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In contentious times,  
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that uplift.

**Maine Law Voices:** Our impact in times of **CHANGE**



## OPENING ARGUMENTS

# Tunisia Poole '05

Leads Aflac's Employment and Labor Law team



### **Why did you choose Maine Law?**

I didn't want a lot of law school debt and Maine Law offered me a scholarship. Upon being notified about the scholarship, my Mom and I visited Portland and the Law School. After our visit, we knew that Maine Law was the right place for me.

### **What is your pre-Maine Law background?**

Unlike most Maine Law students at the time that I started law school in 2001, I was a traditional law student. That is, I attended law school immediately after I graduated from college.

### **What is your current work?**

For the past 12 years, I have specialized in employment and labor law. I currently lead Aflac's Employment and Labor Law team. The Employment and Labor Law team advises on matters arising out of the employment relationship and

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**– Tunisia Poole '05**

handles employment litigation for Aflac’s U.S. Operations. Employment and Labor Law is a broad practice area including but not limited to laws concerning discrimination, harassment, retaliation, workplace safety, restrictive covenants, employment agreements, and unions.

**How did Maine Law prepare you for your career?**

Because I earned my bachelor’s degree in English, I had solid research, analytical, and writing skills when I started law school. Maine Law, however, really honed my analytical, research, and legal writing skills. Law school taught me how to think like a lawyer and the art of persuasion via written communications.

**What has surprised you most about life after law school?**

I thoroughly enjoyed and excelled in Code-based courses (e.g., Tax, Secured Transactions, UCC, etc.) in law school. As a result, I had my heart set on being a transactional attorney, and I had zero interest in being a litigator.

After completing a summer associate program with a large law firm in Tennessee, I received an offer to work in the Labor and Employment Department, which began my career as a litigator.

I was disappointed that I did not receive an offer to work in one of the transactional practice areas, and my plan was to transition into a transactional role. Twelve years later, I cannot imagine being a transactional attorney because I find employment law and litigation to be both intellectually stimulating and emotionally satisfying. There is never a dull moment!

I would advise current students to be open to opportunities and/or areas of the law that may not be their heart’s desire at the outset. There is nothing wrong with having career goals and aspirations, but do not allow tunnel vision to cause you to miss out on an opportunity of a lifetime.

**Were there particular Maine Law faculty members who influenced you?**

Professor Mel Zarr’s Civil Procedure Course influenced me the most. As a litigator, I have a fond appreciation of Law is a Lawyer Driven Process (LLDP)!

Professor Nancy Wanderer’s Legal Writing course also played an important role in jumpstarting my legal career. One of the reasons I was able to secure a position with a large law firm immediately after graduating from law school is because I successfully completed the

firm’s summer associate program, which required the submission of various legal writing assignments. As a first year associate, partners praised my legal writing skills.

**Why should students consider Maine Law?**

Maine Law has excellent faculty who are subject matter experts and genuinely care about students. Faculty members encourage you to ask questions and to contact them before, during, and after office hours.

I distinctly remember several of my professors – Lois Lupica, Nancy Wanderer, Tom Ward, Jennifer Wriggins, and Mel Zarr to name a few – spending time with me outside of their office hours to answer my questions.

I can assure prospective students that they will get a quality education if they attend Maine Law. As for prospective students who are not from Maine and want to practice law outside of the State of Maine, I am living proof that you can do it! In fact, I encourage prospective Maine Law students to pursue and accept employment opportunities outside of Maine and the Northeast so that other regions can benefit from Maine Law talent.

**Tunisia Poole is a Georgia native. After graduating from Maine Law, Tunisia practiced with a large law firm in Tennessee for two years and returned to Georgia in 2007 to join the largest labor and employment law**

**boutique firm in the nation. Tunisia currently resides in Columbus, Georgia with her husband, Yusef, and daughter, Lydia. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, working out, and reading.**

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From left to right: Danielle Conway, Barrett Littlefield, Deirdre Smith, Angela Crossman Arey,  
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## Maine Law: Relevant & significant in challenging times

Dear Friends,

Our nation is polarized. From basic arguments about what level of government can best respond to the needs of our communities to deep-seated divisions about identity, morality, and core American values, many people and their communities are feeling unhinged. As members of the legal profession, we are especially equipped to exercise leadership in times of adversity. With demonstrated competence and the highest level of ethics as guides, members of our noble profession have the capacity to persevere in service to justice and the rule of law.

Lawyers have special responsibilities in difficult times. One of these responsibilities is to match wisdom with courage. Lawyers are well-educated, well-trained, and well-skilled; these pillars provide an excellent foundation to counsel and advocate for clients. In the most challenging of times, lawyers must step forward to demonstrate how to demand justice for all. It is not enough for members of our profession to understand this greater purpose; rather, in difficult times, lawyers must exercise courage in order to stand between justice and injustice.

The cover story for this edition of *Maine Law Magazine* (Page 14) is about drawing on courage to take action in difficult times. In a series of brief essays, members of the Maine Law community introduce you to their stories of commitment to work and programs that uplift the disadvantaged, the vulnerable, and the underserved. Collectively, the essays form a mosaic reflecting Maine Law's true north – the belief that there is no greater duty than service to others and the pursuit of justice.

This issue will also show you how Maine Law prepares its students for service to others. You'll get to know five recent Maine Law graduates who participated in the Externship Program during their time at the Law School, each of whom credit that experience with helping to launch their careers. The growing Externship Program offers placements in virtually every practice area and geographic location, providing students the opportunity to develop essential professional skills, while making valuable contributions to their communities.

Maine Law's signature programs and events feature prominently in preparing students to serve their communities. The Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, the Frank M. Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service, and the Justice For Women Lecture Series inspire and engage members of the Maine Law com-

munity and those in the greater Maine community to identify complex issues that challenge our humanity and develop plans of action to respond to and solve these problems.

Maine Law's PreLaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) program is intentionally designed to identify future leaders who have yet to have their voices heard in the legal profession. Over the summer, Maine Law welcomed 25 college undergraduates for the second annual PLUS Program. This four-week law and leadership immersion program is designed to benefit undergraduate students who come from rural areas, first-generation college students, and students of color. The 2017 PLUS Scholars

represent 14 universities and hail from as far away as Texas. We are pleased to welcome two members of the inaugural Maine Law PLUS cohort into the Class of 2020.

Maine Law is relevant and significant because of the hard work and dedication of students, staff, faculty, administration, alumni, and friends. We are thankful for the sage counsel, philanthropic work, and meaningful engagement of the members of the University of Maine School of Law Foundation Board and the Maine Law Board of Visitors. We are also thankful for the continuing support of the University of Maine System and the University of Southern Maine, with whom we share a campus, deep institutional bonds, and a vision of access to higher education and professional opportunities for our students.

Over the past year, I have traveled throughout Maine to publicize our initiatives and to show that Maine Law is taking action. Among the many stops, I have had the privilege of speaking to members of the John Waldo Ballou American Inn of Court in Bangor; to the leadership and employees at Unum in Portland; to attorneys and judges at the 2017 Annual Bar Conference at Sugarloaf Mountain; and to young women training for a life of public service through politics at the Maine NEW Leadership Program hosted by the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center in Orono. I have enjoyed sharing information about Maine Law with so many diverse audiences, but more importantly, I have enjoyed the feeling of becoming rooted in Maine. I have been welcomed with positive feedback about the Law School's charted course and been given meaningful comments and suggestions that have been extraordinarily helpful. For this, and so much more, I thank you.

Danielle M. Conway  
Dean & Professor of Law



## USM & Maine Law forging deep institutional bonds

By Dr. Glenn Cummings  
*President, University of Southern Maine*

Two years ago, I had the honor of becoming President of the University of Southern Maine. That same summer, Danielle Conway officially began serving as the Dean of the University of Maine School of Law. Our respective appointments were fortuitous and portended an extraordinary relationship that has allowed USM and Maine Law to forge deep institutional bonds that will see us through the many challenges and rapid changes in higher education in Maine. I have come to know Dean Conway as a trusted colleague, an inspirational leader, and a loyal friend.

Our visions for USM and for Maine Law are coextensive. We are focused on cultivating academic excellence, expanding opportunities for experiential learning, and collaborating with the communities around us. We share a deep commitment to veterans, supporting the transition from military service to the classroom. We are creating educational pathways that are seamless, robust, and affordable.

The histories of USM and Maine Law have intertwined



for decades. Today, the relationship is as strong as it has ever been, and our institutional vision, mission, and objectives are aligned for the benefit of student success, staff excellence, and faculty engagement and productivity. The rich relationship between USM and Maine Law will guarantee our students a unique and individualized pathway to professional degree attainment.

Our early collaborations have been extremely successful and include:

- > The 3+3 baccalaureate/J.D. Program, in which USM was the first university to partner with Maine Law. The Maine Law 3+3 enables our students to receive a bachelor's degree and a law degree in six years, rather than seven.
- > The dual degrees – J.D./M.P.H. and the J.D./M.P.P.M. – offered through the interdisciplinary efforts of Maine Law and USM's Muskie School of Public Service.
- > The dual degree – J.D./M.B.A. – long offered through an agreement between Maine Law and the USM School of Business.
- > And most recent, we have been working closely together to ensure the vision of the new and exciting Maine Center for Graduate Professional Studies, in which Maine Law has a central role.

We look forward to continuing this spirit of collaboration, and to providing innovative ways for our students to achieve their goals.

## For 50 years, Maine Law has been a force for good

By Dr. James H. Page  
*Chancellor, University of Maine System*

For more than 50 years, the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of the University of Maine School of Law have done what founding Dean Ed Godfrey asked of them and what current Dean Danielle Conway still asks of them today: to use their energies and skills as a force for good, and to contribute to the well-being of all Maine people.

As Maine's only law school, with each graduating class Maine Law continues to show its value to our state and the universities that make up the University of Maine System. In addition to its role as a vibrant center of teaching and



scholarship, Maine Law plays a pivotal role in economic development, public policy, and governance. The leadership and collaborative spirit of Maine Law is particularly important to the Maine Center for Graduate Professional Studies, an initiative that has just received a \$7.5 million challenge grant from the Harold Alfond Foundation to create new opportunities for students and employers through academic innovation and engagement in legal, business, and policy education.

Maine Law has always been, and will continue to be, a training ground for leaders. Its alumni include four of the past seven governors of Maine, six of the past eight Attorneys General, and numerous leaders in a wide range of sectors including, but not limited to, legal services, business and corporations, non-profit organizations, and governmental agencies.

It is a legacy to be proud of and one to build upon for a new generation of professional legal service providers.



The Class of 2017 on the steps of Portland City Hall prior to the May 20 commencement.

## Maine Law Class of 2017: 83 J.D. graduates

**T**he University of Maine School of Law awarded J.D. degrees to 83 students, as well as five LL.M. degrees, at a commencement ceremony on May 20, 2017.

Five of the graduates were awarded the Law School's first Certificates in Information Privacy Law.

Maine Law also awarded more than two dozen merit awards to its graduates. About 800 family members, friends, and invited guests attended the ceremony at Portland's Merrill Auditorium.

The Hon. Jon D. Levy, U.S. District Judge for the District of Maine, was the keynote speaker. His speech was on "Lawyers and the Rebirth of Civic Engagement."

The oath of a lawyer, Levy said, includes the responsibility to be engaged in civic life and to provide leadership in strengthening civic institutions.

The Hon. Michael A. Fagone '97, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maine in Bangor, received the 2017 L.



2017 Certificate in Information Privacy Law Recipients: Back row: Michael Scully, Professor Jennifer Wriggins, Roy de Pasquale, Front row: Jeffrey Lambe and Jason Litalien (not pictured Brian Philbrook)

Kinvin Wroth Award for distinguished service as an alumnus. Graduating student Connor Schratz of Lockport, N.Y. was the student speaker.

