Cover story
Refugee and Human Rights Clinic
Makes a difference for an asylum seeker

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Health Law
Grads are leaders in growing field
What is your pre-Maine Law background?
I attended Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island, where I graduated with BSBA and MBA degrees.

Why did you choose Maine Law?
Maine Law chose me. After living outside of Maine for five years, I wanted to return home. Maine Law’s small class size, reputation, and collegiality allowed me to build a strong network with future colleagues in Maine and New England.

Please describe your current practice. What led you to practice in a rural area?
I was an extern my 3L year for the Hon. Keith Powers of the Portland District Court. When asked by Judge Powers if I had employment lined up after graduation, I answered “no.” He then said: “There’s a job waiting for you in Presque Isle.” To my surprise, he proceeded to tell me that the job he spoke of required me to “hang a shingle.” I’m forever thankful for his advice. I not only got my feet wet early, I was able to swim. We opened in March 2013, and the business has rapidly grown since its inception. I primarily practice criminal defense and family litigation. Swanson Law employs one part-time contract attorney (a fellow Maine Law graduate), a full-time office manager, and we intend to hire a full-time associate attorney this fall.

What are the challenges and rewards of practicing in a rural area?
I sacrifice cultural diversity and easy access to entertainment found in areas such as Portland. However, most of my time is spent working, and the benefits of practicing in Presque Isle far outweigh the sacrifices. I’m spoiled. I’m my own boss, I have a diverse supply of work, I am in demand, and I get to practice with an experienced and supportive local bar.

Were there particular faculty members who influenced you?
The Clinic faculty, Jim Burke, Chris Northrop, Deirdre Smith, and Tina Schneider, were particularly influential. After practicing at the Clinic as a student attorney, I had the tools I needed to open my office. At Maine Law’s Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, I met with clients, negotiated with prosecutors, and had multiple trials. Having this experience with the guidance of Maine Law’s Clinic faculty was invaluable.

Why should students consider Maine Law?
We hear horror stories about law school: a cut-throat environment, no life-balance, and drowning in student loan debt. I experienced none of this at Maine Law. In fact, I enjoyed law school. I made wonderful friends with classmates and faculty, gained the knowledge needed to practice, and developed a statewide network of people to put these tools to good use.
Staying connected with Maine Law

facebook.com/umainelaw

Maine Law has a Facebook page featuring news, upcoming events, photos, and information for alumni, current and prospective students. We encourage you to “like” the page and join in the conversation.

You can also stay up to date by visiting mainelaw.maine.edu; following us on Twitter (@umainelaw and @umainelawdean), Instagram (@umainelaw and @umainelawdean).

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From left to right: Elizabeth Valentine, ’14, Amber Attalla, ’16, Maine Law Clinical Professor Anna Welch, and Judi Irakoze. Story: Page 15. Nadra Edgerly photo.

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Greetings from Maine Law!

Dear Friends,

If you’ve visited the Law School recently or had the opportunity to attend one of our signature events, I hope you’ll agree that this has been an amazing year for Maine Law. Despite the challenges facing legal education and our personal and professional losses this past year, the Law School has a palpable vibrancy to match its new ethos – “students first, community engagement always.”

Throughout this issue, you will read powerful stories that illustrate hard work, perseverance, scholarly stamina, selfless acts of humanity, commitment to wellness, consummate professionalism, and a bona fide camaraderie among the members of Maine Law’s tight-knit community. Maine Law’s engagement with the community manifests through its major priorities, including the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic (CLAC), the Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program, and the Center for Law + Innovation’s new Certificate in Information Privacy Law. Maine Law has also extended its reach far beyond Portland with its signature events – orientation and graduation, the Frank M. Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service, and the Justice For Women Lecture Series.

Our cover story is a compelling example of “Why Law Matters.” In Maine’s immigrant communities, lawyers are described as sources of empowerment. Maine Law Clinical Professor Anna Welch and former student-attorneys Elizabeth Valentine, ’14, and Amber Attalla, ’16, are empowering women offering beacons of hope for new members of our Maine community. Judi Irakoze’s journey to the United States and her ultimate receipt of legal status – with Maine Law’s CLAC navigating her through the complex immigration process – is a testament to her will to survive and our clinic’s raison d’être for the more than 600 clients we serve, pro bono, each year.

Maine Law also smashed a well-worn assumption this past summer with the launch of the inaugural 2016 DiscoverLaw.org Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program. The assumption was that Maine Law would have trouble attracting diverse candidates to its PLUS Program, because Maine is reported as the “ whitest ” state in America. I’m proud to announce that we received well over 100 applications for only 25 seats, within a submission window of less than one month. Through an immersive four-week experience, PLUS Scholars – comprising students of color, first generation college students, immigrants, students from low income households, and students from rural communities – learned about the legal profession and graduate and professional education. The PLUS Program was a resounding success, and it catapulted Maine Law into a position of leadership with respect to diversity programming and initiatives in the state.

The Maine Law PLUS Program also helped the Law School facilitate new partnerships with the Maine Humanities Council (MHC) around its year of 14th Amendment Programming in furtherance of the commitment to community engagement. Maine Law together with the MHC launched the PLUS Program on June 1, 2016 with a Forum titled, “14th Amendment in American Life and Imagination.” This partnership helped reach thousands of Mainers who accessed – through Maine Public Broadcasting Network’s Maine Calling and MHC podcasts – the live discussion about equality, citizenship, and liberty with Yale History Professor David Blight, Harvard Law Professor Kenneth Mack, and an audience of more than 150, including Maine Law PLUS Scholars.

These are just snapshots from an extraordinarily productive year. My hope is that these powerful stories of humanity, dignity, and earnestness will keep you engaged, entice you to reengage, and compel you to reach back to support your alma mater. Thank you, thank you for all that you have done and will do for your University of Maine School of Law!

Danielle M. Conway
Dean & Professor of Law
The University of Maine School of Law awarded J.D. degrees to 82 students as well as one post-professional J.S.D. degree, at a commencement ceremony on May 14, 2016. The Law School also awarded more than two dozen merit awards to graduates. About 800 family members, friends, and invited guests attended the ceremony at Portland’s Merrill Auditorium.

Susan Collins, the senior United States Senator from Maine, was the keynote speaker. Senator Collins focused her speech on the polarization surrounding the process to nominate the next U.S. Supreme Court justice, which she described as one of the most important legal issues facing the nation today.

J. Trevor Hughes, ’95, president and CEO of the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), received the 2016 L. Kinvin Wroth Alumni Award for distinguished service. Graduating student James Spizuoco of Portland, Maine, delivered the student address.
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 more than $20,000 at its annual auction on April 6-7. 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 6. The silent and live auctions were held April 7 at Mariner’s Church Banquet Center in Portland’s Old Port District. For the first time, 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., and the African nations of Botswana and Uganda.
MAINE LAW NEWS

New offering: Certificate in Information Privacy Law

Maine Law now offers a Certificate in Information Privacy Law, expanding on the school’s reputation in this emerging field. Candidates will earn the certificate through coursework, experiential learning, a writing project, and certification through the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). The certificate will provide Maine Law graduates with comprehensive classroom education and experiential training. Candidates will be prepared for careers in privacy and cybersecurity, such as Chief Privacy Officers, legal compliance officers, data security officers, and consumer protection regulators.

Over the past decade, Maine Law has carved out a niche in the field, thanks largely to the school’s relationship with the IAPP, led by Maine Law alumnus, J. Trevor Hughes, ’95. In collaboration with the IAPP, Maine Law established the nation’s first for-credit law school summer program in information privacy. The seventh annual Information Privacy Summer Institute was held this year from May 16 to June 3.

The Law School has also developed externships and internships in privacy and regulatory compliance. Placements have included the IAPP, Network Advertising Initiative, IDEXX, UNUM, Monster Worldwide, CVS Caremark, InterMed, and Mercy Hospital.

Intellectual diversity shines at Student Impact Summit

Maine Law students presented their experiential learning projects, research papers and other works in poster format at the inaugural Student Impact Summit on March 17. The summit illustrated the impact on the community of student scholarship, research, and advocacy, from representing low-income Mainers in court, to serving as mentors for troubled teens and volunteering with nonprofit organizations.

Prospective students, alumni, administrators, members of the bench and bar, and grantors were in attendance. A panel discussion focused on the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic’s Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Project. Panelists were Professor Chris Northrop, Allyson Knowles ’16, and Erin Tolan ’16. They discussed the collaboration between the Juvenile Justice Clinic, the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic, the John T. Gorman Foundation, and the greater Maine community to assist immigrant youth with resolving healthcare, housing, immigration, and educational issues and needs.

Maine Law Race Mobiles support work of Clinic

The Maine Law Race Mobiles – a running team comprised of more than a dozen Maine Law students, alumni, and faculty, including Dean Danielle Conway – raised more than $4,000 for the Maine Law’s Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic in the spring of 2016, culminating with the team’s participation in the Rock Lobster Relay on June 24-25. The 200-mile relay race, beginning in Bar Harbor and ending in Portland, was an opportunity for organizations to raise money and awareness for a wide range of programs.

Tara Ouellette, ’18, with assistance from fellow students, created the Maine Law Race Mobiles to raise money and spread the word about the Clinic’s positive impact. Student members along with Ouellette were Sara Cresssey, Bryn Gallagher, Tyler Hadyniak, Felix Hagenimana, Jana Kenney, and Taylor Ventre. Alumni members were Anne Cresssey, ’88, Diane Dusini, ’87, James Haddow, ’86, and Isabel Mullin, ’16.
Five years of inspirational speakers and their stories

Now entering its sixth year as a signature program at Maine Law, the Justice for Women (JFW) Lecture Series has brought inspirational speakers to Maine from Botswana, Liberia, South Africa, Afghanistan, India, and Zimbabwe. Dr. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, a scientist, farmer, and activist from Zimbabwe, delivered the fifth annual Justice for Women Lecture in March 2016. During her visit, she spoke to diverse audiences about poverty, climate change, and strategies to combat root causes of food insecurity. The 2017 lecturer will be Zainah Anwar of Malaysia. Maine Law established the JFW Lecture Series in 2011 with leadership and support from attorney and civic leader Catherine Lee of Lee International. The JFW Lecture Fund was created with the goal of sustaining the JFW Lecture Series in perpetuity. The Law School awarded the inaugural “Courage is Contagious” award to Catherine Lee in recognition of her selfless commitment to improving the lives of women and girls, both domestically and internationally.

