS annual meeting, which met in Washington D.C. in early January. He also addressed the State-Federal Judicial Council in Augusta on the subject of ‘International Law and Maritime Piracy.’
FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Clinical Prof. Chris Northrop assisted the New England Juvenile Defender Center and the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (MCILS) in developing curriculum and materials. He also served on the faculty for the MCILS juvenile defender trainings, and on the faculty of the Adolescent Development and Juvenile Competence Program of the New England Juvenile Defender Center. He attended the Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit in Seattle and was invited to serve on the National Juvenile Defender Center’s Missouri assessment team. At the October Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit in Seattle, he spoke on “Litigating Eyewitness Identification: Lessons Learned from State v. Henderson,” and on “Building Juvenile Detention Advocacy Skills.” He spoke at a recent “Juvenile Competency to Stand Trial” training session presented by State Forensic Service. The session was in collaboration with the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services, the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group, and the University of Maine School of Law Juvenile Justice Clinic.

Prof. Dave Owen published his article, “Critical Habitat and the Challenge of Regulating Small Harms,” in Florida Law Review. He presented a draft article on the use of the public trust doctrine in environmental law at a conference on that subject at University of California (Davis) School of Law in March 2011. His article, “The Mono Lake Decision, the Public Trust Doctrine, and the Administrative State,” was published at 45 U.C. Davis L. Rev. 1099 (2012). His 2010 article, “Probabilities, Planning Failures, and Environmental Law,” has been selected for publication in the Land Use & Environmental Law Review, which is a compilation of the top land use or environmental law articles from the previous year. His new article “Mapping, Modeling, and the Fragmentation of Environmental Law” has been accepted for publication by Utah Law Review. He presented a paper, “Sea Level Rise and the Endangered Species Act” at a conference on “Coastal Land Loss on the Gulf Coast and Beyond” at Louisiana State University, which will be published in LSU Law Review. He co-chaired the Maine Water Conference, an annual interdisciplinary academic/professional conference on water issues in Maine, and chaired a panel on urbanizing watersheds at the conference. He spoke on “Development of Maine Water Laws: Making Sense of it All” at a CLE seminar on Maine Water Laws and Regulations in April, 2012 in Portland.


Prof. Martin Rogoff was the editor of the recently published volume, “The Financial Crisis of 2008: French and American Responses,” which contained an article he wrote entitled, “Fifty Years of Constitutional Evolution in France: The 2008 Amendments and Beyond.” The volume, which contained the Proceedings of the 2010 Franco-American Legal Seminar, was published jointly by the University of Maine School of Law and La Faculte de Droit, des Sciences Economiques et de Gestion de l’Université du Maine, with the participation of La Faculté de Droit et de Science Politique de l’Université de Rennes. He also published “Review Essay: French Studies in International Law” in the American Journal of International Law, 105 American Journal of International Law 819 (October 2011), as well as a review of Justice Steven Breyer’s book (Making Our Democracy Work: A Judge’s View) in Jus Politicum.

Prof. Sarah Schindler’s article, “Of Backyard Chickens and Front Yard Gardens: The Conflict Between Local Governments and Locavores” was accepted for publication by Tulane Law Review. Her article, “The Future of Abandoned Big Box Stores: Legal Solutions to the Legacies of Poor Planning Decisions,” was published in Colorado Law Review. Her earlier article, “Following Industry’s LEED: Municipal Adoption of Private Green Building Standards,” has been selected to be reprinted in the 2011 Zoning and Planning Law Handbook (West Publishing). She gave presentations on her scholarship at the Association for Law, Property, and Society annual meeting at Georgetown University School of Law in Washington D.C., at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, at a conference entitled “Policies for Cultivating City Land and Increasing Access to Local Food” held at Cleveland-Marshall School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio, and as part of the University of Southern Maine’s Fall Research Colloquium Series.

She was on the planning committee for the 2d Annual Access to Justice Symposium, which took place in January 2012. She was appointed as Chair of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court’s Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence and as a member of the Planning Committee for the 2012 Federal District Court Conference. She received the 2011 Advocate for Justice Award from the Maine Judiciary in recognition of her leadership in advocacy for justice as well as her excellence in expanding the impact of the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic.