### Professor Norchi named Fulbright Arctic Scholar

Professor Charles H. Norchi has been named the Fulbright-Ministry of Foreign Affairs Arctic Scholar for the Republic of Iceland. He will be affiliated with the University of Iceland School of Law, the Centre for Arctic Policy Studies, and the University of Akureyri Polar Law Program.

The Fulbright program was launched in 1946 and is overseen by the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Norchi was the University Trustee Professor (2016-17) and continues as Director of the Center for Oceans and Coastal Law. He devoted his Trustee Professorship to a range of activities pertaining to the Arctic. He was a member of the host committee for the recent Arctic Council sessions in Portland. Norchi will use the Arctic Fulbright award for research, teaching, and advancing Maine Law's institutional relationships in the "High North."

### Portland Rotary and Maine Law partner with Lyseth Elementary School

In January of 2017, the Portland Rotary Club and the University of Maine School of Law launched a collaborative community service project at Lyseth Elementary School in Portland's North Deering neighborhood. The collaboration furthers the United Way of Greater Portland's Thrive 2027 Goal 1 to improve the reading proficiency of children at the end of the third grade.

Portland's reading proficiency is 5 percent below the state average, and only 64 percent of the city's elementary school students are reading at grade level by fourth grade. Through this partnership, the Maine Law community and Portland Rotary members are building strong connections with the children through reading sessions, book donations, and the development of mentor-mentee relationships.

"Launching the Law School-wide service project, in partnership with Portland Rotary, will help extinguish the book famine while breaking down those obstacles preventing access to knowledge for our most precious resource — our children," said Danielle Conway, Dean of Maine Law.



Associate Dean Carrie Wilshusen and Mary Keenan at the 2017 MAPIL auction.

### MAPIL auction raises funds for public interest fellowships

The Maine Association for Public Interest Law (MAPIL), a student group at the University of Maine School of Law, raised approximately \$16,000 at its annual auction on April 5-6, 2017. Proceeds support the award of paid fellowships that allow students to spend summers providing legal services to low-income families, veterans, immigrants, and others in need of legal aid.

The online auction was held on April 5. The silent and live auctions were held April 6 at Mariner's Church Banquet Center in Portland's Old Port. MAPIL co-hosted the auction in collaboration with the Maine Law Alumni Association. MAPIL fellowships have helped fund summer positions for Maine Law students working for organizations in Maine, Massachusetts, Oregon, Alaska, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and Washington.



Associate Professor Richard Chen served as one of the auctioneers at the 2017 MAPIL Auction.

## Maine Law launches Certificate in Regulatory Compliance

A new certificate program in regulatory compliance launched by the University of Maine School of Law will help non-lawyer professionals at businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies across Maine navigate the modern regulatory landscape.

This innovative program – created in response to a growing need in Maine’s business community – is the first of its kind in the state and one of the few such programs in the nation offered by a law school to non-lawyers.

“Regulatory requirements continue to proliferate in volume and complexity, and no organization in the state is immune,” said Andrew Kaufman, an experienced lawyer and Professor of Practice at Maine Law who is directing the program and will teach the introductory course on regulatory compliance on Oct. 13-14.

“This new program provides Maine business and industry, both large and small, with a convenient and thorough way to learn about the regulatory pitfalls and develop effective compliance



programs that protect their organizations.”

The Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Maine Regulatory Training and Ethics Center, USM’s Center for Technology Enhanced Learning, and Unum are co-sponsors of this venture,

which solidifies Maine Law’s commitment to expanding Maine’s economy and the skills of its professionals.

For additional information visit: [mainelaw.maine.edu/career-services/executive-education/regulatory-compliance-certificate](http://mainelaw.maine.edu/career-services/executive-education/regulatory-compliance-certificate).

## Maine Law’s Refugee and Human Rights Clinic receives \$500K grant

Earlier this year, Maine Law’s Refugee and Human Rights Clinic (RHRC) received a \$500,000 grant from the Sam L. Cohen Foundation. The grant will help the RHRC continue its mission over the next four years.

“The need for legal aid for Maine’s immigrants is high,” said Clinical Professor Anna Welch, who oversees the clinic. “Many of our clients have been subjected to abuse, persecution, and torture in their home countries. They need help with asylum claims, work permits, and many other humanitarian matters. Without a lawyer they have little chance at winning their cases.”

“There is a real sense of urgency, especially in this political environment, with the ongoing debates about refugees and immigrants and their future in America,” Welch said.

The legal work at the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic is done by Maine Law students under the supervision of Welch and other Law School faculty members. The mission is to train



Clinical Professor  
Anna Welch

future lawyers in a growing and dynamic area of law, while upholding Maine Law’s commitment to public service.

Since it launched in the fall of 2012, the clinic has provided direct legal assistance to dozens of asylum seekers, unaccompanied immigrant children, and other immigrants seeking humanitarian relief in Maine.

The clinic also has helped hundreds more through the publication of its “How to Apply for Asylum” manual, co-authored with the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project; trainings and ‘Know-Your-Rights’ presentations with asylum seekers, immigrant youth, and others at Hope Gateway, Preble Street Teen Center, and Sacred Heart; and other community outreach efforts.

The grant from the Sam L. Cohen Foundation will fund Welch’s position over the next four years. She will serve as the Sam L. Cohen Refugee and Human Rights Clinical Professor. The Foundation has been the primary community supporter of the clinic.

“We’re grateful for the ongoing support of the Sam L. Cohen Foundation, which has been crucial to the development of the RHRC,” said Dean Danielle Conway. “For a law school that is committed to delivering justice and preparing graduates to make positive contributions in their communities, the clinic is at the very heart of our mission.”

### Gorman Foundation grant benefits Juvenile Justice Clinic

The Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic at the University of Maine School of Law was awarded an \$83,000 grant from the John T. Gorman Foundation for an additional year of support for the Juvenile Justice Reform Project.

The funding further advances the work of Juvenile Justice Clinic founder and faculty supervisor Professor Christopher Northrop and his students to research, develop, and advocate for a number of key reforms needed to reduce inappropriate detention and confinement; to build a sustainable continuum of care as an alternative to incarceration; to increase fairness in the juvenile justice system; and to help young people at-risk of system involvement, or who have prior system involvement, to succeed.

The grant also enabled the Law School to establish the Maine Center for Juvenile Policy and Law (MCJPAL) as a recognized entity in the Clinic.

Nationally-recognized juvenile justice reform expert Jill Ward serves as Project Manager of the MCJPAL.

### Maine SJC adopts the Uniform Bar Exam

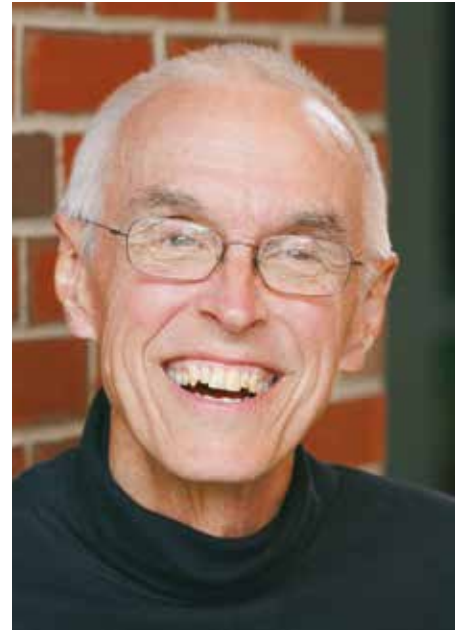
The Maine Supreme Judicial Court adopted the Uniform Bar Exam (UBE), with support from the University of Maine School of Law, as of July 2017.

The decision came after the justices of the Maine SJC considered the report issued by the Advisory Commission on the Uniform Bar Examination, which was chaired by Jennifer Archer '00 of Kelly, Rimmel & Zimmerman. Maine Law was represented by both Dean Danielle Conway and Clinical Professor Jim Burke.

The Uniform Bar Examination is coordinated by the National Conference of Bar Examiners (NCBE), and is designed to test knowledge and skills that every lawyer should be able to demonstrate prior to becoming licensed to practice law. The UBE results in a portable score that can be used to apply for admission in other UBE jurisdictions.



Professor Sarah Schindler



Professor Donald Zillman

## Schindler and Zillman to share Edward S. Godfrey Professorship

Professor Sarah Schindler has been appointed as Associate Dean for Research and as Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law at the University of Maine School of Law.

Schindler joined the Maine Law faculty in 2009 and served as the Class of 1973/Glassman Faculty Research Scholar from 2015-17. She will share the Edward S. Godfrey Professorship with Professor Donald Zillman until his retirement, at which point he will transition to the Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law Emeritus.

Schindler has earned a national reputation for her cutting-edge scholarship in the areas of land use law and urban policy. Her law review articles have been published in the *Yale Law Journal*, the *George Washington Law Review*, and many others. For the 2016-17 academic year, Schindler was a Fellow at the Program in Law and Public Affairs (LAPA) at Princeton University. She has presented her work at a number of conferences worldwide, and was the Pace Environmental Law Center's Distinguished Young Scholar of 2013.

At Maine Law, Schindler teaches property, land use, local government, real estate transactions, and animal law. She received the 2013 Professor of the Year award.

Professor Zillman specializes in energy law and military law. He has written over 50 law review articles and been the author/editor on 14 books in those areas. At Maine Law, Zillman has taught property, constitutional law, torts, environmental law, energy law, military law, and legal writing. In his career he served as an Army Judge Advocate officer, Dean of the University of Maine School of Law, and President of the University of Maine at Presque Isle. He is the current President of the Portland Rotary Club.

For two decades, Zillman has been a member of the International Bar Association's Academic Advisory Group on energy law. Most recently, the group wrote *Sharing the Costs and Benefits of Energy and Resource Activity* (Barrera-Hernandez, Barton, Godden, Lucas, and Ronne) and *The Law of Energy Underground* (Zillman, McHarg, Barrera-Hernandez, Bradbrook).

## Groban: 'Safety in our communities must begin with safe homes'

Margaret Groban, Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maine, delivered the 24th Annual Judge Frank M. Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service on November 2, 2016 at the Abromson Community Education Center in Portland. The subject of Groban's lecture was "The Federal Government's Role in Securing Justice in Domestic Abuse Cases."

The Lecture Series, sponsored by the University of Maine School of Law, honors the late Judge Frank M. Coffin, longtime federal judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, former member of Congress, and renowned leader and mentor in public service.

For the past 20 years, Groban has been the Department of Justice National Domestic Violence Coordinator for the United States Attorney Community. She provides nationwide leadership, training, guidance, policy development, and legislative input for the investigation and prosecution of federal domestic violence crimes.

Groban began her lecture with a tribute to Judge Coffin, and then presented a series of statistics that provided an overview of America's domestic violence problem. "More than half of the women murdered in the U.S. are killed by their intimate partners," Groban said.

"Why is the federal government involved in the fight against domestic violence? DOJ is resolved to reducing violence in our communities. But safety in our communities must begin with safe homes," she said.

"We know home is not a safe place for too many people. Domestic violence is a national crime problem that knows no boundaries. It impacts people of all races, colors, creeds, nationalities, religions, and sexual orientation. It impacts the rich, the poor, and the middle class."

Attorney Groban graduated from Barnard College and Fordham University School of Law. She is a member of the Maine Domestic Violence Homicide Review Panel and has received many awards, including the Maine Citizens Against Handgun Violence Buzz Fitzgerald Public Service Award as well as a Superior Performance Award from the Department of Justice.



Margaret Groban, Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Maine, delivers the Judge Frank M. Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service.