A Global Perspective: Justice for Women Lecture Series Speakers

1. Hon. Unity Dow 2012, Botswana
   International Human Rights advocate, novelist, and former judge, Botswana High Court. “Juggling Truths: When Justice is a Moving Target.”

2. Leymah Gbowee 2013, Liberia

3. Hon. Albie Sachs 2013, South Africa
   Former activist and lawyer. “50 Years with Nelson Mandela: From Law Breaking to Law Making.” (Special lecturer)

4. Dr. Sima Samar 2014, Afghanistan

5. Ruchira Gupta 2015, India
   Founder & President of Apne Aap Women Worldwide, “Ending Sex Trafficking by Putting the Last Girl First.”

6. Dr. Lindiwe Sibanda 2016, Zimbabwe
   CEO of FANRPAN, “Overcoming Food Insecurity – Ideas & Inspirations from Zimbabwe to Maine.”

7. Zainah Anwar 2017, Malaysia
   Director, Musawah, A Global Movement for Equality and Justice in the Muslim Family.

SAVE THE DATE: March 23, 2017 at 7 pm
Abromson Community Education Center

To give in support of JFW, visit www.mainelawcommunity.org/donatejusticeforwomen
From a list of highly accomplished attorneys, advocates for same-sex marriage could pick only one to stand and argue before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2015, making the case for national legalization of gay and lesbian marriages.

They turned to Mary Bonauto, the patient, humble, quietly passionate lawyer from Portland, Maine. Bonauto had been working on cases at the heart of the equality movement since the 1980s, and had earned the respect of both allies and adversaries through many hard-fought legal battles.

In some ways, Bonauto felt overwhelmed, having been selected as the oralist for Obergefell v. Hodges about one month before the Supreme Court hearing. But as friends noted, Bonauto had been preparing for the moment her entire career. She arrived in Washington, D.C., armed with the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the stories of thousands of people she had met and represented over the past three decades.

The Supreme Court issued a 5-4 ruling in June 2015, declaring same-sex marriage legal, and barring states from depriving same-sex couples of that fundamental right.

On Oct. 29, 2015, just four months after the historic ruling, Bonauto delivered the 23rd Annual Frank M. Coffin Lecture on Law and Public Service, hosted by the University of Maine School of Law. The lecture series 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.

Speaking to an enthusiastic crowd of more than 500 people at the Abromson Community Education Center in Portland, Bonauto documented the key strategies and struggles that preceded the decision by the Supreme Court. Her speech was titled “Equality and the Impossible: Climbing the Arc of Justice.”

“We all did that. Millions of people helped to make that happen,” Bonauto said of the Obergefell decision. “We had to make progress brick by brick.”

A native of New York, Bonauto came to Portland in the 1980s with her partner, Maine Law Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Sumner T. Bernstein Professor of Law Jennifer Wriggins. Bonauto joined the Boston-based Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) in 1989.

Bonauto and other architects of the movement modeled their work after that of Charles Hamilton Houston and Thurgood Marshall during the Civil Rights movement. Much of their work, Bonauto said, involved “shining the light on real people and telling the truth about their lives.”

Advocates were pleasantly stunned in 1993, when the Supreme Court of Hawai‘i ruled that denial of same-sex marriage was discrimination. The ruling inspired Bonauto.

“I felt we had a new chance and a new generation,” she said. “I knew achieving marriage equality would be a stretch, but I knew we had to go for it.”

Predictably, there was a backlash to the Hawai‘i ruling. Many state legislatures proactively passed laws banning same-sex marriages, and in 1996 the federal government passed the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which defined marriage for federal purposes as the union of one man and one woman.

In 1999, Bonauto and two Vermont lawyers won a ruling that prompted the state Legislature to enact the nation’s first “civil union” law for same-sex couples. Bonauto then served as lead counsel in a landmark case in Massachusetts, Goodridge v. Department of Public Health. In 2003, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court declared that it was unconstitutional to prohibit civil marriage for gay and lesbian couples. The first legal same-sex marriage ceremonies ever performed in the U.S. were conducted in Massachusetts in May 2004.

Despite the gains, leaders of the same-sex marriage movement thought it would take until 2020 or 2030 for a Supreme Court ruling in their favor. But the tables turned in their direction from 2012 forward. Voters in many states endorsed same-sex marriage through referendum questions, and DOMA was struck down as unconstitutional.
The Maine Law community this year mourned the loss of a dear friend and beloved graduate, Peter J. DeTroy III, who passed away on May 28, 2016. Peter graduated from the University of Maine School of Law in 1972 and went on to become one of the most highly respected lawyers and civic leaders in the state of Maine. He was a member of the Portland-based firm Norman Hanson & DeTroy, where he had practiced since 1977. This tribute to Peter was written by his friend and law partner, Russell B. Pierce, Maine Law class of 1991.

By Russell B. Pierce

Peter DeTroy’s extraordinary career as a lawyer was marked with integrity, a true love of the law and of the legal profession, and the intellect of a skilled and experienced practitioner.

Peter was a great trial lawyer, accomplished in facets of practice both in and outside the courtroom. A true testament to his skills is the broad range of cases he handled in both civil and criminal law. In each area, he excelled. He had the reputation of being one of the state’s leading criminal defense attorneys, one of the state’s leading plaintiff’s attorneys in civil actions, and as a leading defense lawyer.

Throughout his career, he handled cases of renown in just about every area of law – truly any significant legal matter that found its way to the courtroom.

An active member of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Peter’s reputation as a masterful advocate extended far beyond Maine. Clients connected with and appreciated his caring intellect, his unfailing ability to counsel them as well as advocate for their best interests. Peter intuited how every case fit into the larger life lived by each person he represent-
Peter DeTroy’s extraordinary career as a lawyer was marked with integrity, a true love of the law and of the legal profession, and the intellect of a skilled and experienced practitioner.

Peter DeTroy speaks at the Maine Law Alumni Association Annual Dinner in 2014.

ed. He took the long view, saw “the big picture,” and had the knack of managing client cases in ways that seemed always to lead to the best results.

Peter’s importance to the community at the University of Maine School of Law cannot be overstated. In the more than four decades, since his graduation in 1972, Peter was a steadfast supporter of Maine Law. He was a trusted member of many boards and committees, including the University of Maine School of Law Foundation Board and the Maine Law Alumni Association Board.

In 2012, Peter received the Maine Law Alumni Association’s Distinguished Service Award for his significant contributions to the legal profession, cultural and charitable organizations and his long-standing support for the Law School. His generosity, particularly as a friend and mentor to students and alumni, will always be remembered.

Peter cared deeply about the legal profession, and the pivotal role that lawyers play in protecting all principles of justice in society. He cared about lawyers not just as officers of the court and advocates, but as people, with human emotions, concerns, worries, with powers to bring about great change in moments of excellence, and also to make mistakes. His humor and sense of humanity were instilled in his professional work.

Peter was also a teacher and a mentor. He did not hoard his skill in lawyering, or his skill in counseling others. He was always present with Maine Law alumni and other young lawyers, teaching them, exploring the law and legal issues with them, helping them hone their own skills.

Peter was a peacemaker. His experience and reputation naturally led to his being one of the most sought after mediators and arbitrators in the state. He was creative in solving disputes, respectful of differences, and resourceful in seeking solutions. As with his own cases, he sensed how a legal dispute or problem fit within a whole life of the participant – the events that brought people to court, those that brought people to mediation, and he came to understand everyone's outlook on life beyond the mediation. He was a great mediator because he cared about the whole life of each participant – both the parties and their lawyers.

His life was full of connections with people – not just to their cases – but to each of them on a personal level, as a friend, a protector of interests, an adviser. He was a problem-solver, a counselor, a zealous protector and defender of rights. He was a lawyer who harmonized empathy, passion, trust, integrity, and thoughtfulness in every case he handled, every life he touched. Peter epitomized, for us, what it means to be a great lawyer, and his was a career of unparalleled excellence.
A diverse group of college undergraduates – including students from rural Maine and students originally from Afghanistan, Brazil, China, Kenya, and the United Kingdom – were among the 22 participants in the University of Maine School of Law’s first ever summer immersion program for people interested in the law and in the legal profession.

The inaugural DiscoverLaw.org Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program was held at Maine Law from May 30 to June 24, 2016.

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 legal profession in Maine and around the country.

Among the participants were:

- A student at Southern Maine Community College who received only two years of education in her home country of Afghanistan, earned her high school diploma in Portland, and is interested in international law and women’s rights.

- A student at Bowdoin College who grew up in the UK, volunteers with disadvantaged children, and hopes to become a lawyer to help people harmed by poverty.

- A student at the University of Maine at Farmington who has served as an intern for the Franklin County District Attorney’s Office, and who hopes to one day prosecute crimes against humanity at the International Court of Justice.

Maine Law was awarded a $300,000 grant from the Law School Admission Council (LSAC), DiscoverLaw.org to fund the PLUS Program for three summers. Only 16 other law schools nationwide have been selected to administer the grants since LSAC first offered them in 2002.