Prof. Nancy Wanderer is writing a book with Professor Arey (see entry above under Prof. Arey). Prof. Wanderer published an article, “Fostering Public Trust through Judicial Opinion Writing” in the *National Association of State Judicial Educators News Quarterly*. She continued to co-teach (with the Honorable Robert Alsdorf) an opinion-writing course that she developed with the National Center for State Courts. She served on a panel with the topic of “The Benefits of Diversity and Inclusion” at the Maine State Bar Association’s annual meeting. Co-panelists were Peter DeTroy, Dan Wathan, former Chief Justice, Maine Supreme Judicial Court, and Tara Jenkins, HR Director of Pierce Atwood.


Professor Melvyn Zarr serves as a consultant to the Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules to the Maine Supreme Court. He also serves as a member of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission, which advises the Maine Legislature on criminal statutes.
1970
Hon. John H. Pursel retired in 2011 as a New Jersey Superior Court Judge. During his tenure, he was ably assisted by the following Maine Law School graduates who served as his Judicial Clerks: Mary Jane Good ’99; Jarvis Parsons ’01; Elizabeth Bancroft ’02; Kate Brassel ’00; Ryan McFarland ’04; Cecilia Guecia ’08; Jessica Braun Flaherty ’09; and Kristina Kurlanski ’10.

1972
Peter J. Detroy III was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the Maine Law Alumni Association for his contributions to the University of Maine School of Law and to the legal community.

1973
Hon. Peter Goranites was honored with the 2012 Family Law Achievement Award by the Family Law Section of the Maine State Bar Association for his contributions to the improvement of domestic relations law and its practice.

1974
Hon. Fred Torrisi recently retired from his position as Superior Court judge in Dillingham, Alaska.

1977
Jack Montgomery of Bernstein Shur in Portland, Maine, has been appointed the practice group leader for the firm’s Energy and Environmental Practice Group. He has gained experience in the area through legal work relating to insurance and warranty claims arising out of broken power plants, mostly in the Caribbean and off-shore, but in Maine as well. The position involves running the firm’s “Energy U” program through educational events and courses, as well as administrative and other responsibilities.

Louise Thomas was presented with the 2011 Caroline Duby Glassman Award by the Maine State Bar Association for advancing the participation and promotion of women in the legal profession.

1978
Paula Singer’s latest law review article, co-authored with Prof. Cynthia Blum, Rutgers Law School, “A Proposal for Taking the Complexities out of U.S. Retirement Distributions to Foreign Nationals” was recently published by the Florida Tax Review. Paula and her husband, Gary, bought a home in Lyman and are beginning to transition back to Maine. She continues to work for Thomson Reuters and at the firm Vacovce, Mayotte & Singer LLP in Newton, Massachusetts.

1979
Karen Kingsley has recently retired from Troubh Heisler, PA in Portland Maine.
Karen Lovell has been named the Maine State Chair of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Karen was appointed by the president of the college. Following a rigorous peer review process, she was elected as a fellow of the college in 2006 by vote of its Board of Regents. She specializes in estate planning, trust and estate administration, and probate litigation for Bernstein Shur in Portland, Maine.

1980
Hon. Beth Dobson was presented with the 2012 Caroline Duby Glassman Award by the Maine State Bar Association for advancing the participation and promotion of women in the legal profession.

Robert J. Keach of Bernstein Shur in Portland, Maine, and co-chair of Bernstein Shur’s Business Reorganization and Insolvency Practice Group, was appointed fee examiner for the Chapter 11 cases of AMR Corporation and its affiliated debtors by order of the Hon. Sean H. Lane, the United States Bankruptcy judge presiding over cases in the Southern District of New York. AMR Corporation is the parent company of American Airlines.

1981
Ronald L. Bissonnette, a shareholder in Isaason & Raymond, P.A. in Lewiston, Maine was recently elected a Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. Admission to the college is by invitation only.
1984

1986
Mike Urban has published his first novel, *Drake’s Coffin*, an adventure tale of a search for lost treasure in the jungle of Panama. It features rich history, exotic locales, fascinating characters and rapid-fire action.

1988
Thomas J. Poulin was elected partner of Blank Rome LLP. Thomas is a member of the Commercial Litigation group and practices in the firm’s Washington, D.C. office.

1989
Susan Schultz has opened her own practice in Portland, Maine. Her office is located at 75 Pearl St. She specializes in family law.

1991
Judith Berry and members of the Law Office of Judith Berry in Gorham, Maine, successfully won a case establishing surrogacy law in Maine. Her son, Christopher, argued the case.

1992
Randy (Blaine) Hawkes was recently admitted to the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was also recently awarded the New Hampshire Bar Association’s Inaugural Award for Outstanding Service in Public Sector/Public Interest.