### 2017 Speaker: Ambassador Rick Barton



Ambassador Rick Barton, Co-Director of Princeton Scholars in the Nation's Service Initiative and Former Assistant Secretary of State for Conflict and Stabilization Operations, will deliver the 25th Annual Judge Frank M. Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service on Oct. 25, 2017. Barton's diplomatic career includes over 20 years of peacebuilding work in more than 40 global conflict zones. He has broad experience in addressing international conflict having served as former Deputy

High Commissioner of the United Nations Refugee Agency, former U.S. Representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and the first Assistant Secretary of State for Conflict and Stabilization Operations. Ambassador Barton was actively involved in the establishment of UN Women, the advancement of the UN Peacebuilding Commission, the post-earthquake reconstruction in Haiti, and efforts to better align U.S. and UN development programs. In 2013, he received a Department of State Distinguished Honor Award for his promotion of peacebuilding as well as the empowerment of women, youth, and other agents seeking peaceful change. Prior to his diplomatic service, Barton was a business and political leader in Maine.



Zainah Anwar at the 2017 Justice For Women Lecture.

# Sisters in Islam founder speaks on women's rights

**Z**ainah Anwar, a leading advocate in the Muslim women's rights movement, visited Maine in March 2017 for the sixth annual Justice For Women (JFW) Lecture, presented by the University of Maine School of Law.

Anwar is at the forefront of the women's movement, which seeks to end the use of Islam to justify discrimination against women. She is the Director of Musawah, the global movement for equality and justice in the Muslim family, and a founding member of Sisters in Islam.

During her week in Maine, Anwar spoke with a wide range of students and groups about advancing women's rights within the framework of Islamic culture and faith. She delivered the Justice For Women Lecture on March 23 at the Abromson Community Education Center in Portland. Her presentation was titled "What Islam, Whose Islam? The Struggle for Women's Right to Equality and Justice in Muslim Contexts."

Sisters in Islam has successfully created a public voice and a public space for ordinary women to claim their right to speak out on Islam and the impact of Islamic laws on women's rights and status. The success of Sisters in Islam led to the establishment of Musawah in 2009.

Now in its sixth year as a signature program at Maine Law, the JFW series has brought inspiring speakers here from Botswana, Liberia, South Africa, Afghanistan, India, and Zimbabwe, to discuss their work and strategies to promote jus-

**Save the Date:** The 2018 Justice For Women Lecture will be delivered by Miriam Jalabi on March 29, 2018. Ms. Jalabi is Director of the Syrian National Coalition's Office at the United Nations in New York.

tice for women and girls. To support the lecture series, visit [www.minelawcommunity.org/donatejusticeforwomen](http://www.minelawcommunity.org/donatejusticeforwomen).

## Courage is Contagious Award

Also during the JFW Lecture, Dean Danielle Conway presented the 2017 Courage is Contagious Award to Westbrook Chief of Police Janine L. Roberts. The award is presented annually to an outstanding woman leader who demonstrates a commitment to the mission of the Justice For Women Lecture Series, which is to raise awareness in Maine about the injustices women and girls face both globally and locally. Roberts has served as Westbrook Police Chief since 2015, following a 29-year career with the Portland Police Department.

Chief Roberts is the second recipient of the Courage is Contagious Award. The 2016 award was presented to Catherine Lee of Lee International, who worked closely with Maine Law to establish the Justice For Women Lecture Series in 2011.



25 college undergraduates participated in the 2017 PLUS Program.

## Second-year success for Maine Law's PLUS Program

A diverse group of 25 college undergraduates – including students from rural Maine and students originally from Ghana, Russia, Jamaica, and other nations – participated in the University of Maine School of Law's second annual summer immersion program for young people interested in leadership, law, and professional careers.

The PreLaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program was held at Maine Law from May 29 to June 23, 2017.

The program is designed primarily for college students of color, immigrants, low-income students, and students from rural areas, reflecting the ultimate goal of bringing more diversity to the le-

gal profession in Maine and around the country.

Maine Law was awarded a \$300,000 grant from the Law School Admission Council to fund the PLUS Program for three years. Taught by Maine Law professors and staff, the curriculum included an introduction to lawyering, leadership skills, legal writing, as well as visits to courthouses, law firms, the State House, and other institutions. Students also learned professional skills such as resume writing, networking, and interviewing.

Among this summer's highlights:

- > Students debated hot issues in immigration and took part in simulations on negotiating, plea

bargaining, and advocating orally before an appellate court and an administrative agency.

- > Judges Peter Cary, Keith Powers '73, Paul Fritzsche '75, Rick Lawrence, and Patrick Ende hosted the students to observe proceedings in various courtroom settings, and took time to speak with them and answer questions.
- > Doyle & Nelson hosted an ice cream social at the end of the students' day in Augusta.
- > Berman & Simmons sponsored a reception during the last week of the program at which lawyers from the firm met with students.

# We Hear You:

## In contentious times, Maine Law focuses on work and programs that uplift

**By Danielle M. Conway,**

Dean and Professor of Law



The past year has been one of great upheaval. We've witnessed a polarizing election, impassioned protests, legal and philosophical battles over national and local policies, as well as the power and obligation of government. These divisions have tested the bonds between neighbors and friends. They've prompted difficult questions about the future of the Republic, and whether we can move toward common ground.

In Maine, we've heard the voices of communities that feel left out of the American discourse. These voices transcend political identity. They come from rural towns, where the promises of politicians ring hollow to struggling families. They come from minorities united against institutional racism, and new Mainers facing a backlash because of their religion or country of origin. They come from veterans, the elderly, and the poor, all of whom deserve more opportunities and more respect than society affords them. To those voices we say: We hear you.

But how do we respond? What role does Maine Law play in this time of change?

We do what we have always done: We affirm the rule of law and fiercely defend against injustice in any sphere.

With renewed urgency, we focus on work that has a real, positive impact on all the people of Maine, especially the disadvantaged, the vulnerable, and the underserved.

We are resolute on our commitment to Maine, engaging in projects and supporting policies to improve access to justice, to create economic opportunities, and to uphold fundamental rights.

On these pages you will meet some of the Maine Law professors, students, staff, and alumni who are fulfilling that mission.

You'll read about a new state law, shepherded by our own Professor Deirdre Smith, that makes our court system more fair, responsive, and compassionate to children. You'll be introduced to innovative programs launched at Maine Law, including a summer immersion program that creates a path for those who are under-represented in the legal profession, as well as a pilot program that connects our students with rural communities that need affordable, high quality legal services.

You'll meet students and alumni who are focused on improving the lives of people on the margins of society through volunteerism, the use of advanced technology, education and advocacy, and direct representation.

These are just a few snapshots that capture the spirit, work, and impact of our Maine Law community. There are many more people who are not represented on these pages, but whose contributions are equally valuable. Collectively, they form a mosaic of our true north – our belief that there is no greater duty than service to others, whether it be through law, business, politics, or civic engagement.

By focusing on work and programs that uplift, we keep our community engaged – civically and civilly – with one another, even in the most challenging of times.

# on Supporting critical industry

**By Nancy McBrady, J.D. '07**

Executive Director,  
Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine

In 2014 I left private practice to head the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine, which is responsible for championing Maine's iconic wild blueberry industry.

Maine is the only state in the U.S. that grows this wild crop commercially, 99 percent of which is frozen. The 500 growers and six processors I advocate on behalf of have seen yields quintuple in 30 years to over 100 million pounds annually. However, they are currently facing competition in the form of surplus highbush blueberries and cheaper Canadian wild blueberries, resulting in falling prices that in turn threaten livelihoods.

Preserving and enhancing this industry is of paramount importance to growers and their families, and struggling Downeast and Mid-Coast communities. On a larger scale, supporting this industry means standing up for the state's agricultural economy.

To remedy this situation, I've sought expansion into new markets by helping launch a national school foodservice program aimed at increasing wild blueberry consumption in public K-12 schools. Next, the industry must aggressively support innovation in the form of value-added processing of wild blueberry products that will stimulate jobs, enhance Maine's burgeoning food economy, and boost grower prices.

Private, non-profit, and government investment are all necessary to make such ventures a reality. Further, I aim to partner with Maine's hospitality and restaurant industries so they can introduce tourists to the Maine wild blueberry by incorporating the berries into their menus. With home-grown support, Mainers can help turn this situation around.

It's a privilege working on behalf of the hardworking men and women who produce such a remarkable product. I hope to help this Maine industry succeed for another 150 years.

## Impact

The wild blueberry industry contributes more than \$250 million to Maine's economy and employs more than 2,500 seasonal and year-round workers.

## About Nancy McBrady

A native of Lewiston, McBrady was a management consultant in Chicago and New York, and later worked as an attorney at Preti Flaherty in Portland before joining the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine.



# on Underrepresented groups in law



**By Angela Crossman Arey, J.D. '05**

Professor and Director,  
Legal Writing Program

For the past two summers, I've been a leader for the Prelaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program at Maine Law. This four-week immersion program introduces the legal profession to undergraduate students from groups that are underrepresented in the law – minorities, first generation college students, and rural Mainers.

During our inaugural session we hosted 22 students. We designed a curriculum that exposed them to a variety of practice areas, leadership, and professionalism skills. One of our goals was to empower each student to find his or her voice and to use it.

One student had come to Maine from Afghanistan when she was a teenager. Despite a lack of education in her home country, the young woman obtained her GED, attended community college, and was on the waitlist at Smith College.

Still, she was painfully shy and uncomfortable speaking English in front of groups. Our program forced her to face these fears head-on. She had to argue in a mock administrative hearing, present on immigration reform, and speak for a number of other assignments.

On the last day, she stood in front of a room full of professors, staff, attorneys, and students. Confidently and articulately, she reflected on the program, her transition from Afghanistan to Maine, and the obstacles she faced along the way. She had found her voice.

All 22 students shared powerful reflections. No matter what paths these students choose – and no doubt their achievements will be many – I'm proud to have shared those moments and the PLUS Program experience with them.

## About Angela Crossman Arey

At Maine Law, Arey directs and teaches in the First-Year Legal Writing Program, runs a scholarly writing workshop for upper level students, and coordinates the Moot Court Program. She is the Curriculum Director for the PreLaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program now in its second year. Arey was the 2016 recipient of the Women's Law Association Award for her outstanding contributions to the legal profession.

## Impact

Although African-Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, and Native Americans make up more than 35 percent of the population and about 20 percent of law school graduates, they make up less than 7 percent of law firm partners and 9 percent of general counsels of large corporations.

# on Fellow refugees & immigrants

**By Michel Kanyambo, LL.M. '14**

Immigration Legal Services/AOR  
Coordinator, Catholic Charities Maine

I came to the United States from Rwanda in 2009 as an asylum seeker, and the process took me two years. After obtaining asylum my priority was to reunite with my family that I left behind, and to work hard to rebuild my life.

It was starting from scratch with the goal of becoming successful in my new country. Having a strong legal studies background and legal work experience in Africa were not enough for me, so I decided to go back to school to study the American system. I earned my LL.M. (Master of Laws) at Maine Law. My plan was, and still is, to sit for the bar and to practice law or embrace a related career in the legal field.

Through my work at Catholic Charities, I am profoundly happy and proud to serve my fellow refugees and immigrants in various immigration matters. I am especially proud to contribute to their path to U.S. citizenship and reunification with their families.

This work matters a lot to me because the people I serve are in great need of immigration services and cannot afford to hire private attorneys. Free immigration services are not a guarantee to everyone in Maine, but at Catholic Charities we try our best to provide those services at a minimal charge. I am happy to help and serve people in the same ways I was helped and served during my long immigration journey.

## Impact

Catholic Charities Maine Refugee and Immigration Services (RIS) has assisted nearly 10,000 people through its resettlement program and assisted over 20,000 with refugee and asylee support services.

## About Michel Kanyambo

Kanyambo was hired in 2015 by Catholic Charities Maine as coordinator of a family reunification program for refugees and asylees. He also works in the legal services department as an immigration legal assistant, and is a board member at Maine Equal Justice Partners.