The inaugural class was selected from
PLUS Scholars

Get to know some of the students who participated in the Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program at Maine Law in the summer of 2016:

Abdi Abdirahman
Age: 22
Hometown: South Portland, Maine
College: University of Southern Maine

About: A political science student at USM, Abdi was born in Somalia, fled with his family to a refugee camp in Kenya, and came to the U.S. when his father obtained a visa in the late 1990s. Abdi graduated from South Portland High School in 2012, and has been interested for many years in politics and the law. He credits Randy Inosencio, the Jobs for Maine’s Graduates specialist at USM, and Steve Byrne, chair of the JMG board of directors, for encouraging him to pursue his dream of becoming a lawyer.

“I have high expectations for myself. My goal is to be the first person in my family to attend graduate school. If you don’t go after it, you never know what you could have accomplished.” – Abdi Abdirahman

Briana Cardwell
Age: 22
Hometown: Boston, Mass.
College: Bowdoin College

About: Briana is an Africana Studies major and Sociology minor at Bowdoin. She plans to become an immigration and civil rights lawyer, with the ultimate goal of serving as an undergraduate student in the Rehabilitation Services program at UMF, she is learning how to advocate in a variety of ways for the poor, elderly, children, and people with disabilities. Liya also volunteers at a nursing home and at Mt. Blue Middle School, and is a leader of the Boston Chapter of the NAACP, and is a leader in the Student Senate. She applied for Maine Law’s PLUS Program because she is exploring career paths that would give her skills and connections to help more people, and to have an impact on public policy.

“I want to humanize people’s experiences with immigration law. That has been a forgotten piece in all the debates around immigration policy.” – Briana Cardwell

Liya Mindaye
Age: 21
Hometown: Cambridge, Mass.
College: University of Maine at Farmington

About: Liya is a natural helper. She came to the U.S. from Ethiopia when she was 7 years old, and attended schools in Cambridge, Mass. As an undergraduate student in the Legal Writing Program at Maine Law, served as PLUS Program curriculum director. Admissions Coordinator Heidi Gage served as the program director. One of their priorities was to place the students in scenarios where they could see the law in action, or a defense lawyer or judge, is an experience that will motivate them to pursue a career in law.”

“One thing I’ve enjoyed about the program is that there is no pressure to be right all the time. I also like that we are applying everything that we are being taught. I’m taking it all in and having an open mind.” – Liya Mindaye

Real-life applications of the law

The PLUS Program is taught by Maine Law faculty, staff, and teaching assistants. This year’s curriculum included an introduction to lawyering, leadership skills, and legal writing as well as visits to courthouses, law firms, the State House, and other destinations. Students also learned professional skills such as cover letter and résumé writing, networking, and interviewing. Four Maine Law students served as peer mentors, and two served as teaching assistants, providing important support to the participants.

Professor Angela Crossman Arey, director of the Legal Writing Program at Maine Law, served as PLUS Program curriculum director. Admissions Coordinator Heidi Gage served as the program director. One of their priorities was to place the students in scenarios where they could see the law in action. Arey and Gage organized trips to a variety of courtroom proceedings, and developed simulations in which the students played different roles in the legal system.

“This program is all about giving students the chance to see how law is applied in real life settings, where they can see themselves in the role of lawyer,” Arey said.

“Simulations and experiences have the kind of impact that you just can’t get from sitting in a classroom. For our PLUS students, the chance to see a prosecutor in action, or a defense lawyer or judge, is an experience that will motivate them to pursue a career in law.”

Students observed arraignments at Portland District Court. Judge Keith Powers, ’73, helped coordinate that visit. District Court Judge E. Mary Kelly and Superior Court Justice Paul Fritzsche, ’75, took time to speak to students during breaks in the proceedings.
The group also traveled to Lewiston District Court to observe the Protection From Abuse docket. Judge Rick Lawrence helped arrange the visit. Lawrence, a graduate of Harvard Law School, was nominated to the bench by Gov. Angus King in 2000, becoming the first black judge in Maine history. While in Lewiston, the PLUS students also met privately with Judge John Beliveau.

Briana Cardwell, a 22-year-old Boston native who is entering her senior year at Bowdoin College, said the experiential components of the PLUS Program helped to cement her decision to attend law school.

“It makes me feel that I’m on the right track. I’m getting ahead of the game by learning about the law while I’m still an undergraduate,” Cardwell said. She is especially interested in immigration law, civil rights law, and politics.

**Meeting Maine’s Attorney General**

A highlight of the program was a day-long trip to Augusta on June 8. At the recently opened Capital Judicial Center, students observed oral arguments in two cases being heard by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. After the hearings, they spoke with the lawyers who represented the parties.

Students also had an opportunity to speak with Janet Mills, Maine’s Attorney General, who was attending one of the hearings. Mills, a 1976 graduate of Maine Law, was generous with her time and encouraged the students to ask questions.

The group also toured the State House and the Cross State Office Building, where they met with Maine Law alumnus Michael O’Brien, ’14, who works as an analyst for the Legislature’s Office of Policy and Legal Analysis. O’Brien said he enjoyed his role in the legislative process – advising lawmakers on the creation of bills that sometimes become law. He told the students that they can have an impact on society as lawyers, lawmakers, or in other avenues for advocacy.

At the end of his talk, O’Brien recalled moving to Maine in August of 2011 to start law school. He didn’t know anyone in the state and was living in a tent at a campground.

“You don’t need connections to succeed. I was totally welcomed into Portland by the community,” he said. “You don’t need to be a generational Mainer to do good work and land a job that is exciting and meaningful.”

**‘This is a game-changer’**

For the undergraduate students who participate – no matter if they pursue a law degree or other interests – the PLUS Program presents an opportunity to learn about the vital role the law plays in maintaining a civilized society, said Danielle Conway, Dean at Maine Law.

Intelligent, ethical lawyers will always be needed, Conway said, in government, public interest law, the non-profit and social justice sectors, and in a wide range of other career tracks.

“This is a game-changer,” Conway said. “As the public law school for Maine, and the only law school in the state, Maine Law is guided by a longstanding commitment to diversity and public service. This program helps us put those values into action. “By encouraging young people from diverse backgrounds to explore careers in law, and by providing skills training to them at this point in their lives, we can open pathways they might have never considered or thought possible.”

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- Maine Law Dean Danielle Conway
When she stepped off the bus in Portland on a spring afternoon three years ago, Judi Irakoze held tight to the handle of her suitcase. Packed inside were a few of her favorite dresses, scented oils, her Bible, a pink diary, and a photograph of “mamoutchka,” her mother.

One suitcase. Small enough to carry on her journey from Burundi to the U.S. Big enough to hold the dreams of an 18-year-old in search of a new life. Judi had survived the ethnic civil war and was fleeing persecution and the threat of violence in her home country. Now she would have to adapt to a new culture, in a place where everyone seemed so busy, rushing past her and speaking a language she struggled to understand.

“It was crazy. I didn’t know anyone. I didn’t know where I was going to live,” Judi recalled. “I wasn’t sure if I could do it.”

That same spring, Clinical Professor Anna Welch was finishing up her first year overseeing the new Refugee and Human Rights Clinic, a program of the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic at the University of Maine School of Law in Portland. Under the supervision of Welch and other faculty members, law students pro-

The case of Judi Irakoze, a native of Burundi who was granted asylum in the U.S. in the spring of 2016, shows the impact of Maine Law’s Refugee and Human Rights Clinic, and the difference that law students can make in a person’s life.

After three years: **Asylum for Judi**

*By Trevor Maxwell*

*Elizabeth Valentine, ’14, Judi Irakoze, Maine Law Clinical Professor Anna Welch, and Amber Attalla, ’16.*
provide free representation to immigrants and refugees seeking asylum and other protections.

As part of their outreach into the community, student attorneys from the Clinic often speak with homeless and at-risk teenagers at Preble Street’s Teen Center. That’s where they met Judi’caele Abigaelle Iraokoze, Judi, for short. With help from a relative, Judi had obtained a student visa to enter the U.S. But she would need help to stay, because she was no longer safe in her home country, and couldn’t risk going back to Burundi.

That connection – between a young woman who needed help and law students enrolled in a program designed to take on that challenge – started a three-year legal journey that concluded with a victory this spring. That victory changed a number of lives along the way.

This April, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services approved Judi’s asylum petition. She is now on the path toward citizenship.

“We couldn’t be happier for Judi, and for our students who were so invested in her case and in her as a person,” Welch said. “The stakes are incredibly high in almost all of our cases, and our students put the weight of that on their shoulders. Winning this case, ensuring Judi’s health and safety, means so much to the Maine Law community, and it is a tremendous accomplishment.”

—I knew that I had to go—

Burundi, a nation of about 10 million people in East Africa, is among the most volatile countries in the world. The majority Hutu ethnic group and the minority Tutsi group have engaged in armed conflict and genocide for much of the past 40 years.

Judi lost relatives and friends during the Burundian Civil War, which raged from 1993 to 2006, claiming an estimated 300,000 lives. Though not as widespread, the fighting has continued since the war ended.

On top of those threats, Judi faced persecution within her own community in the capital city of Bujumbura. She realized that if she stayed, not only would her life be at risk, but she would never have an opportunity to pursue secondary education. At various times, Judi dreamed of becoming a doctor, writer, and fashion designer.

“The time came when I knew that I had to go,” she said. “You have nothing if you do not have safety.”

An aunt of Judi’s who lives in Canada visited Bujumbura and made arrangements for her to obtain a student visa. In April 2013, Judi flew to New York. Her aunt encouraged her to seek refuge in Portland, which was fast becoming a destination for refugees from the wars in Central and East Africa, largely because of its low crime rate, good schools, and social services.

After arriving in Portland, Judi took temporary shelter at the Teen Center at Preble Street. City officials helped her enroll at Portland High School, and she began to meet other refugees and immigrants from Africa who spoke French and Kirundi. But the transition was overwhelming.