1993
Walt McKee of McKee Law in Augusta, Maine, was honored with the Justice Louis Scolnik Award by the ACLU of Maine for his extraordinary civil liberties advocacy. Walt also was honored with the President’s Award by the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for his work in the area of criminal justice issues.

1994
Kurt Klebe has been appointed Chair of the Maine Coast Heritage Trust’s Board of Trustees. The Maine Coast Heritage Trust has worked for more than 40 years to promote conservation and stewardship of Maine land.

1995
Jill Smith, research and instructional technology librarian at University of Maryland School of Law, published an article in the June 2012 issue of the American Association of Law Libraries’ *Spectrum Magazine* entitled, “Technology and Tradition: Managing technology requests using basic library science techniques.”

1996
William A. Mason (Chip), a shareholder at Gravel & Shea PC in Burlington, Vermont, was elected to the Burlington Vermont City Council in March of 2012. Dan Mitchell, attorney and shareholder at Bernstein Shur, recently received the Martindale-Hubble AV Preeminent Rating, the highest level of Martindale-Hubble’s peer review rating system. Mitchell is part of Bernstein Shur’s Litigation Practice Group and Business Law Practice Group.

1997
Kate Brogan was honored with the Outstanding Alumna Award by the University of Maine School of Law’s Women’s Law Association for her many achievements as an attorney, and her contributions to the advancement of women’s issues in Maine. Michael A. Fagone, shareholder and co-chair of Bernstein Shur’s Business Restructuring and Insolvency Practice Group, was recently appointed to the American Bankruptcy Institute’s board of directors. Michael is also one of a handful of lawyers in northern New England certified in business bankruptcy by the American Board of Certification. John P. Giffune was elected President of the Cumberland Bar Association. John has been a member of the Cumberland Bar Association since 2009 and has previously served on its General Committee and as its Second Vice President. John is a Partner in Verrill Dana’s Litigation & Trial, Construction Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution groups.

Roughly 200 alums took part in a reunion weekend held Sept. 14-15, 2012, at the University of Maine School of Law. Celebrating 10 classes, the reunion was the first multi-year reunion at that scale in the school’s history. The event honored graduates from every five years, beginning in 1962 and ending in 2007. Pictured above, the Class of 1992.
1998
Rebekah Smith, Esq., has been awarded a Flom Incubator Grant from the Skadden Fellowship Foundation to conduct a series of mediations for low-income and pro se parties involved in actions before the Maine Human Rights Commission. Rebekah, who specializes in alternative dispute resolution including mediation, arbitration, and administrative hearing officer work, will focus on cases in which the Commission has not yet undertaken an investigation.

2001
Devan Lee Deckelmann, a member of Bernstein Shur’s Business Law Practice Group in Portland, Maine has received the Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent Rating, a recognition that fewer than five percent of women lawyers receive.

Andrew L. Share has become a partner of Nixon Peabody and splits his time between firm offices in Manchester, New Hampshire, and Boston, Massachusetts. His practice areas include corporate mergers and acquisitions, technology and outsourcing transactions, software licensing, and intellectual property issues related to business transactions. He is a frequent author and contributor of articles regarding these topics.

2002
Sarah Ashby joined Psychemedics Corporation as Associate General Counsel in April. She focuses primarily on FDA and patent issues, and also manages litigation.

Nora R. Healy recently became a partner in Verrill Dana in Portland, Maine. Nora received the New Lawyer Award, presented by the Maine Bar Foundation. The award is given to attorneys who have been licensed for fewer than 10 years and have made outstanding contributions to the legal community.

2003
Kenneth (Ken) Albert III recently joined the Maine Department of Health and Human Services as the Director of the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services.

2004
Sherry Abbott is a mom to a healthy baby boy named Saer-Aziz Stevenson Niang. Baby Sear-Aziz was born at Eastern Maine Medical Center on March 8 at 11:30 p.m., and weighed 7 lbs., 11oz and measured 21 inches in length.

2005
Hanna Sanders was appointed Access to Justice Coordinator for the State of Maine Judicial Branch in February 2012.

2009
Kyle MacDonald of Verrill Dana in Boston, Massachusetts, is preparing for his first case at the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

2010
Heidi Pushard has been elected as incoming Chair of the New Lawyers Section of the Maine State Bar Association.

Amanda Zane is working in international private law (immigration, tax, trusts & estates) at a boutique firm at Place de la Concorde, a block from the U.S. Embassy in Paris. She is also teaching as an adjunct professor at the Sorbonne, building upon the courses she started developing as an adjunct at the Université de Cergy Pontoise.
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