# on The family justice system

**By Deirdre M. Smith, J.D. '94**

Professor and Director,  
Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic at Maine Law

**A**t the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, our student attorneys often represent parents facing poverty, domestic violence, incarceration, mental illness, and substance use.

Their legal problems can have a profound impact on their children. Questions about the safety and care of minors arise in a range of legal matters, and there are frequent disputes over child protection, guardianship, and parental rights.

As a supervisor to our student attorneys, I noticed a serious and growing problem in Maine's family justice system.

Too often, children were caught in the middle of multiple proceedings, sometimes in different courts, and with different judges, *guardians ad litem* and attorneys. This could result in conflicting court orders related to the same child.

I saw how this "split jurisdiction" was not only highly inefficient, but could make a difficult situation far worse for all involved, especially the kids.

Based on that experience, I drafted legislation known as the "Home Court Act." It received support from the Maine Judicial Branch, the Attorney General, the Maine State Bar Association, individual attorneys, *guardians ad litem*, and former litigants.

In 2016, the Legislature enacted and the Governor signed the new law. It eliminates the possibility of simultaneous proceedings involving the same child in both Probate and District Courts. At the Clinic, we're already seeing the benefits of this reform.

My hope is that by giving kids a home court, Maine's family justice system will be better able to provide children consistency, stability and, above all, a swift and clear resolution of legal proceedings concerning their custody and care.

## About Deirdre Smith

Smith is Director of the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, one of the oldest law school clinical programs in the country. Prior to joining Maine Law she was a law clerk for Chief Judge Gene Carter of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maine, and practiced with the Portland law firm of Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon.

## Impact

The Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic provided assistance to more than 635 clients last year, of which 232 cases were protection from abuse matters, and 136 were other family law matters, making family law the largest category of cases handled by the Clinic.

# on Maine homelessness

**By Barrett Littlefield,**  
Maine Law class of 2018

Before and during my first year of law school I had the privilege of working with the Maine Homeless Legal Project (MHLP). A joint effort between the Volunteer Lawyers Project and the Preble Street Resource Center, MHLP connects people experiencing homelessness with legal advice and extended, *pro bono* representation. This summer, I built upon that work by representing juvenile clients as a student attorney at the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic. Both organizations are vital to overcoming our state's struggle to ensure access to justice for all Mainers.

Our nation's access to justice crisis – acutely felt in Maine where 1 out of every 3 adults lacks the necessary income to afford basic needs – is about more than charity and poverty. Access to justice is about education, implicit bias, class solidarity, and the future of the legal profession. An efficient and accessible justice system requires a diverse bar, committed to progressive self-education. Moreover, members of the bench and bar must convey to the public the role of the legal profession in promoting society's greatest goals – humanity and equal justice.

As a law student, my experience at Maine Law and in the Clinic is an obvious win-win situation: I get incomparable experience and education by pursuing my passion, while helping others in the process. Whether you are a law student or have been practicing for decades, providing legal representation to people living at the margins of society is a duty we all must recognize. That duty is why I chose to attend law school and why I will be devoted to the legal profession in service to my community.

## Impact

In 2016, more than 6,000 Mainers were homeless at some time during the year, spending a total of 327,346 bednights in the state's 40 shelters. The Maine Homeless Legal Project provides support to homeless people for the legal problems they face.

## About Barrett Littlefield

Raised by working class parents in rural Maine, Littlefield is a third year student at the University of Maine School of Law. He is a passionate advocate for people living at the margins of society. Most recently, Littlefield has worked as a student attorney at Maine Law's Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic.



# on The need for rural lawyers

**By Rachel Reeves, J.D. '01**

Director of Field Placement Programs

This summer, Maine Law launched the Rural Lawyer Project, a program designed to introduce our students to the practice of law in rural and small town communities that may otherwise have limited access to legal services. This is the first year of a three-year pilot, with funding for up to four students next summer and the year following, in communities around the state.

The project is a collaboration between the Law School, the Maine Justice Foundation, the Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar, and the Maine State Bar Association. Thanks to funding from the Justice Foundation, and support from our other partner organizations, as well as from lawyers and judges near and far, two Maine Law students – fresh off their first year of law school – headed north to spend the summer gaining valuable experience with firms in Aroostook County. Cameron Goodwin was a fellow with Smith & Associates Law Office, and Ryan Rutledge was a fellow with Bemis & Rossignol.

The roots of this project began with the Board of Overseers of the Bar's Task Force to study bar demographics, continued with the Board's Transitioning Lawyers' Council, and culminated with the Justice Foundation's funding of this project. This has truly been a community effort.

The Rural Lawyer Project has special meaning to me because of the unique challenges and opportunities presented by changing bar demographics in our rural communities, an evolving employment market, and the significant access to justice issues that emerge when lawyers disappear from communities. I have worked with countless members of the bench and bar. I am deeply grateful for their support, hard work, and commitment to ensuring access to justice for the people of Maine.

## About Rachel Reeves

A graduate of the University of Southern Maine and the University of Maine School of Law, Reeves worked as an attorney in private practice before joining Maine Law in 2011.

## Impact

The Rural Lawyer Project helps address legal needs that go unmet when lawyers in rural Maine retire. Approximately 1,000 of Maine's 3,700 practicing lawyers are age 60 or older. In the state's five most rural counties, more than half of the lawyers are 60 or older.

# on Apps for Justice

**By Toby Franklin, J.D. '17 and Sage Friedman, J.D. '17**

Apps for Justice senior developers and research fellows

We joined the Apps for Justice Project because we had a unique opportunity to work with Professor Lois Lupica. Her project explored how technology can help two important constituencies: people facing legal problems where lawyers traditionally are not available/affordable, and attorneys serving low to moderate-income clients who are trying to build more efficient practices.

Tenants facing eviction or cut off utilities usually do not have the money to hire an attorney. Applications like *Rights of Tenants in Maine* help educate our residents about their legal rights in these situations, using plain language and clear presentation. Further, attorneys are serving a large volume of clients, the latter often paying discounted rates. These attorneys can only continue to serve their clients if they adopt technology to make their

practices more efficient. Tools like *Maine Family Law Intake* shift time-consuming tasks like form completion to clients, helping attorneys focus on tasks that require legal expertise.

While it remains the ideal, it is sadly unrealistic to expect universal access to a lawyer. When legal problems arise, we want projects like Apps for Justice to be a light in the tunnel, to help guide people through the legal process and achieve better results than they could on their own.

Working on Apps for Justice was incredibly fulfilling for both of us, and exposed us to a vibrant, growing field. We would encourage interested law students and practicing lawyers to consider how investing in legal technology can both enhance their careers and the legal community at large.



## Impact

Only one in four poor Mainers seeking help with civil legal problems is able to find assistance through non-profit legal aid providers. Apps for Justice could be part of the solution for closing that gap.

## About Toby Franklin (left) and Sage Friedman

Under the supervision of Professor Lois R. Lupica, Maine Law students (and 2017 graduates) Franklin and Friedman were the primary developers of Apps for Justice, a technology-based approach for helping low and moderate-income Mainers with civil legal problems.

Franklin was recently selected to be an inaugural NextGen Fellow with the American Bar Association Center for Innovation. Friedman was recently hired by Murray, Plumb & Murray.



Jana Kenney '18, Chief Justice Leigh Saufley '80, and Shannon Flaherty '18. Kenney and Flaherty competed in the J. Braxton Craven, Jr. Memorial competition.



Meryl Poulin '17 and Trevor Savage '17 competed in the Wagner Labor & Employment Law competition.

# A banner year for Moot Court teams

For 2016-17, Maine Law's Moot Court program was ranked No. 41 of all law schools nationwide by the University of Houston Law Center, which ranks moot court programs across the country based on performance at the competitions. We proudly share Maine Law's competition results:

## MAINE LAW SCOREBOARD

### Bryant-Moore Invitational

Civil Rights

Location: Washington, D.C.

**Team Members:** Thomas Dibiase, Toby Franklin, Erin Swanson

#### HONORS

>> Semifinalists

>> Best Brief

### J. Braxton Craven, Jr. Memorial

Constitutional Law

Location: Chapel Hill, N.C.

**Team Members:** Cyrus Cheslak, Shannon Flaherty, Jana Kenney

#### HONORS

>> Best Brief

>> Best Oralist to Shannon Flaherty

### John J. Gibbons

Criminal Procedure

Location: Newark, N.J.

**Team Members:** Katie Campbell, Tyler Hadyniak, Ashley Perry

#### HONORS

>> Placed among the top 16 teams overall, ranked 13th going into the "octofinal" round.

### Philip C. Jessup

International Law

Location: New York City

**Team Members:** Josh Avery, Kelsey Doane, Nathan Hitchcock, Joy Naifeh

#### HONOR

>> Top 10 finish

### Saul Lefkowitz

Trademark Law

Regionals: New York City

Nationals: Washington, D.C.

**Team Members:** Matt Altieri, Morghan Beaudoin

#### HONORS

>> Regional Competition: Best Brief

>> Regional Competition: 2nd Place Team Overall

>> National Competition: 2nd Place Oralist Team

### Wagner

Labor & Employment Law

Location: New York City

**Team Members:** Meryl Poulin, Trevor Savage

#### HONOR

>> Semifinalists

### Hon. Conrad B. Duberstein

Bankruptcy Law

Location: New York City

Northeast Regional: Hampden, Conn.

**Team Members:** Emily Cramer, Mary Esty, Tyler Lauzon, Katie Bernhardt

#### HONOR

>> Tyler Lauzon awarded Best Oralist at the Northeast Regional

# Externship Program:

Alumni say externships made them well-rounded students and served as launching pads for careers



Andrew Berggren '16, who had externships with the York County District Attorney's Office and the Maine Attorney General's Office, is now an Assistant District Attorney in York County.

By Trevor Maxwell

While she valued all of her courses at Maine Law, the direction of Leah Baldacci's career and the skills she needed to get there really came together during her externships.

"I participated in two externship placements during law school, one at the Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar and one at Pine Tree Legal Assistance," said the Newcastle, Maine native. "My externships were, by far, the best learning experiences I had during law school."

After graduating from Maine Law, *summa cum laude*, in 2016, Baldacci was hired as an associate attorney at Lambert Coffin in Portland. Her practice focuses on personal injury, workers' compensation, and family law.

"The practical experiences and the learning opportunities allow you to develop a sense of what it is like to be a practicing attorney and help guide you in discovering the type of attorney you want to become after graduation," Baldacci said.

That appreciation for the Externship Program is shared by many other Maine Law

## Externship Placements

Examples of past and current externship placements include:

- >> **Corporate:** TD Bank N.A.; Cianbro Corporation; Foreside Financial Group, LLC; WEX
- >> **Criminal:** Offices of the United States Attorney and the Maine Attorney General; Federal Defender's Office; various District Attorney offices
- >> **Environmental:** Conservation Law Foundation; Maine Attorney General's Office – Natural Resources Division; Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- >> **Health:** InterMed P.A.; Mercy Hospital; Maine Medical Association; Consumers for Affordable Health Care; Penobscot Community Health Care; MaineHealth
- >> **Judicial:** State District Court; U.S. Bankruptcy Court; U.S. District Court (Maine); U.S. Court of Appeals (First Circuit)
- >> **Privacy:** International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP); Elsevier; RXAnte; Maine Attorney General's Office – Public Access Ombudsman
- >> **Public Interest:** Disability Rights Maine; Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP); Legal Services for the Elderly; Pine Tree Legal Assistance
- >> **Create Your Own Externship:** In addition to regularly offered externship placements, students can also create their own externships at any number of courts, agencies, or institutions.
- >> **Semester in Practice:** The Semester in Practice Externship Program allows selected students the unique opportunity to spend an entire semester working alongside a seasoned attorney. This is a full-time externship, which provides 12-14 credits for the semester.