“In that time, I regretted ever coming,” Judi said. “I was so worried, my heart wasn’t at peace. I started feeling better when I met Anna (Welch) and the law students.”

—She did not seem defeated—

Maine Law’s Refugee and Human Rights Clinic began the intake process for Judi after meeting her in the summer of 2013, and agreed to formally represent her in her asylum claim.

Elizabeth Valentine, ’14, and Pardis Delijani, ’15, were the student attorneys assigned to the case that fall. Clinic students work in pairs.

“I was immediately drawn to Judi,” said Valentine, who has since graduated and works as an attorney at the Maine Community Law Center in Portland.

“When we met with her at the Teen Center, Judi struck me as profoundly lonely, but she carried herself with such dignity,” Valentine said. “She stood out from a lot of the other teens whose demeanor and body language suggested defeat. She did not seem defeated.”

The asylum application is exhaustive. It requires a letter that is similar to a legal brief, a comprehensive statement from the applicant, corroborating evidence including lay and expert testimony, and a detailed analysis of the conditions in the country of origin.

To prepare the documents, Valentine and Delijani interviewed Judi, her family members, community leaders, and country-condition experts, often at odd hours because of the time difference between Maine and Burundi. They gathered statements from people who interacted with Judi here in Maine, including mental health practitioners, social workers, teachers, and clergy. Valentine and Delijani also conducted legal research.
Deirdre M. Smith, '94, professor and director of Maine Law’s Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, received two prestigious awards in the past year. Smith also helped to spearhead a bill that was signed into law earlier this year, making Maine’s court system more fair and effective in cases involving children.

In February, Smith received the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the Maine Law Alumni Association. The award recognized her outstanding contributions to the legal profession in Maine and particularly for her support of the University of Maine School of Law and the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic. A summa cum laude graduate of Maine Law in 1994, Smith has been director of the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic since joining the faculty in 2004.

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“When we talk about the culture of an institution, no one has more influence, pound for pound, than Deirdre Smith,” said Dean Danielle Conway. “She has nurtured a culture of public service, compassion, and hard work. Professor Smith sets the platinum standard that our students and graduates model in their own practices. Professor Smith is a scholar’s scholar, a teacher’s teacher, and a lawyer’s lawyer.”

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Judi continued to settle into her new life in Portland. She had moved into an apartment with an older woman, also from Burundi. She found a supportive church community, a job at Maine Medical Center, and an outlet for her creativity at the Telling Room, a nonprofit writing center.

By the time she graduated from Portland High School, Judi was already taking math and science courses at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland, where she enrolled full-time in the fall of 2015.

Also that fall, the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic was informed that Judi would need to appear in Boston for a second interview with immigration officials. Amber Attalla, a third-year student, was assigned to the case.

“That was an intense time. We met three times a week or more to prepare,” Attalla said. “Fortunately I was able to get up to speed quickly because of the work and organization done by the student attorneys who passed along the case.”

The hearing took place in October 2015, and Judi was articulate and poised. Attalla felt good that they had done everything in their power to win the case.

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– Judi Irakoze
“Judi instilled confidence in me,” Attalla said. “I was amazed by how she was able to juggle everything going on in her life. She was a full-time college student, she worked 20 hours a week at the hospital, she was working with us on her asylum case, she did a lot of writing on the side, and she was also very involved in the community in other ways.”

‘I was so full of joy and I felt free’

When Judi’s asylum petition was approved on April 8, 2016, Professor Jennifer Bailey, who was supervising the Refugee & Human Rights Clinic while Welch was on maternity leave, asked Attalla to make an important phone call.

“It was just amazing. She was crying and saying thank you over and over,” Attalla said. “That was the first asylum case that was approved that I was part of, and to witness her reaction, it really brought it home about why we do this work.”

“As the attorney, sometimes you get so focused on the process and the details, you forget about how much this one case affects a person’s life.”

Judi, now 21, feels that a huge weight has been lifted, and she can pursue her studies without fear. She is studying biochemistry at SMCC, with a goal of becoming a dermatologist. But she also loves writing and fashion design, so she hasn’t ruled out any career paths.

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Impact of the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic at Maine Law

The Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, established in 1970 as a program of the University of Maine School of Law, provides free legal aid to low-income individuals and families in Maine. The Clinic was one of the first legal aid clinics in the nation, and one of the first to receive grant funding from the Ford Foundation.

The Clinic is a defining program of Maine Law, providing practical skills training for students, and helping fulfill the school’s long-standing commitment to social justice. All legal representation is provided by law students who work under the supervision of Clinic faculty. Students are specially licensed by the state and federal courts in Maine to perform all the duties of practicing lawyers. This experience provides students with the practical skills and confidence they need to be “practice-ready” when they graduate.

The Clinic is divided into distinct programs, although students often collaborate across clinics.

THE PROGRAMS

- General Practice Clinic: Student attorneys take on a wide range of case types in the General Practice Clinic, from criminal defense to family law to foreclosure prevention.

- Juvenile Justice Clinic: Student attorneys represent juveniles in delinquency proceedings, sometimes as their defenders, and other times as court-appointed Guardians ad litem, and participate in a range of policy projects with broad impact.

- Prisoner Assistance Clinic: This Clinic places an emphasis on interviewing, counseling and providing “unbundled” legal services to prisoners who need help with civil proceedings.

- Refugee and Human Rights Clinic: This Clinic targets a critical gap in access to justice, providing direct legal representation and advocacy to immigrants and refugees seeking political asylum and similar protections.

- Protection from Abuse Project: Most students enrolled in Clinic courses also participate in the Protection from Abuse Project, through which they represent victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, who are seeking protection orders in Lewiston District Court.

THE NUMBERS

The Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic provided varying levels of legal assistance to more than 600 clients in 2015, including 162 children, 185 individuals in Protection from Abuse matters, and 145 prisoners. The students’ work reached hundreds more through the Clinic’s outreach, education, and policy projects.

Clinic clients came from 15 countries of origin, including the U.S., Angola, Burundi, Canada, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Iraq, Iran, Jamaica, Rwanda, Somalia, Syria, and Sudan.

57 students at Maine Law enrolled in Clinic courses in 2015. In addition, the Clinic hired five student interns, one public policy Cushman Anthony Fellow, and one Juvenile Justice Fellow for the summer of 2015 as part of the Summer Intern Program.

THE FUNDING

In 2015, more than one-third of the funding for the Clinic’s programs came from sources external to the Law School, including donations and grants. The largest single source of such external funds is the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund, followed by the Maine Justice Foundation, which provides an Annual Grant of IOLTA funds.

Other significant sources of external funding during 2015 include the Campaign for Justice, Sam L. Cohen Foundation, John T. Gorman Foundation, the Bidu Sayão Memorial Children’s Trust, and the Muskie Fund for Legal Services.

*If you are interested in supporting the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, please call the Law School’s Office of Advancement and External Affairs at 207-780-4342, or email lawalum@maine.edu.*
As senior VP, General Counsel, and Risk & Compliance Officer for a health-care provider serving much of central and northern Maine, Lori Dwyer doesn’t have too many boring days.

Dwyer, a 2005 Maine Law graduate, must carefully guide Penobscot Community Health Care through a constantly changing maze of state and federal laws and regulations. She must be able to see the “big picture” of healthcare regulation, while never losing sight of the individual Mainers who rely on care from the organization.

It’s a lot to manage, but the former teacher and labor and employment lawyer has discovered she thrives in the interdisciplinary field of health law.

“I love the complexity of the work, the variety of issues that come at you from all corners, the ‘Wild West’ nature of healthcare law as payers try to move from volume to value based care,” Dwyer said. “It’s rewarding to be able to distill

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Health Law:

Professor Jennifer Wriggins leads Maine Law’s expansion into this dynamic field, while alumni blaze the trail

By Trevor Maxwell

Health law offerings at Maine Law

Courses
- Health Care Law & Ethics
- Bioethics, Medicine & Law
- Federal Health Law and Its Reform
- Health Care Privacy & Security

Accelerated Dual Degree J.D./M.P.H. Program: Students accepted for the Accelerated Dual Degree J.D./M.P.H. Program – a joint offering of Maine Law and the University of Southern Maine’s Muskie School of Public Service – can complete both degrees in four years with summer study. Those students can take courses within the M.P.H. program at the Muskie School, such as American Health System, Social and Behavioral Health, Introduction to Epidemiological Research, and Environmental Health.

Externships
- Mercy Hospital
- InterMed, P.A.
- Maine Medical Association
- Consumers for Affordable Health Care
- Penobscot Community Health Care
- Create your own externship

Please note: Not all courses and externships are available during any given semester, and they are subject to change as Maine Law continuously updates and improves upon its offerings. Prospective students should contact the Office of Admissions with questions about specific course offerings, externships, and career tracks.

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Sumner T. Bernstein Professor of Law Jennifer Wriggins
complex regulatory schemes down to usable, practical advice that helps the people on the ground delivering the care.”

Dwyer is among many Maine Law alums who are forging successful careers in health law. At the same time, Maine Law students and prospective students are increasingly interested in the field, prompting the Law School to add courses, expand externship options, and offer a J.D./M.P.H. dual degree program with the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine.

“It’s clear that health law, as a priority teaching area for Maine Law and as a career path for its graduates, has built some serious momentum. “We’ve definitely seen an increased interest in health law among our prospective and incoming students, especially over the past five years. We’ve bolstered the curriculum and are focusing on it much more than we have in the past,” said Associate Dean Jennifer Wriggins, who has led Maine Law’s recent emphasis on health law. “It is an incredibly dynamic, growing field, both in Maine and nationally.”

Health law deals with any law that affects the health of individuals and the public, including regulation of the health industry at the local, state, and federal levels. The field is incredibly diverse, offering career paths in private practice, business, government, lobbying and public policy, the nonprofit sector, and more, said Wriggins, who is nationally known for her scholarship in insurance and torts, with a focus on race and gender. Wriggins also has expertise in insurance law and policy, and has written about the federal Affordable Care Act.

Maine Law now offers a Certificate in Information Privacy Law (see page 7), which is expected to be a popular choice for students who are also interested in health law.

“The intersections of health law and information privacy law are important and fascinating, and the Law School’s new Certificate in Information Privacy Law gives students opportunities to really focus on these cutting edge fields,” Wriggins said.

Maine Law Grads in Health Law Careers

Kenneth Albert, ’03
President and CEO, Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice

How long have you been working in the field of health law, and what jobs have you held in this field?
I have focused on health law for over 10 years, working in a firm and holding positions in the public and private sectors. I served as Director of Compliance and Program Integrity for a healthcare provider/insurer. I was the State’s health regulator as Director for the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services, and ultimately appointed the State Health Officer serving as Director and COO for the Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention. I am now President and CEO for Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice.

What do you like best about health law as an area of practice?
Being both a registered nurse and an attorney, I can help clients navigate a highly regulated environment while also focusing on cost, quality, and the patient experience.

How did Maine Law help you prepare for a career in health law?
Maine Law prepared me to think like an advocate and to explore all remedies to present to my clients.

Why should Maine Law students consider careers in health law?
Health spending in 2015 accounted for 17.5% of the GDP. Projections for 2024 suggest health-care will account for 19.6% of GDP. Healthcare in the U.S. is experiencing unprecedented change, and attorneys are an important profession at the table.

Lori Dwyer, ’05
Sr. VP, General Counsel, Risk & Compliance Officer, Penobscot Community Health Care

How long have you been working in the field of health law, and what jobs have you held in this field?
I’ve been at Penobscot Community Health Care for just over four years. I formerly worked in private practice for Bernstein Shur as a labor & employment lawyer for approximately seven years, and spent some of that time providing L&E advice to clients in the healthcare industry.

What do you like best about health law as an area of practice?
I love the complexity of the work, the “Wild West” nature of healthcare law as payers try to move from volume to value based care, the interdisciplinary nature of the practice, and the importance of this work in the lives of everyday people.

How did Maine Law help you prepare for a career in health law?
I use the analytical skills and substantive knowledge I gained in torts, contracts, family law, business law and probate law on a weekly, if not daily, basis. I learned how to see the many angles of an issue, ask the right questions, chase down the different possibilities, and refuse to settle for superficial answers.

Why should Maine Law students consider careers in health law?
First, job security (I don’t see the laws and rules being simplified anytime soon); second, the subject itself is fascinating and dynamic; and third, it tends to attract nice people who want to do good in the world.
Maine Law graduates have forged successful careers in the area of health law, including positions in government, business, the non-profit sector, and in private practice. We recently caught up with some of these graduates and asked them questions about their work and their time at Maine Law.

Holly Lusk, ’05
Of Counsel, Preti Flaherty

How long have you been working in the field of health law, and what jobs have you held in this field?
After law school, I practiced litigation at Preti Flaherty for about eight years, in the field of medical malpractice defense, and also in administrative law representing health care practitioners before licensing boards. I then served for about three years as Governor LePage’s health policy advisor. After leaving that post late last year, I rejoined Preti, and I currently do a combination of lobbying (focusing on healthcare clients), and health-related administrative law, especially in the areas of healthcare licensing, health insurance, and Medicaid.

What do you like best about health law as an area of practice?
Healthcare touches everything – employment law, government relations, litigation, administrative law – and it’s a pleasure to collaborate with lawyers in related fields on issues that matter to healthcare clients.

How did Maine Law help you prepare for a career in health law?
One of the great things about Maine Law is the presence of students who start later in life. There were students in my class who had other professions before law school. Some practiced in various healthcare fields, and they brought great depth to classes about bioethics and medicine.

Why should Maine Law students consider careers in health law?
Job security! With increasing government regulation of healthcare and health insurance, the need for legal assistance never goes away.

Andrew MacLean, ’91
Deputy Executive VP, General Counsel, Maine Medical Association

How long have you been working in the field of health law, and what jobs have you held in this field?
More than 23 years. Two stints in private practice; principal health policy advisor to Governor John R. McKernan, Jr.; attorney with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Maine; Deputy Executive Vice President & General Counsel with the Maine Medical Association.

What do you like best about health law as an area of practice?
Healthcare in the U.S. is very dynamic and presents challenging business, legal, policy, and political issues for practitioners. Healthcare issues are important enough to all of us that they often are covered in the media and that’s exciting!

How did Maine Law help you prepare for a career in health law?
Maine Law gave me a solid grounding in the basics of legal training — legal analysis, reasoning, and argument, and that’s been the most important preparation. I followed a pretty traditional curriculum in my choice of courses. I did not take healthcare law, but administrative law certainly has been helpful.

Why should Maine Law students consider careers in health law?
It’s a broad and constantly changing field. I deal with a wide array of matters and areas of law on a daily basis, so I’m always working on novel issues and learning new things.

Tom Marczak, ’08
Corporate Counsel, MaineHealth

How long have you been working in the field of health law, and what jobs have you held in this field?
I’ve been corporate counsel at MaineHealth for about two years. Previously, I was in private practice for six years as a litigator, defending healthcare professionals and companies in a variety of matters.

What do you like best about health law as an area of practice?
It’s a dynamic field for a lawyer to work in, partially due to its reliance on science and technology. But it’s also directly affected by government, which tends to make work for attorneys. There’s job security in that.

Why should Maine Law students consider careers in health law?
Our country remains in substantial conflict about the values and goals of its healthcare system, so individuals with training in law and ethics will be critical to resolving the important issues future generations will face.
I was born in Rwanda, Africa, in December 1981. Historically, Rwanda had three ethnic groups: Hutu, Tutsi, and Twa. Throughout the nation’s history there has been conflict between these ethnic groups. On the morning of April 7, 1994, I became a witness, and survivor, of one of the most horrific genocides the world has ever seen.

That morning, my uncle told me the Rwandan president’s plane had been shot down and that Hutus were going to kill us. Being a naïve, optimistic 12-year-old boy, I said it was not possible for them to do that. But that very day, a crowd of people came to our house in Kigali. My uncle and I tried to escape and they chased us. My uncle surrendered to them. After watching my uncle being murdered, I ran to save my life.

I joined a big group of people fleeing and we gathered at a nearby church. The church usually accommodated 300 people, but this day saw over 4,000 people pressed inside its walls, seeking safety and refuge. Lying down was not possible, nor could all of us sit. We agreed to take turns sitting down. Thirst became intolerable, as did the heat.

On the third day, the murderers who had surrounded the church with all kinds of weaponry began to do their job. The instincts of self-preservation, of self-defense, of pride, had left us. We surrendered to our tormentors. In the midst of the killings, by some strange reflex, I fell on the ground and they thought me for dead. Late that stormy night, as I was stuck in a pile of dead people, I heard a person moving. Not sure if he was surrendering his last breath, I grabbed his pants. He helped me out of that pile. As I was too weak to walk, he carried me on his shoulders.

We walked for an hour and arrived in the big swamp after midnight. For the next three months we survived on sugar cane and dirty water. After those three months, my friend’s feet began to swell from the cold. He could not stand, and he told me he was too tired of trying to save his miserable life. He wished me good luck and told me he was going to find someone to kill him. Being sure that I could not survive on my own in that swamp, I decided to follow him out. Fortunately for us, the slaughters had ended.

The Rwandan genocide lasted three months and close to one million people were killed. I later learned that of the 4,000 of us that sought refuge at the church, only...
As I got older and began to make sense of all this, I was in search of purpose in my life. I had turned 30 years old, was living in California and was not sure if my life would be worth living if I stayed on my career path as a linguist. I had just had my linguistics work published into a book. Nonetheless, I felt I was not being helpful to the people around the world who suffer from injustice. In this process of reflection, a friend told me, “Life is like a game of poker, and you play the hand you’re dealt. But a strategic player can play a weak hand and win the game.”

I began to think about it. What is the hand you’re dealt? Well, it’s the things you do not have control over. I did not choose to be born in Rwanda, or to witness such tragedies at an age when one’s knowledge of death is limited to what you see on television. But I also realized that I could still play my weak hand and have a positive outcome.

Because I speak four languages, and because of my desire to help others, I had been volunteering as a translator for refugees seeking asylum in San Francisco. I learned a great deal about immigration law, and I concluded that I wanted to be a lawyer so I could someday help others who face similar barriers to my own. That’s how I embarked on the journey to seek a legal education. I applied to about 30 law schools, and got accepted into nearly all of them.

I chose to attend Maine Law for many reasons. It’s a small school where you have access to all the resources you need. I visited friends in Portland for a few months in 2012 and liked the city. There are a great deal of exotic food small businesses, and I can find almost anything that I’d buy in stores in Rwanda. I’m interested in some sort of international law, and there is a growing international community here in Portland. My classmates have such incredible diverse backgrounds and experiences that you would not expect in Maine, which enriches the classroom discussions.

My dream job is to work for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, or do advocacy work on behalf of immigrants, refugees, or other vulnerable people. I believe that our lives do not belong to us alone, but also to those who desperately need us.