**“My externships were, by far, the best learning experiences I had during law school.”**

– Leah Baldacci '16

graduates. Under the oversight of Rachel Reeves, Director of Field Placement Programs (and a 2001 Maine Law alumna), the program has grown in recent years, in response to the needs of students and the job market. Employers in the legal industry have geared recruitment efforts toward candidates who possess practical lawyering skills and can make an immediate impact.

Externships allow students to work for a semester for academic credit alongside seasoned lawyers and judges in government agencies, nonprofit organizations, corporate in-house legal departments, and state and federal courts. Depending on the placement, students handle advocacy, policy, regulatory enforcement, and transactional legal matters, and may have the opportunity to practice as a student attorney during their third year of law school. Students in the Externship Program receive valuable feedback and mentoring from placement supervisors and the Externship Director.

Externship placements are available in virtually every practice area and geographic location, and they provide Maine Law students the opportunity to develop essential professional skills while making valuable contacts. Students have worked in cities and towns throughout Maine, at the epicenter of government in Washington, D.C., and as far away as Alaska.

“The time that I spent as an extern at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in D.C. was an invaluable experience,” said Marpheen Chann, a 2017 Maine Law graduate.

“My supervisors and colleagues were more than willing to connect me to the networks and contacts they had accumulated throughout their many years in government service. I was also able to explore a new, exciting, and diverse city and meet other young, ambitious professionals.”

## Maine Law Externships

### Leah Baldacci '16

Attorney, Lambert Coffin

#### What do you do for work, and how long have you been in your current job?

I became an Associate Attorney at Lambert Coffin in September 2016. My current practice focuses on personal injury, workers' compensation, and family law.



#### When you were a student at Maine Law, where did you work as an extern, and what was that experience like for you?

I participated in two externship placements during law school, one at the Maine Board of Overseers of the Bar and one at Pine Tree Legal Assistance. My externships were, by far, the best learning experiences I had during law school. I also developed lasting professional relationships and friendships with my supervisors.

#### Are there certain lessons or skills you still use that you learned as an extern?

I had the opportunity to interview, counsel, and represent clients at court. Negotiating with the opposing party quickly became one of my favorite aspects of my externship. I use the negotiation skills I learned during my externship in my practice today. I also continue to develop the courtroom skills I learned during my externship by representing victims of sexual assault and domestic violence *pro bono*.

#### Why should Maine Law students consider an externship as part of their education?

The practical experiences and the learning opportunities allow you to develop a sense of what it is like to be a practicing attorney and help guide you in discovering the type of attorney you want to become after graduation.

### Andrew Berggren '16

Assistant D.A., York County D.A.'s Office

#### What do you do for work, and how long have you been in your current job?

I am an Assistant District Attorney at the York County D.A.'s Office. I have been an A.D.A. for just over a year.



#### When you were a student at Maine Law, where did you work as an extern, and what was that experience like for you?

I was an extern with the York County D.A.'s Office as well as the Maine Attorney General's Office, specifically White Collar Crimes. Both opportunities were incredible. Both agencies handled criminal prosecutions, but the pace and volume of cases were very different.

#### Are there certain lessons or skills you still use that you learned as an extern?

A skill set that I began to develop as an extern and continue to use now is working extensively with statutes. A lesson that I keep with me is that my professional reputation matters; if you lose the respect of your peers, it is very difficult to regain it.

#### Why should Maine Law students consider an externship as part of their education?

An externship is a great way to take classroom concepts, especially after 1L year, and see how they apply in a professional setting. During my 2L and 3L semesters my broadened understanding of how legal principles relate to one another paid dividends in all of my classes.

For many Maine Law alumni, the Law School's Externship Program has served as a launching pad for their careers. And even when externships do not lead directly to jobs, graduates say the experiences helped them become well-rounded lawyers and job candidates. We caught up with several recent graduates and asked them about the Externship Program and its impact.

### **Rose Cox '15**

**Corporate Compliance Manager, TD Bank N.A.**

#### **What do you do for work, and how long have you been in your current job?**

I am a Corporate Compliance Manager at TD Bank. I started two years ago in consumer compliance and last year transitioned to institutional compliance.



#### **When you were a student at Maine Law, where did you work as an extern, and what was that experience like for you?**

I was an extern at TD Bank and InterMed. Both experiences helped me identify my professional interests, strengths, and growth opportunities. By the second year of law school, gaining professional experiences and networking was much more valuable for me than taking traditional classes.

#### **Are there certain lessons or skills you still use that you learned as an extern?**

The greatest lesson I learned is that there is an unlimited pool of qualified talent, so you need to identify and capitalize on what differentiates you. People want to work alongside someone who breathes life into an office. If you are authentic and positive the right doors will open.

#### **Why should Maine Law students consider an externship as part of their education?**

Externships are a perfect way to explore different career paths and companies. Both are equally important to your long-term happiness, and life is too short to settle for a job that consistently makes you unhappy.

### **Brian Philbrook '17**

**Privacy Counsel, OneTrust**

#### **What do you do for work, and how long have you been in your current job?**

I am Privacy Counsel at OneTrust. I started working for the company as an extern during law school. After graduation, I moved to Atlanta with my wife and started working for the company full time.



#### **When you were a student at Maine Law, where did you work as an extern, and what was that experience like for you?**

My first externship was with the International Association of Privacy Professionals where I was able to dive into privacy law. I later worked for the Maine Public Access Ombudsman, where I learned about freedom of information. Both of those experiences allowed me to tailor my law school experience to my chosen field of practice.

#### **Are there certain lessons or skills you still use that you learned as an extern?**

I learned the value and importance of networking. This does not come naturally to everyone, but it gets easier with practice.

#### **Why should Maine Law students consider an externship as part of their education?**

Externships provide hands-on education that you cannot find in the classroom. Students can apply what they have learned in the field, while under the supervision and mentorship of an advisor. It is a fantastic way for students to learn from experienced professionals in their chosen field.

### **Cassie Rodgers '16**

**Attorney, Swanson Law**

#### **What do you do for work, and how long have you been in your current job?**

I have been employed by Swanson Law, P.A. in Presque Isle since graduating from law school in May 2016. Swanson Law is a general practice firm where I focus on criminal defense, family law, protective custody, and small claims matters.



#### **When you were a student at Maine Law, where did you work as an extern, and what was that experience like for you?**

The summer after my 1L year I completed my externship with the Hon. Bernard O'Mara '73 at the Presque Isle District Court. That experience was invaluable – I became familiar with the processes associated with the field I now practice and had the opportunity to meet the small, collegial bar in which I now practice.

#### **Are there certain lessons or skills you still use that you learned as an extern?**

Many of the lessons and skills I learned as an extern are useful in my everyday practice. From research and writing, to practice style, to interpersonal skills – I utilize what I learned as an extern in each of these areas daily.

#### **Why should Maine Law students consider an externship as part of their education?**

Students should consider an externship because it will provide realistic and practical experience that classroom learning does not.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

## Goal: Public Service

By Reginald Parson '19

**M**y first year at Maine Law was a mix of triumph and struggle. The two hard realities I learned were that the law was not as black and white as I thought, and the first year of law school is a complete mystery. It was like walking through the wilderness for nine months without knowing what to expect, never knowing how it would end.

After going through this experience, the reward for me was that I now have what it takes to be successful in law school. I can use the foundation of the first year and build upon it in the classroom – and in experiential learning outside of the classroom – going forward.

I'm a native of Chicago, Illinois. Prior to coming to Maine Law, I attended Marian University in Wisconsin, earning a bachelor's degree in Homeland Security with minors in Criminal Justice and Pre-Law. After graduation in 2013, I interned for the 40th governor of Illinois, Pat Quinn, in the Office of Constituent Affairs, and briefly with the Illinois State Police.

I returned to Wisconsin to obtain a graduate degree in Public Administration from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. There, I was involved on campus in many facets and in local government, serving as a member of the City of Oshkosh Board of Zoning Appeals.

I chose Maine Law because of its strong history and reputation for public interest. The fact that I could attend law school and at the same time be near so many opportunities in Portland and beyond for experiential learning sealed the deal on Maine Law as the place for me.

As an intern with the Portland Housing Authority (PHA) in the Public Housing Unit, I've reviewed and drafted amendments to their policies, providing clarity to some of the language related to the definition of "criminal activity" when screening applicants for public housing. Also, in March of this year, I was appointed by the Portland City Council and subsequently sworn in to serve on the City of Portland Police Citizens Review Subcommittee. The subcommittee is tasked with reviewing the process of Portland Police Department's Internal Affairs investigative methods and procedures for citizen complaints against police officers, to ensure the process is thorough, objective, fair, and timely.

My studies will be focused on public interest law. I am a public servant, and I am devoting my career to public service. I'm looking forward to taking classes that examine the impact of the law on people and its influence on governing bodies that influence public policy. All of this is possible at Maine Law.



**"I am a public servant and I am devoting my career to public service."**

– Reginald Parson '19



# Goal: Prosecutor

By Michael Miller '19

In high school, I remember having this passion to become a lawyer, but at the time I didn't know how to navigate the path to law school, nor did I have enough confidence in myself to believe I had what it would take to do it.

I gave up that dream and went with option two, the Army, because they promised to pay for college tuition. I couldn't have known that decision would ultimately reshape my views on life and provide me with the confidence to take on any challenge I would later face.

My first challenge came in 2007. I deployed to Afghanistan, where I built bonds stronger than most people will ever experience in a lifetime, endured the pain of losing several close friends, and triumphed over sure death several times. One of those occasions was a 17-hour firefight. We fought for the lives of every man on our team. Outmanned and outgunned, two of us were wounded. We never gave up; we pushed back the assault again and again.

My second challenge involved a loss at home. In 2010, my best friend passed away.

I met my best friend when I was 10. I had a disturbing childhood. My best friend never judged me; instead he encouraged me. He seemed flawless – always naturally talented, athletic, smart, and tough. He preceded the Army in teaching me never to give in. He was wise for someone so young. He would routinely impress upon me that I would never know what I was truly capable of if I never tried, even if it was hard and I didn't get it right at first. He helped me distinguish between a failed effort versus quitting or, worse, not trying. Most important, he helped me feel, at times, triumphant.

In 2014, I felt triumphant when I earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. I reflected back to when I was a child and my thinking at that time, which was that people like me don't go to college, much less, law school. I am indebted to my best friend and to the U.S. Army for showing me that I am truly capable.

I returned to Maine because my roots are here. I chose Maine Law because I knew it was a place where I would continue to thrive. At Maine Law, I have a community I care about and that cares about me. From faculty, staff, and friends to colleagues and alumni, I have strong personal and professional networks on which I can trust and depend. From these networks, I have prospects and opportunities that are second to none. My goal is to become a prosecutor and to one day lead my own firm focusing on securing for veterans the rights and benefits they deserve. Already, Maine Law has helped me secure an internship with the Cumberland County District Attorney. Maine Law is my law school and my community. I will demonstrate my thanks by serving as a member of the legal profession in Maine.

**“At Maine Law, I have a community I care about and that cares about me.”**

– Michael Miller '19



## Angela Arey

### PRESENTATION

> Curriculum Director for the 2nd annual PreLaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) program.

### AWARD

> 2016 Women's Law Association Annual Alumna Award.



## Dmitry Bam

### PUBLICATIONS

> "Seen and Heard: A Defense of Judicial Speech," invited symposium article in the *Liberty Law Review*.

> "Partisan Judicial Speech and Recusal

Procedure," essay in the *Legal Ethics Journal*.

### PRESENTATION

> DePaul Law Review Symposium on Dark Money in Judicial Elections.



## James Burke

### PRESENTATION

> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day presentation at Bates College with Jamesa Drake and Zach Heiden regarding protest or movement lawyering in an age of repressive politics.