I mentioned earlier that when I was a child in Rwanda, I was a naïve optimist. While I no longer consider myself naïve, I am, and always will be, an optimist. With the great education that I’m receiving at Maine Law, I am now in a position in which I can begin to forge my own future, wherever it may lead. ML

Watch Felix’s story “Remembering Rwanda 1994” on Maine Law’s YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/UMaineLawSchool
The Charles A. Harvey, Jr. Trial Practice Immersion Fellowship

Learning from the best trial lawyers in Maine

At the University of Maine School of Law, we believe in the importance of hands-on education. Students who are selected for the Charles A. Harvey, Jr. Trial Practice Immersion Fellowship have the opportunity to learn from the best trial lawyers in Maine. Harvey Fellows rotate through area law firms in an intensive trial practice experience during the summer following their first year of law school. During the experience, students learn a great deal about the law and also about the importance of finding their voice and using it. The fellowship was established in honor of the late Charles A. Harvey, Jr. (Chuck), a preeminent Portland trial lawyer, and 1974 Maine Law graduate. Read on and get to know the first six Harvey Fellows.

Devon Deane ’12
Current Job: Associate at Norman, Hanson & DeTroy

Devon was the inaugural Harvey Fellow, setting the bar high for the students that would follow. Throughout the summer, he spent at least a week with eight different law firms, ranging from the state’s biggest full-service law firm to a solo practitioner handling catastrophic personal injury cases. The firms varied in size, culture, and practice areas, running the full gamut of trial practice in Maine. He worked with lawyers for plaintiffs and defendants, and others who handle cases on both sides of the “v.” Devon had the opportunity to work with Judge William Kayatta on a case he was handling as a Special Master for the United States Supreme Court (before he was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit).

What he learned from the experience
“The Harvey Fellowship teaches you a lot of things, but one of the biggest lessons for me was understanding that great trial lawyers come in many different shapes and sizes. There are many ways to try a given case and the trial lawyers who are most effective are the ones who know themselves well and tell their clients’ stories in ways that are consistent with their own personalities. It may sound simple: “be yourself”; but as a young lawyer, you can have the false impression that great trial lawyers always look and act a certain way. Through the Fellowship you see that the state’s best trial lawyers all do things a little bit (or a lot) differently, but uniformly they are themselves before their audiences. You come to understand that some of the great trial lawyers may have personalities that are very different than your own, and that is okay – you have to be yourself.”

Braden Clement ’13
Current Job: Associate in the Trial Group at Verrill Dana

During Braden’s 2L summer, he had the opportunity to spend eight weeks at eight different law firms in Central and Southern Maine. Everywhere he went people told stories about what a talented lawyer and great person Charles Harvey was. Braden found all of the attorneys that he worked with during the experience to be incredibly generous with their time, and committed to giving the Fellow a terrific experience. During his immersion summer he got to observe numerous depositions, mediations, hearings, and client and witness interviews on both sides of the bar.

What he learned from the experience
“The Harvey Fellowship gave me real experiences that I still draw on today. I think about the different styles of advocacy that I saw other lawyers use, and what worked and didn’t work. For me, there has been no substitute for these kinds of experiences as I develop my own practice and style. The biggest lesson that I learned as a Harvey Fellow was how important it is to be kind, supportive and respectful in this profession. The attorneys who I spent time with during the Fellowship displayed these attributes daily and they were all extremely successful.”
Sara Murphy ’14
Current Job: Clerk, Honorable D. Brock Hornby, United States District Court for the District of Maine

Sara’s summer experience was unique in that she condensed the Fellowship to accommodate a subsequent ten-week summer associate position at Pierce Atwood. The result was a four-week whirlwind Fellowship experience working with highly skilled trial attorneys at Germani Martemucci & Hill, Berman & Simmons, Drummond Woodsum, and the Cumberland County District Attorney’s Office. While the fellowship was just four weeks, Sara still felt she received an incredibly diverse and comprehensive look into being a trial attorney in Maine. In her first week she participated in an investigation for a wrongful death suit, a high-conflict medical malpractice mediation, and a judicial settlement conference. In later weeks she participated in jury selections, depositions, client meetings, criminal dispositional conferences, and jury trials.

What she learned from the experience
“My biggest takeaway from the Fellowship was the opportunity it provided me to have an all-access pass to some of the most prestigious law firms for trial advocacy in Maine and participate in multiple phases of the trial process. I was not only mentored by lawyers participating in the Fellowship, I was introduced to their colleagues, other lawyers working on the opposing side, judges, and mediators. The Harvey Fellowship, in many ways, is the only networking you will need throughout your entire law school career.”

Patrick Lyons ’15
Current Job: Clerk, Honorable John A. Woodcock, Jr., United States District Court for the District of Maine. In September 2016 he will join Eaton Peabody’s Bangor office

Every day of the Harvey Fellowship provided something new for Patrick. These new experiences included: depositions, mediations, court proceedings, administrative hearings, trials, and a number of social events. He was particularly struck by the underlying theme of the importance of a positive reputation with your peers. He believes there is no better example of this than Charles Harvey. Even six years after his passing, when Patrick told an attorney he was the Harvey Fellow, two things happened: the attorney had a Chuck Harvey story; and the attorney went out of his/her way to get to know Patrick and make sure his experience was worthwhile, as they knew Chuck Harvey would have done the same.

What he learned from the experience
“The Harvey Fellowship exposed me to how the law is actually practiced, something that no casebook or seminar can teach. Moreover, the Harvey Fellowship is the ultimate networking experience. I met numerous attorneys, many of whom are now my colleagues and friends. Without a doubt the Harvey Fellowship was the most valuable experience during my time at Maine Law.”

Carson Phillips-Spotts ’16
Current Job: Clerk, Honorable Justice Joseph Jabar, Maine Supreme Judicial Court

Carson spent time at six Portland-based firms and the Androscoggin District Attorney’s Office. The firms through which he rotated specialize in a wide array of practice areas, from plaintiffs’ personal injury to business litigation. Because of the breadth of the program, he was also able to assist with and take part in a multitude of events related to litigation including client interviews, mediations, medical malpractice panel hearings, criminal arraignments, and a civil jury trial. The Harvey Fellowship enabled Carson to see how great lawyers practice law. He observed an array of lawyering styles, which in turn provided him with valuable insights into his own approach to lawyering.

What he learned from the experience
“I believe that my experiences with the Harvey Fellowship will serve me well for years to come. Apart from gaining exposure to a diverse range of practice areas, I was able to make many meaningful personal connections. The attorneys with whom I worked during the Fellowship were always more than happy to impart their words of wisdom and to share their best practices. These lessons will continue to be a resource for me as I begin to build and develop a practice.”

Meryl Poulin ’17
Current Harvey Fellow and rising 3L

Meryl Poulin was the Harvey Fellow for the summer of 2016. We spoke to her before she began her immersion experience, and she had this to say: “For someone who has wanted to litigate from the get-go, the Harvey Fellowship is the ideal summer work experience. I’ll get to work with some of Maine’s most active and prestigious litigation offices, and, consequently, some of the city’s toughest and most talented litigators. More importantly, I’ll join the ranks of Harvey Fellow alumni, all of whom are equally concerned with both building impressive careers – founded on their respective Harvey experiences – and sharing Charles Harvey’s legacy with Maine Law students.”

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The result of that research is an incredibly comprehensive look at the time period from October 1, 1916 to December 31, 1917. During that time, the United States went to war; turned to conscription to raise its Army; taxed and spent in unprecedented fashion to support the War effort; moved the federal government into the posture of regulator of large segments of the American economy; and defined what constituted impermissible opposition to the War subject to felony prosecution.

Americans during this period also debated women’s suffrage, race relations, Prohibition, the rights of organized labor, reconciliation of the North and South, and fuel shortages. The experience of war and emerging national issues profoundly shaped America in the 21st century.

Zillman is the Edward Godfrey Professor of Law at the University of Maine School of Law. He majored in history at the University of Wisconsin and graduated from the Wisconsin (J.D.) and the Virginia Law Schools (LL.M.). 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.

Elizabeth Elsbach received her J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law in May 2016. She majored in history, political science, and English at Saint Mary’s College in South Bend, Indiana. Her work and study overseas included study in Innsbruck, Austria.

The authors are already working on Volume Two, which will cover from January 1, 1918 to March 5, 1919 and the adjournment of the 65th Congress as peace negotiations moved forward to what would become the Versailles Treaty. ML

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Legal Writing Professor Angela Arey was busy presenting at various events. She presented “Early Assessment: Using an Early In-Class Assignment to Assess Students’ Understanding of Introductory Skills Needed for Effective Legal Writing,” at the Legal Writing Institute’s Regional Winter Conference in Orlando, Florida, the focus of which was on early identification of students in need of academic support. In July, she traveled to Portland, Oregon, to speak at the Legal Writing Institute’s 17th Biennial Conference, a conference that attracts legal writing professionals from all over the country to hear and share ideas relating to legal writing pedagogy, scholarship, and innovations in the field. Professor Arey co-presented with colleague Professor Sara Wolf on a topic titled, “Show Them You’re the Expert: Using Writing Workshops to Establish Writing Faculty As Experts on Outcomes, Learning Theories, and Pedagogy.” This June, the Law School hosted 22 undergraduate students in the DiscoverLaw.org PreLaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program, the purpose of which is to encourage diversity in the legal profession. Professor Arey was the Director of Curriculum for this program. She created an intensive four-week program that introduced the students to a variety of practice areas in the legal profession and vital to the practice of law. As Experts on Outcomes, Learning Theories, and Pedagogy,” This June, the Law School hosted 22 undergraduate students in the DiscoverLaw.org PreLaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program, the purpose of which is to encourage diversity in the legal profession. Professor Arey was the Director of Curriculum for this program. She created an intensive four-week program that introduced the students to a variety of practice areas in the legal profession and vital to the practice of law.

Professor Dmitry Bam’s article “Restoring the Civil Jury in a World Without Trials,” was recently published by the Nebraska Law Review. The article argues that concerns about judicial bias, along with the evolution in civil litigation away from trials and towards pretrial procedures, requires that a jury’s role be reimagined. The article proposes that the jury work alongside the judge in deciding dispositive pretrial motions since most cases are resolved at that stage. He is also presenting a paper at the International Legal Ethics Conference in New York in July. The paper is tentatively titled “Our Representative Judiciaries.”

Clinical Professor James Burke was busy presenting at various events. He organized a special presentation held at the law school in September, along with the Ohio Innocence Project, featuring Ricky Jackson, the longest serving death row prisoner who was released upon proof of innocence. At the November MSBA Bridging the Gap program, Professor Burke presented on ethics, malpractice, and how to deal with the emotional stress of being a lawyer in active practice. In early December, he helped to organize, and moderated, a symposium at the Augusta State Court Complex, on the proposed bill for a Maine State Public Defender’s office. He presented at the Bates College Martin Luther King, Jr. Day event about the role of lawyers, specifically criminal lawyers, in affecting social change. With students, he planned and presented a seminar on how to handle foreclosure cases in Maine as part of the Homeowner’s Assistance Project. As part of a national set of presentations held at U.S. Attorney’s offices around the country, Professor Burke spoke at a conference at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Portland on the reintegration of prison inmates back into society. This program was sponsored by the Department of Justice, and Maine’s U.S. Attorney, Tom Delehanty. Finally, Professor Burke worked on a project with the Maine Justice Foundation, the Maine State Bar Association, the Board of Overseers of the Bar, and the Law School to help bring lawyers to rural Maine.

Associate Professor Richard Chen presented his paper entitled “Bilateral Investment Treaties and Domestic Institutional Reform” on two occasions in the past year. The first was the ASIL-ESIL International Economic Law Research Workshop held at the Max Planck Institute in Heidelberg, Germany. The second was the Junior International Law Scholars Association Annual Meeting held at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. The paper proposes a new model for bilateral investment treaties based on the goal of improving the domestic institutions of host states.

Dean and Professor Danielle Conway, in her first year as dean, has written and delivered over 20 keynote speeches to international, national, regional, and local associations, organizations, and higher education institutions. The speeches include, but are not limited to, the following titles: “The Role of the Public and Only Law School in Maine”; “Workshop on Advanced Cost & Pricing in Government Contracts: A Contractor Perspective”; “Government Procurement’s Role in Facilitating Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Global Knowledge Economy”; “The Power and Promise of International Government Procurement”; “Connecting Your Legal Practice With Maine Veterans”; “Magna Carta: A Totemic Symbol of Liberty”; and “Gaining an Edge: Collaborative & Innovative Leadership in Higher Education.” In addition, Dean Conway delivered the keynote for the NAAACP-Portland 35th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner titled, “The Global Struggle for Freedom.” Dean Conway will also complete the 2016 Cumulative Supplement to her co-authored treatise titled INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, SOFTWARE, AND INFORMATION LICENSING: LAW AND PRACTICE (Bloomberg BNA). Dean Conway has been appointed to serve a three year term on the Association of American Law Schools’ (AALS) Deans Steering Committee of the Deans Forum; a two year term on the Advisory Council of the Maine Women’s Lobby (Maine); and a perpetual term on the Selection Committee for the Morton A. Brody Distinguished Judicial Service Award.

Professor Christine Davik traveled to India to give two presentations in January. The first presentation was given at the VIT University School of Law in Chennai, India entitled “Internet Law: Global and Domestic Issues.” The second presentation was part of a conference jointly organized by the United States Consulate General of Chennai, India and the VIT University School of Law, entitled “Online Copyright Piracy Policies: A Need for Balance.” This summer, Professor Davik was busy conducting research relating to the control of health care data and preparing for a presentation in September at the International Symposium of Foreign Law and Comparative Law hosted by the International School of Law of Beijing International Studies University.

Libra Visiting Professor, the Honorable James B. Haines, Jr. presented the Dreher Memorial Lecture at the University of Minnesota Law School in November. His lecture, “Student Loans: Bad Policies and Bad Law”, discussed policies leading to the expansion of federal and private student loan programs, the extent of current borrowing, the relationship to bankruptcy law provisions, and the evolving case law restricting discharge of educational loan balances. This lecture was sponsored by the University of Minnesota Law School and American College of Bankruptcy. In addition, Professor Haines presented as a panelist at the Boston College Law School and American College of Bankruptcy event, “The Consumer Debt Tsunami.” This panel addressed the mortgage and educational loan markets, the regulatory responses to the recent foreclosure crisis, and the new problems with consumer loan underwriting, servicing, collection, and bankruptcy’s efficacy and availability to address consumer debt distress.
Law Library Director Christine Iaconeta has completed her term as the Immediate Past Chair of the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries and will begin her committee work with the AALL Annual Meeting Planning Committee, charged with selecting programs for the 2017 AALL Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas. She has created a poster that will be presented at the 2016 AALL Annual Meeting in Chicago, outlining the program proposal process. In May, Professor Iaconeta participated in the Research Integrity Symposium sponsored by the University of Southern Maine’s Office of Research Integrity and Outreach. She created a poster for the symposium’s poster session titled “Researching Regulations at the Federal, State, and Local Level.” An online research guide was created to accompany the poster and is available through the Law Library’s website (http://lawguides.mainelaw.maine.edu/c.php?g=489369).

Professor Lois R. Lupica has had a very busy and productive year. She has published two books. BANKRUPTCY: CASES & MATERIALS (6th edition) (with M. Howard) (West) was available for adoption January 2016 and DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL SKILLS IN BANKRUPTCY is coming out in July. Professor Lupica and her co-PIs, Professors J. Greiner and D. Jimenez, are in the final stages of planning for the launch of the field operation for the Consumer Financial Distress Research Study randomized control trial. Her article, “Self Help, Reimagined” (with J. Greiner and D. Jimenez) has been accepted for publication in the Indiana Law Journal. Professor Lupica is also the Principal Investigator for the Apps for Justice Project. Together with Sage Friedman, 17, and Toby Franklin, ’17, she has developed a series of functional apps that will allow low- or moderate-income consumers who cannot afford full-scale legal assistance to independently address specific legal problems and to leverage the ability of “low bono” providers of legal services to more effectively and efficiently provide low cost legal services. She is currently working on a manuscript with Friedman and Franklin, entitled, “Apps for Justice: Deploying Legal Expert Systems to Empower Litigants and Narrow the Access to Justice Gap.”

Professor Jeffrey Maine published his seventh book Problems and Solutions for Federal Income Taxation (with Professor John Miller). It provides 450 problems and answers to aid students in assessing and refining their knowledge of the federal income tax. Professor Maine’s article “Branding Taxation” was published in Volume 50 of the Georgia Law Review (with Professor Nguyen). The article is the first to analyze and critique the tax treatment of brand development and enforcement costs, and makes recommendations where current rules lack theoretical justification. In addition, he completed the 2016 Cumulative Supplement to his treatise, Intellectual Property Taxation: Transaction and Litigation Issues (Bloomberg BNA). It will be published this fall. In May, Professor Maine presented “IP, Income Shifting and Taxation” at the University of Limerick in Limerick, Ireland. The presentation, based on his forthcoming book with Cambridge University Press, focused on the shifting of intellectual property offshore to low-tax countries like Ireland. In attendance were practitioners, business people, and academics curious about the role IP plays in modern commerce.

Professor and Director of the Center for Oceans & Coastal Law Charles Norchi traveled to the United Arab Emirates to teach a Jurisprudence seminar at the Sorbonne campus in Abu Dhabi. He travelled to China where he spoke on “Jurisdiction in the South China Sea Arbitration,” at the China Institute for Marine Affairs/State Oceanic Administration in the city of Wuhan where he also delivered a presentation on graduate law study in the U.S. at Wuhan University. In New York City he spoke on “The Public Order of the Arctic” at the annual meeting of the International Law Association held at Fordham Law School. In Washington, D.C. Professor Norchi lectured on “Republic of Korea Claims to Maritime Features” at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and spoke on “International Law and Corporate Governance” at The World Bank in Washington. In Geneva, Switzerland he attended the United Nations Human Rights Council session on Human Rights Defenders, spoke on “The Arctic and the Law of the Sea” at the Institute for Law & Development Policy, participated in the UN World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Polar Meetings, and in the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Arctic Meetings. Professor Norchi was named Global Geneva contributing editor for international law. In Maine, he addressed the Canada-Maine Trade Symposium on “The Emerging Arctic Frontier” and delivered a key note address, “The Arctic and the Common Interest” to the Ocean Technology New England/Canada Conference. In Turkey, he advanced an international law research collaboration with Istanbul University which he visited when Istanbul suffered an unfortunate terrorist attack at the university gates.

Professor Norchi was honored in the July issue of Maine Magazine as “50 Mains Charting the Future,” available online at themainemag.com. He was also named Trustee University Professor for 2016-2017, which he will devote to building the Center for Oceans and Coastal Law teaching and research on the Arctic. Professor Norchi occasionally blogs: mainelaw.maine.edu/faculty/research.