### PROFESSIONAL

> Worked with the Justice Foundation, MSBA, and Board of Overseers of the Bar to plan and launch the Rural Lawyer Project.

> Attended a conference in Baltimore sponsored by the Federal Administrative Office of the Courts and the Federal Defenders on issues of Race and the Courts.

> Attended a conference for the local Maine Federal Defenders in Portland with judges, magistrates, probation officers, and Bureau of Prisons, discussing a wide range of federal criminal law issues.



## Richard Chen

### PUBLICATIONS

> "Bilateral Investment Treaties and Domestic Institutional Reform," 55 *Colum. J. Transnat'l L.* 547 (2017).

> "Crafting Precedent," 131 *Harv. L. Rev.* \_\_\_\_

(forthcoming 2017) (with the Hon. Paul J. Watford and Marco Basile) (reviewing Bryan A. Garner et al., *The Law of Judicial Precedent* 2016).

### PRESENTATION

> Judicial Clerkships Panel, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, Harvard Law School.



## Danielle Conway

### PUBLICATIONS

> *Intellectual Property, Software, and Information Licensing: Law and Practice* (BNA Practice 2017 Supp. forthcoming).

> *Licensing Intellectual Property: Law and*

*Application*. (4th ed. Wolters Kluwer forthcoming 2017).

### PRESENTATIONS

> John Waldo Ballou American Inn Court, "Into the Breach: The Rule of Law as a Stabilizing Force in Rural Communities."

> Unum, "Building, Supporting & Sustaining a Pipeline of Diverse Professionals for the Millennium."

### PROFESSIONAL

> Treasurer & Board Member, United Way of Greater Portland (Chair, Finance Committee).

> Member, AALS Deans' Steering Committee.

### AWARDS

> 2017 MaineBiz Women to Watch.

> Named one of "50 Mainers Leading by Example" in the June 2017 edition of *Maine The Magazine*.



## Christine Davik

### PRESENTATION

> "Online Copyright Piracy Policies in the U.S. and China: Technological Changes and Continual Challenges," International Symposium on Foreign Law and Commerce,

Beijing International Studies University Law School ("BISU"), Beijing, China.

### PROFESSIONAL

> Appointed to serve as a member of the Judicial Branch Task Force on Transparency and Privacy in Court Records, reporting to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

> Traveled with LL.M. Director Emily Morris to establish and further develop partnerships with several foreign universities and recruit LL.M. students. This included numerous meetings with students and faculty at schools in China and attending the Indian National Bar Association's LL.M. Fair in New Delhi and Bangalore.



## Peter Guffin

### PUBLICATIONS

> Book Chapter titled "The Electronic Communications Privacy Act" in *Data Security and Privacy in Massachusetts*, book published by MCLE Press (2015) (2017 update forthcoming).

> Co-author, *PLC Intellectual Property and Technology, State Q&A, Right of Publicity Laws: Maine* (<http://us.practicallaw.tr.com/5-542-7486>) (last updated 2017).

### PRESENTATION

> "The Security, Privacy and Legal Challenges of Offering and/or Procuring Cloud Services," at the joint meeting of the Northern New England KnowledgeNet chapter of the IAPP and (ISC)2 Maine Chapter.

### PROFESSIONAL

> Selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce and European Commission to serve as an arbitrator for the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield arbitration program. Arbitrators are responsible for resolving privacy disputes between EU citizens and U.S. organizations electing to participate in the EU-U.S. Privacy Shield framework.

> Appointed to serve as a member of the Judicial Branch Task Force on Transparency and Privacy in Court Records, reporting to Maine Supreme Judicial Court.



## Christine Iaconeta

### PROFESSIONAL

> Organized and hosted over 75 law librarians from all segments of law librarianship for the fall meeting of the Law Librarians of New England, entitled, "By The Numbers: Law Library Assessment."

> Served on the Advisory Board for the Academic Law Libraries: Statistics, Analytics and Reports (ALLSTaR) Benchmarking Project.

> Served as the Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the Legal Information Preservation Alliance's (LIPA) Board of Directors. Her three-year term on the LIPA board began in July, 2017.



## Thea Johnson

### PUBLICATION

> "Measuring the Creative Plea Bargain," 92 *Indiana Law Journal* 901 (2017).

### PRESENTATION

> "Fictional Pleas" at the Grey Fellows Forum at Stanford Law School;

the annual Law & Society meeting; and the Criminal Law Junior Scholars Roundtable at Brooklyn and St. John's Law Schools.



## Andrew Kaufman

### PUBLICATION

> Contributor to Levin and Rocab, *Structuring Venture Capital, Private Equity and Entrepreneurial Transactions* (Wolters Kluwer 2017).

### PROFESSIONAL

> Taught intensive weekend short course workshops at Vanderbilt University Law School and University of Southern California Gould School of Law. The courses addressed “Transactional Practice Skills – The Syndicated Loan Agreement” and “Advanced Secured Transactions Workshop.”

> President and Board Chairperson of the Working Group on Legal Opinions Foundation (WGLO), a national organization addressing legal opinion and other law practice risk management issues, whose membership includes approximately 100 of the nation’s largest law firms and approximately 50 national, state, and local bar associations and practice affinity groups; in addition, serves on the TriBar Opinion Committee, a group of 50 thought-leaders in the national third-party closing opinion community.



## Lois Lupica

### PUBLICATIONS

> “Apps for Justice: Deploying Legal Expert Systems to Empower Litigants and Narrow the Access to Justice Gap,” *Fordham Urban Law Journal*, Vol. XLIV, Symposium on The Poor Pay More (2017) (with Tobias Franklin & Sage Friedman).

> “Self-Help, Reimagined,” 92 *Indiana L.J.* (2017) (with D. James Greiner & Dalie Jiménez).

> “Self-Help, Reimagined,” 92 *Indiana L.J.* (2017) (with D. James Greiner & Dalie Jiménez).

### PRESENTATION

> Speaker, Access to Justice Through Technology, Invitation Only Workshop Sponsored by Microsoft & the Kettering Foundation.

### PROFESSIONAL

> Board of Directors, American Bankruptcy Institute (2014 -2017) (Member, Grants Committee for the ABI Endowment).

> Education Committee, First Circuit, American College of Bankruptcy (2012 – 2017).



## Jeffrey Maine

### PUBLICATIONS

> Book, *The Fundamentals of Federal Taxation* (4th ed. Carolina Academic Press 2017) (with Prof. Miller).

> Article, “Multinational Efforts to Limit

Intellectual Property Income Shifting: The OECD’s Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Project,” *SMU Science & Technology Law Review* (forthcoming 2017).

### PRESENTATION

> “Intellectual Property Income Shifting and the OECD’s Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Project,” at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (University of Economics and Law International Conference).



## Anthony Moffa

### PUBLICATIONS

> “Traditional Ecological Rulemaking” in 35 *Stan. Envtl. L. J.* 102 (2016).

> “The Oil Sands of Time: Pipelines and Promises,” 22 *Ocean & Coastal L.J.* 111 (2017).

### PRESENTATION

> “Environmens Rea” (work in progress) at Sabin Colloquium on Innovative Environmental Law Scholarship at Columbia Law School.



## Emily Morris

### PUBLICATIONS

> “Much Ado About the TPP’s Effect on Pharmaceuticals,” *J. Econ. L. & Mgmt.* (symposium issue forthcoming).

> “The Irrelevance of Nanotechnology Patents,” 49 *Conn. L. Rev.* 499 (2016).

### PROFESSIONAL

> Joined scholars from, among others, Stanford University, UC Berkeley, University of Michigan, and Duke University, as well as counsel working for Eli Lilly, Genentech, Google, IBM, Microsoft, and more for in-depth discussions about recent patent law developments at the BCLT Patentable Subject Matter Workshop, at the University of California Berkeley School of Law.

> Worked on establishing collaborative partnerships between Maine Law and the China Association of Legal English Teaching and Testing and with the following universities in China: the Criminal Law School at the Zhongnan University of Finance and Economics; Hubei University of Arts and Sciences; Hubei University of Finance & Economics; Jiangxi University of Finance & Economics; and Gansu University of Political Science & Law.



## Charles Norchi

### PUBLICATIONS

> “The Arctic: Law, Science and Policy” (with Paul Mayewski) in the 22 *Ocean & Coastal L.J.* 97 (2017).

> “International Law in the Age of Trump: A Great Unravelling?” in *Global Geneva*, April 2017.

> “The Arctic in the Public Order of the World Community” in the 22 *Ocean & Coastal L.J.* 5 (2017).



## Chris Northrop

### PUBLICATION

> “Kids will be Kids: Time for a ‘Reasonable Child’ Standard for the Proof of Objective *Mens Rea* Elements,” co-authored by Kristina Dougherty, in the 69 *ME. L. REV.* 110 (2016).

### PRESENTATIONS

> At the Clinical Legal Education Association’s annual conference in Denver in May, joined clinicians from Sturm College of Law at University of Denver and Fordham School of Law to talk about working with other clinics and NGOs in the session: “Using Cross-Clinic Collaborations to Benefit Students, Clients, and Communities.”

> At the Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit in Atlanta, Georgia about using developing *mens rea* standards for children to help defend juvenile clients. The title was “Acting Your Age, *Mens Rea* and the Reasonable Child.”



## Peter Pitegoff

### PRESENTATION

> Convened and moderated a Discussion Group on “Community Development Law and Economic Justice” at the January 2017 meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in

San Francisco, and submitted an account of the event for publication in October 2017 in the *Journal of Affordable Housing & Community Development Law*.

### PROFESSIONAL

> Completed 10 years of service on the Board of Directors of Coastal Enterprises Inc. (CEI), a Maine-based national leader in community development finance, including roles on CEI’s executive and finance, audit, governance, and CEO transition committees.

> From summer 2016 through winter 2017, served on the American Bar Association Site Evaluation Team for the ABA’s review of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, a comprehensive assessment required of each law school once every seven years to maintain ABA accreditation.

## FACULTY NOTES



### Sarah Schindler

#### PRESENTATIONS

> An invited lecture at the University of Michigan Law School titled “Architectural Exclusion,” based upon an article of the same name that was published in the *Yale Law Journal*.

> Princeton University’s LAPA program hosted a seminar about her forthcoming article, “The ‘Publicization’ of Private Space,” which will be published in the *Iowa Law Review* in 2018. The commentator for the seminar was Alison Isenberg, a professor of history at Princeton.

#### PROFESSIONAL

> Spent the year at Princeton University as a fellow in the Program in Law and Public Affairs (LAPA), housed in the Woodrow Wilson School.



### Deirdre Smith

#### PRESENTATIONS

> Gave a number of presentations related to the implementation of the 2016 Home Court Act, which extended jurisdiction over some minor guardianship, name

change, and adoption matters to the Maine District Court, including: Maine Board of Overseers of The Bar panel discussion “The Interplay Between District and Probate Courts in Family Law Matters”; Maine Judicial Branch “The Structure of Maine’s Courts: A Roadmap” at the core training for *Guardians ad litem*; and Maine State Bar Association webinar “Home Court Act: Guardianships, Name Changes, and Adoptions in the District Court.”

#### PROFESSIONAL

> Served as the lead researcher and reporter for Maine Family Law Advisory Commission’s comprehensive review of the parental rights provisions of Maine Probate Code pursuant to a Legislative Resolve (2015, ch. 73), and presented FLAC’s Report and Recommendation to the Maine Legislature’s Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary in April.

> Appointed as an Observer/Participant on the Uniform Law Commission, Drafting Committee on Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act, and as a member of the Minor Guardianship Subcommittee.



### Jeff Thaler

#### PUBLICATIONS

> “POTUS, SCOTUS & WOTUS: What Do They Have in Common With Michael Stipe and Jack Black?” on the American College of Environmental Lawyers

blog. This article is about the history, law, and recent deployment of Executive Orders by the President.

> “Experiential Educating in the Classroom: An Administrative Law Practicum Meeting Student and Bar Needs” in *Experiential Education in the Law School Curriculum* (Carolina Academic Press 2017).

#### PRESENTATIONS

> “Maine’s Economic, Energy and Environmental Challenges & Opportunities in a Changing World” to the State and Federal Judicial Council of Maine.

#### PROFESSIONAL

> Associate University Counsel, University of Maine.

> Member, Advisory Committee, Roadmap for Multi-State Cooperation on Offshore Wind Development.



### Anna Welch

#### PRESENTATIONS

> Concurrent Session, “Teaching Empathy to Millennials for These Tumultuous Times,” AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education.

> Refugees and Global Migration: Humanity’s Crisis, 2017 Camden Conference Course, University of Maine, Orono.

> Panelist, New England Clinicians Conference, Opening Concurrent Session, “Clinical Collaborations and Building Communities to Address the Holistic Needs of Immigrant Youth.”



### Jennifer Wriggins

#### PUBLICATION

> “Response to Keeping Cases from Black Juries: An Empirical Analysis of How Race, Income Inequality, and Regional History Affect Tort Law,” 73 *Wash. & Lee L. Rev. Online* 401 (2016).

#### AWARD

> University of Southern Maine Faculty Senate Award for Scholarship for 2017.



### Donald Zillman

#### PUBLICATIONS

> With co-author Elizabeth Elsbach ’16 completed Volume II of *Living the World War* (forthcoming 2017).

> With co-editors Jack Simmons and Bob

Furbish, *Maine Tort Law* (2d ed. Lexis-Nexis forthcoming 2018).

## 1976

**The Honorable Janet Mills**, Maine's Attorney General, was awarded the 2016 Maine Law Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award. Mills is the first woman Attorney General in Maine history.

## 1994

**Peter Carlisle**, Managing Director of Octagon's Olympics & Action Sports division, was appointed to the Medibio Limited Board of Directors. Carlisle is a member of the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. He has been an agent for Olympic gold medalists Seth Wescott and Michael Phelps, and presides over the global agency that has represented the most Olympic medalists and marketable Olympic athletes since 2002.

## 1996

**Dan Mitchell**, Shareholder and Co-chair of the Data Security Team at Bernstein Shur, was named a Cyber Security Trailblazer by the *National Law Journal*. The Cyber Security Trailblazers list recognizes attorneys from across the country who have moved the needle with innovative legal strategies through contributions to the practice of data security and privacy law.

**Jodi Nofsinger**, a trial lawyer at Berman & Simmons, was featured in the June 2017 edition of *Trial Magazine*, the national magazine of the American Association for Justice. Nofsinger wrote an essay about her path to becoming a lawyer, and how her decision in 1990 to come out as a gay woman impacted her work as a student and then as a trial lawyer. Nofsinger represents plaintiffs in medical malpractice and personal injury cases.

## 1997

**The Hon. Michael A. Fagone**, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Maine in Bangor, was the 2017 recipient of Maine Law's Kinvin L. Wroth Award. The award honors a graduate who has achieved distinction in his or her career by contributing as a leader, locally, nationally or globally, and who has helped advance his or her alma mater.

## 2000

**Brent Davis** became Chief Legal Counsel for Gov. Paul LePage. Davis previously served as First Assistant District Attorney in the Somerset and Kennebec County District Attorney's Office.

## 2001

**Kevan Lee Deckelmann** was appointed to Bernstein Shur's Board of Directors. A member of the firm's Business Law Practice Group, Deckelmann's practice focuses on entity formations, local, interstate and international mergers and acquisitions, and sitting as outside general counsel to businesses varying from sole proprietorships to multinational corporations.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Marya R. Baron** died in November, 2015. She attended Grinnell College, receiving a B.A. in history. She served as an Assistant Dean at the University of Southern Maine in the Division of University Outreach. She graduated from Maine Law *summa cum laude* in 2010 and was an editor of the *Maine Law Review*. In 2011 she joined Norman Hanson & Detroy.

**Ruth Evelyn Coffin** died at the age of 96 in March, 2017. She was the wife of the late Hon. Frank M. Coffin; both were long-time supporters of Maine Law.

**Peter Westbrook Greenleaf** died at the age of 68 in January, 2016. He graduated from Maine Law in 1974. He was a founding partner of Ainsworth & Greenleaf. After five years of general practice, he was named Clerk of Court for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court where he oversaw the implementation of the upgrading of bankruptcy courts under the Bankruptcy Reform Act. In 1981, he was chosen by the Department of Justice to be the first U.S. Trustee of Bankruptcy for Maine and New Hampshire. In 1988, he returned to private practice, working at the Portland firms Drummond & Drummond and, later, Jensen Baird.

**Paul Lyndon Hazard** died at the age of 74 in June, 2017. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1964 and from Maine Law in 1971. After graduation, he joined the Law Practice of Roger F. Blake of Belfast, Maine, as an associate and later as a partner, where he specialized in real estate law.

**Philip P. Houle** died at the age of 71 in March, 2017. He graduated from Marist College in 1967 and Maine Law in 1970. Following his legal studies, he worked at New Hampshire Legal Aid and Maine Pine Tree Legal Assistance, where he represented poor and disadvantaged clients. In 1984 he accepted the position of legal counsel at the Federal Depositors Insurance Corporation in Washington, D.C., where he oversaw the prosecution of corruption charges during the savings and loan banking crisis of the 1980s.

**Daniel Lucien Lacasse** died at the age of 60 in January, 2017. After graduating from Maine Law in 1981, he went to work in Calais for Brown, Tibbetts, Churchill and Romei, where he developed a practice of real estate, municipal and probate work, along with a specialty in bankruptcy. In the 1990s he became primary counsel for Eastern Maine Electric Company.

**John Godfrey Richardson** died at the age of 73 in December, 2016. He graduated from UMaine in 1966 and Maine Law in 1969. He was admitted in 1969 to the bars in New Hampshire and Maine. His practice was located in Rochester, New Hampshire.

**Edward Forrest Saxby, Jr.** died at the age of 61 in May, 2017. He earned his B.A. at UMaine and his law degree at Maine Law in 1984. He joined the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps and served as the sole JAG officer at the joint U.S.-Canadian station in Argentia, Newfoundland. Returning to Maine in 1988, he specialized in elder law for the final three years of his career.

**Franklin Fox Stearns, Jr.** died at the age of 92 in April, 2017. After serving with the U.S. Army's 11th Airborne Division in WWII, he returned to Maine and attended Portland Junior College, Bowdoin College, and graduated from Maine Law in 1950. He practiced law in Portland from 1950 to 1994 and was elected Cumberland County Attorney and served from 1963 to 1964. Franklin was honored by the Maine State Legislature as a defense lawyer and was named "The Dean of Criminal Defense" in 1988 by the *Maine Sunday Telegram*.

## 2003

**Michael Bigos** was announced as President-Elect of the Maine Trial Lawyers Association. Bigos, a trial lawyer at Berman & Simmons, will serve a one-year term beginning in March 2018. His practice focuses on complex personal injury cases.

## 2004

**Jess Byrne Knox** was named one of "50 Mainers Leading by Example" in the June 2017 edition of *Maine. The Magazine*. Knox is Director at Maine Accelerates Growth Initiative, Founder of Maine Startup and Create Week, and Co-founder and President of Venture Hall.

## 2005

**Maine Law Professor Angela Arey** was awarded the 2016 Women's Law Association Annual Alumna Award. Arey is Director of the Legal Writing Program at Maine Law, and is Curriculum Director for the DiscoverLaw.org PreLaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program.

**Joshua Scott** was elected Board President of the New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. As Board President, he will help further the mission of the NHSPCA to save the lives of companion animals through rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption; to promote learning, eliminate animal cruelty, and be a leader in advancing the highest standards of animal welfare.

## 2006

**Nicole Bradick**, Chief Strategy Officer at CuroLegal, was part of the team that launched ABA Blueprint, a web application that CuroLegal designed and developed for the American Bar Association (ABA). ABA Blueprint is a resource for solo and small firm lawyers to find the tools they need to practice law, from software to insurance to virtual assistant services.

**Kris Eimicke** was named Partner at Pierce Atwood LLP. Eimicke concentrates his practice on tax issues, with an emphasis on state and federal new markets tax credit (NMTC) programs, renewable energy tax credits, and historic rehabilitation tax credits. He also teaches corporate income tax as an Adjunct Professor at Maine Law.

**Susan Faunce**, an attorney with Berman & Simmons, was appointed to serve as state delegate for Maine for the American Association for Justice. She will serve a three-year term. Faunce focuses on medical malpractice and leads the mass tort practice at Berman & Simmons.

**Jack Woodcock** joined Bernstein Shur's Litigation Practice Group. His practice will focus on commercial litigation and dispute resolution for both individuals and businesses. Woodcock previously worked as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, where he defended the United States in several civil suits, including bellwether cases involving Hurricane Katrina's flooding of New Orleans.

## 2007

**Attorney Bryan Chabot** of Wells was elected as York County Probate Judge in November 2016. Chabot is a lifelong York County resident who has a private law practice in Sanford. He is a U.S. Army veteran of the wars in Bosnia and Iraq.

**Paul Greene**, Founding Partner at Global Sports Advocates LLC, was named one of the "Most Intriguing People" by *Portland*

**New job? Written a book? Received an honor or award? What about moves, marriages, kids, and other personal milestones? Let your classmates and the Maine Law community hear about your latest news! Send an email to [lawalum@maine.edu](mailto:lawalum@maine.edu).**

*Magazine*. Greene has handled sports law matters around the world, including numerous hearings before the international Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland, which is known as the "Supreme Court for Sports Law."

**Jana Magnuson** was named Partner at Pierce Atwood LLP. Magnuson works with individuals and families to create flexible estate plans, and provides guidance with respect to the transfer of assets, including real estate, to trust and entity ownership.

**Caroline Wilshusen** was promoted to Associate Dean for Admissions at the University of Maine School of Law.

## 2008

**Michael J. Anderson** was named Partner at Pierce Atwood LLP. Anderson focuses on general corporate, transactional, securities law, commercial finance, and antitrust, including mergers and acquisitions, equity investments, public and private offerings, securities law compliance, and corporate governance for both publicly and privately held companies.

## 2010

**Jonathan Liberman** was appointed by Gov. Paul LePage as District Attorney for Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo counties, filling a vacancy left by the confirmation of Geoffrey Rushlau as a District Court judge. Liberman had previously served as Deputy District Attorney, and as an Assistant District Attorney under Rushlau.

## 2011

**Bodie B. Colwell** will participate in the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (NCBJ) Next Generation Program, held in October at the annual meeting of the NCBJ in Las Vegas. She is one of 40 young attorneys participating in the program. Colwell practices as an associate in Preti Flaherty's Bankruptcy, Creditors' Rights and Business Restructuring Group.

## 2012

**Katherine Gatti** was appointed to the South Portland Planning Board. She was sworn in at the June 19 city council meeting and will serve until April 1, 2019.

## 2013

**Diana DeJesus** was hired as the Associate Director of Admissions in Boise at the University of Idaho College of Law.

## 2015

**Samuel Baldwin** joined Verrill Dana as an associate attorney. A former reporter and editor at several midcoast Maine newspapers, Baldwin received an Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award in Taxation and the Edward S. Godfrey Leadership Award for his work as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Maine Law Review*.

## 2016

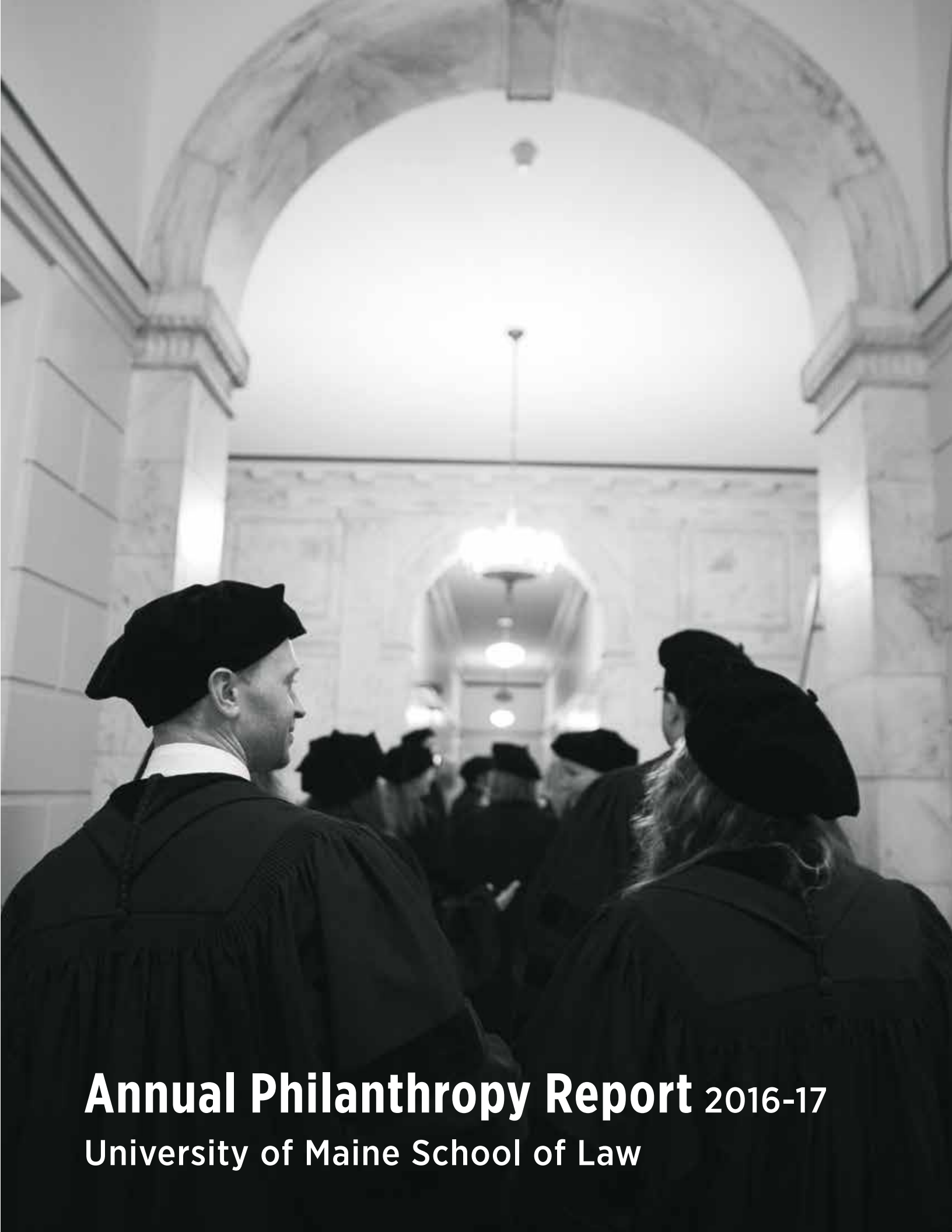
**Amber Attalla** was hired as an attorney at Bernstein Shur. She joins the firm's Labor and Employment Practice Group. Attalla's practice will focus on issues regarding federal and state leave laws, wrongful termination, wage and hour laws, restrictive covenants, workplace harassment, discrimination, and other evolving labor and employment issues.

**Danielle Hansen** joined Baker Newman Noyes as a staff member in the tax practice. Hansen interned with BNN during the 2015 and 2016 tax seasons.

**Daniel Keenan** was hired as an attorney at Bernstein Shur. He joins the firm's Business Restructuring and Insolvency Practice Group. Keenan's practice will focus on assisting an array of corporate clients in matters including Chapter 11 reorganizations, assets sales, and bankruptcy-related litigation.

**Zachary F. McNally** joined Hale & Hamlin as an attorney. His practice covers a wide range of legal topics, including civil litigation, real estate and business transactions, family law matters, environmental regulation, and criminal law.

**Christopher Monroe** joined Verrill Dana as an associate attorney. Monroe served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years, including as commanding officer of a Bath-built AEGIS destroyer. At Maine Law, Monroe authored the "prize brief" in a class-wide appellate competition, and he competed at the national level in an Admiralty Law Moot Court competition.



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**Emily G. Cramer '18**  
Westbrook, Maine  
UMaine Farmington  
(BFA Creative Writing)

**Why did you choose to attend Maine Law?** Every time I met lawyers I would ask them what their advice would be for someone considering law school. Each one encouraged me to pursue my interest. Because of my experiences using personal data to build successful fundraising strategies, I became really interested in how our personal data is used, and the ethical and legal obligations that businesses have to protect our data. I knew that I wanted to be a lawyer in order to be a part of that, but didn't know how to articulate what that meant. When I began applying to law schools I saw an article about Maine Law's Information Privacy Summer Institute, and I knew it was the right place to be. A year after I was accepted, I was a student in the Summer Institute when the Law School announced the newly approved Certificate in Information Privacy Law. It was confirmation that I had made the right choice.

**How would you describe your Maine Law experience?** Because of Maine Law's commitment to growing the

Information Privacy Law Program, I have met and worked with attorneys practicing in Privacy Law, right here in Maine. In addition, by virtue of the special relationship with the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), Maine Law has almost exclusive access to privacy law attorneys and professionals. Outside the classroom, I have interned at Dead River Company and at Unum, was the 2017 Maine Law Privacy Law Immersion Fellow, and externed at the IAPP. My supervisors in these organizations have consistently commented that my performance handling privacy-related matters rivals that of newer attorneys. In addition, Maine Law has challenged me to incorporate courses such as Intellectual Property Law, Business Associations and other transactional courses, and Risk & Compliance to prepare me for a comprehensive practice in business law and privacy law. I plan to capitalize on my Certificate in Information Privacy Law by building my professional career around the privacy law discipline.



**Sara Cressey '18**  
Kennebunk, Maine  
Wheaton College  
(Anthropology/Religious Studies)

**Why did you choose to attend Maine Law?** During my AmeriCorps term, I worked with many students who had come to Portland as asylum seekers. I felt powerless because I was not able to provide them with any real reassurance or even answer questions that they had about the process of obtaining immigration status. That experience led me to decide to apply to law school. I wanted a school with a strong public interest program that provided opportunities to work with refugees and asylum seekers. I am also from Maine and knew that I ultimately wanted to live and practice here. I began researching and discovered that Maine Law has an unparalleled clinical program, which includes the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic, that would allow me to start doing the work that I was passionate about as a student. Choosing Maine Law was a no-brainer for me, and I have never been happier with a decision!

**How would you describe your Maine Law experience?** I can't

speak highly enough about my experience. The faculty truly care about teaching and about their students. If you work hard and make an effort to get to know your professors, there's nothing they won't do to support you. I was overwhelmed at the beginning of this year when I was getting ready for a big job interview, and I had so many professors reach out to offer to help me prepare that I ran out of time before I could meet with all of them. I am grateful to be part of such an amazing community.

**For someone who is considering attending Maine Law, how would you describe its community?** I really value the collegial atmosphere at Maine Law. Aside from that, my classmates come from across the country and the world and bring a breadth of experiences to the table; not only that, they are passionate, dedicated, and intelligent. I have a great group of peers here who have made my law school experience all the more enjoyable.



**John Fogarty '19**  
Ocean City, New Jersey  
Villanova University (History)  
Long Island University-  
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**Why did you choose to attend Maine Law?** I chose Maine Law because I appreciated the sense of community at the school. Carrie Wilshusen '07 and Heidi Gage in the Admissions Office made me feel like a part of the Maine Law community even before I made the decision to attend. They made it apparent that Maine Law was the place for me because of the quality of instruction from the professors and how much support I would have from the faculty, staff, and student body.

**How would you describe your Maine Law experience?** Law school is inevitably very stressful. You are thrown into a classroom full of bright minds and are expected to comprehend and discuss very complicated legal, historical, and social issues. At times, law school has been intimidating. Questions from incredibly intelligent professors are never easy. However, Maine Law has turned an overwhelming

experience into one of the most rewarding of my life. The professors were able to empower me and my classmates to realize that we have the tools to be successful in tough and complex legal situations. Overcoming obstacles in my 1L year has given me a lot of confidence, and I have Maine Law specifically to thank for that.

**For someone who is considering attending Maine Law, how would you describe its community?** The student community here is close-knit. We are a small school so the administration, faculty, and student body know your name and are invested in your success. The classes ahead of you will make sure you are adjusting well to law school life and offer to help. There have been many times I have been at the Law School late at night struggling with a tough concept and a 2L or 3L has offered to help. This is the type of student community we have at Maine Law.

# 2016-17 Annual Support for Maine Law

The Annual Philanthropy Report is a testament to the enthusiasm and loyalty of the University of Maine School of Law's alumni and friends. **EVERY** gift matters and this report demonstrates how our collective philanthropic synergy impacts the people and programs that define the Maine Law experience. Thank you for your generous support this past year!

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### Your Donations Put to Use

**TOTAL GIFTS AND GRANTS: \$1,488,487**

**Program Support: \$1,037,538**

Gifts and grants for Clinical Programs, Student Experiential Learning, Student Publications, Student Groups, and Student Life

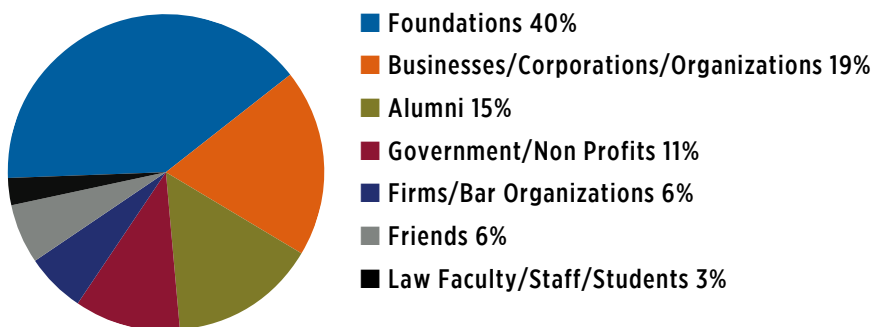
**Access and Affordability: \$326,503**

Student support, i.e. Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards, and Loan Repayment Assistance

**Other Support: \$124,446**

Gifts supporting Maine Law Events, Faculty Quality, and the Law Library

### Sources of Philanthropic Support



### Foundation Endowment Income

Contributions to the University of Maine School of Law endowment are invested to yield a reliable and stable source of expendable income for Maine Law each fiscal year. Approximately 4% of earned interest from the market value of the endowment is distributed for operational and programmatic support.

**Support for student scholarships makes up 80% of the total endowment funds held by the Foundation!**

Year	Endowment Fund Balance	Interest Distribution
2016-2017	\$4,138,088	\$172,945
2015-2016	\$3,862,121	\$147,959
2014-2015	\$3,933,933	\$127,612
2013-2014	\$3,582,990	\$123,455
2012-2013	\$3,044,686	\$116,002

## Annual Fund Impact



### Program Enrichment

Your annual fund gift strengthens our signature Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic program as well as our externship and fellowship programs.

**42% increase in number of fellowships in 2016-17!**



### Faculty Support

You provide much needed resources to attract and retain Maine Law's high quality faculty, who are dedicated to student success.



### Scholarships & Financial Aid

Your donation allows Maine Law to continue to meet the financial needs of our students.

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### Library & Collections

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