Clinical Professor Christopher Northrop’s article “Kids Will Be Kids: Time for a ‘Reasonable Child’ Standard for the Proof of Objective Mens Rea Elements in Delinquency Cases” (with Kristina Rozan, ’16) has been accepted for publication in Maine Law Review. In addition, Professor Northrop presented several times this year. In September, he and co-presenter Professor Anna Welch presented “Immigration Law and Family Law” at the MSBA’s Family Law Institute. In October, he presented “Breaking the Chains: Defender Tactics for Combatting Shackling” in Salt Lake City, Utah at the National Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit. In November, he presented “Counter-Narratives for a Career: Teaching Individuation and Stereotype Replacement in Clinical Settings” in Cambridge, Massachusetts at the New England Clinicians Conference. In January, he was part of two presentations at the Bates College Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Program. He presented “The Criminal Justice System” with co-presenters Professor Jim Burke and Professor Jamesa Drake and “Law School Classes and Clinics: The Last Chance to Effectively Mitigate Implicit Bias in Defenders, Prosecutors and Judges” with Associate Dean Caroline Wilshusen and second year law student De’ Anna Mills.
Professor Peter Pitegoff has been appointed to serve on the American Bar Association Site Evaluation Team for the ABA’s Fall 2016 review of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. This comprehensive assessment is required of each ABA-accredited law school once every seven years in order to maintain its accreditation. He also served in Spring 2016 on the Provost Search Committee for the University of Southern Maine. Professor Pitegoff, in collaboration with Northeastern Law Professor Rashmi Dyal-Chand and UCLA Law Professor Scott Cummings, is organizing and will moderate a Discussion Group on “Community Development Law and Economic Justice: Why Law Matters,” for the January 2017 annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools. Professor Pitegoff and Professor Sarah Schindler co-authored a letter to the editor in the Portland Press Herald (April 2016) entitled, “Senate blockade of nominee is breach of responsibilities,” urging action by the U.S. Senate to consider the Supreme Court nomination of Judge Merrick Garland and applauding Maine’s U.S. Senators for supporting Senate action – available online at http://www.pressherald.com/2016/04/16/letter-to-the-editor-senate-blockade-of-nominee-is-a-breacht-of-responsibilities/. Since joining the full-time faculty in July 2015 after a decade as dean, Professor Pitegoff has focused his research on the evolution of community economic development over the past several decades and parallel developments in the legal academy. He continues to serve on the board of directors of Coastal Enterprises Inc. (CEI), a Maine-based national leader in community development finance, and on its executive and finance, audit, and CEO Transition Committees. This research and service activity helps inform Professor Pitegoff’s teaching in business law, non-profit organizations, corporate governance, and ethics, and in planning for a new practicum class in economic development law.

Professor Martin Rogoff has been very busy writing LA DEMOCRAZIA DIRETTA, forthcoming in the series Le Frontiere del Diritto, G. Giappichelli Editore, (with Elisabetta Palici di Suni Prat & Eloy García López). This book provides a comprehensive overview of the instruments of direct democracy (the initiative, referendum, and recall processes) in Europe, the United States, Canada, Latin America and their operation and effect in practice. The book will appear simultaneously in English, Italian, and Spanish editions. Professor Rogoff wrote the parts of the book dealing with the United States, Canada, and France in both Italian and English. He also translated the parts written by his colleagues in Italian and Spanish into English. Professor Rogoff also completed an article titled “La democrazia diretta in Francia, DIRITTO PUBBLICO COMPARATO ED EUROPEO” (forthcoming, 2016). In this article, Professor Rogoff describes the history of direct democracy in France which has authoritarian, antidemocratic roots stemming from its frequent use by Napoleon to put the stamp of popular approval on his unilaterally decided measures. The article then describes increasing interest in direct democracy as a tool of democracy to complement the political process, now seen as increasingly dysfunctional and corrupt.

Professor Sarah Schindler’s article, “Banning Lawns,” was selected by fellow land use and environmental law professors as one of the top three land use articles of the year. It has been republished in the 2015-16 Land Use and Environmental Law Review, which is an annual peer selected compendium of the ten best land use and environmental law review articles of the year. This is the second time one of Professor Schindler’s articles was selected for republication. Her article, “Of Backyard Chickens and Front Yard Gardens,” was selected for republication in the 2013-14 volume. Professor Schindler had a number of speaking engagements this year. She presented her working paper titled “The ’Publicisation’ of Private Space” at faculty workshops at the University of Connecticut and Suffolk Law School, as well as at the Association of Law, Property, and Society at Queen’s University Belfast School of Law. She presented at the New Directions in Environmental Law Conference at Yale Law School in February as part of a panel entitled, “Informal Regulation, Individual Behavior, and Modern Environmental Law.” She spoke about norms and architecture as forms of regulation. At Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design, Professor Schindler gave a well-received Critical Conservation Lecture entitled “Architectural Exclusion.” Schindler was also invited to present at the Food Equity Symposium at the University of California Irvine School of Law where she spoke about the unregulated sale of food and its role in immigrant communities. At Boston University School of Law, she commented on a recently published book by Professor Jay Wexler, When God Isn’t Green: A World-Wide Journey to Places Where Religious Practice and Environmentalism Collide. Professor Schindler was also the co-presenter for an American Bar Association webinar titled “Legal and Design Issues in Making Public and Private Spaces Inclusive and Accessible to all People.” Professor Schindler was recently awarded a prestigious Law and Public Affairs (LAPA) Fellowship from Princeton University, where she will spend the 2016-17 academic year.

Professor and Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic Director Deirdre Smith was recognized by the ACLU of Maine as the recipient of the 2016 Justice Louis Scolnik award. The Justice Louis Scolnik Award was established in 1989 to honor members of the legal community who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the protection of civil liberties. The award was presented at the annual Scolnik Dinner in Freeport on April 28, 2016. In addition, Professor Smith was honored with the University of Maine School of Law Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the legal profession in Maine and particularly her support of the University of Maine School of Law and the Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic. Professor Smith’s most recent work, “From Orphans to Families in Crisis: Parental Rights Matters in Maine Probate Courts,” was published in the Maine Law Review (68 Me. L. Rev. 45 (2016)). Her research has led her to advocating in the Maine State Legislature, where a bill she drafted and proposed last session, LD 890 “An Act to Ensure a Continuing Home Court for Cases Involving Children,” was finally enacted by the Legislature and signed by Governor LePage (P.L. Chapter 460). In addition, Professor Smith worked with the Joint Committee on the Judiciary to develop committee amendments for three other bills involving family law, all of which were also recently enacted. One of those bills resulted in a Resolve directing the Family Law Advisory Commission to conduct a study of the parental rights provisions of the Maine Probate Code and to prepare a report with recommendations for new legislation amending those provisions. Professor Smith is overseeing that project, which will continue until January 2017. If that was not enough, Professor Smith helped organize the Access to Justice Symposium in January, entitled “Serving Those Who Served: Meeting the Legal Needs of Maine Veterans, Service Members, and Their Families.”
**FACULTY NOTES**

**Visiting Professor Jeff Thaler’s article “Experiential Educating In The Classroom: Designing An Administrative Law Practicum Meeting New ABA Requirements And Student Needs,” has been published in the Maine Law Review (68 Me. L. Rev. 161 (2016)). In May, Professor Thaler presented a webinar for the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, “Experiential Educating in the Classroom: An Administrative Law Practicum.” In the fall, his chapter, “Experiential Educating in the Classroom: An Administrative Law Practicum Meeting Student and Bar Needs” will be published in the book, Experiential Education in the Law School Curriculum (Carolina Academic Press). In May, Professor Thaler traveled to Haiti in a group that consisted of six environmental lawyers and professors from around the country (dubbed by one as “Lawyers Without Borders”). They spent four days in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Their visit focused in part on the desire of the Université de la Fondation (UNIFA) and local lawyers to develop a 1-year environmental law LL.M program. They met with large groups of students and lawyers, and smaller sessions with the local Bar President; leading environmental, energy and sustainability practitioners; and a leading urban planner. As a founder and former President of American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL), Professor Thaler presented both on the College’s background and scope, as well as his teaching and lawyering work in Maine, including on the University of Maine’s floating offshore wind project.

**Legal Writing Emerita Professor Nancy Wanderer** continues to write her regular column, “Res Ipsa Loquitur,” for the Maine Bar Journal. In the last year, she has written four columns: “Language, Love, and Legal Writing” (Summer 2015), “Clause and Effect Using the Correct Word” (Fall 2015), “Electronic Communication and Social Media: User Beware” (Winter 2016), and “Citation Anxiety” (forthcoming).

**Clinical Professor Anna Welch** remains an active member of the Maine Immigrants’ Rights Coalition, the Asylum Working Group, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, and the Immigrant Youth Working Group. In 2015, Professor Welch, along with Professor Northrop, formed a coalition of advocates and providers in Maine that meets regularly to address the needs of Maine’s immigrant youth. In 2015, Professor Welch presented at the Maine State Bar Association’s Family Law Institute on the intersection of family law and immigration. She also presented at CLE events coordinated by Maine’s Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project. In December 2015, the Nevada Law Review published an article Professor Welch co-authored that discusses the various ways to incorporate skills exercises into doctrinal classes. Professor Welch also authored an opinion piece on issues affecting Maine’s asylum seekers. Professor Welch remains involved in national efforts to address the crisis at our southern border with respect to the detention of immigrant women and children, and she continues to provide educational outreach to Maine’s asylum seekers.

**Associate Professor of Legal Writing Sara Wolff** had a busy year of presenting at various events. In the fall, she was invited to speak with probate judges from throughout Maine to talk about strategies for writing judicial opinions. In January, she spoke to Colby College students enrolled in “Legal Writing and Legal Argument: Through and After Law School,” a course designed to give those considering law school an introduction to legal writing and analysis, oral presentation, and advocacy. Professor Wolff spoke directly on the various ways people use a law degree, what to expect in law school, and the critical importance of the skill of legal writing. In June, Professor Wolff was deeply involved in working with undergraduate students enrolled in the DiscoverLaw.org PreLaw Undergraduate Scholars (PLUS) Program. During this intensive four-week program, Professor Wolff led classes and worked one-on-one with students, introducing them to a variety of vital lawyering skills, including legal reasoning, writing legal analyses and legal arguments, reading and briefing cases, reading and construing statutes, writing professional emails, negotiation, and oral advocacy. In July, she traveled to Portland, Oregon, to speak at the Legal Writing Institute’s 17th Biennial Conference, a conference that attracts legal writing professionals from all over the country to hear and share ideas relating to legal writing pedagogy, scholarship, and innovations in the field. Professor Wolff co-presented with colleague Professor Angie Arey on a topic titled, “Show Them You’re the Expert: Using Writing Workshops to Establish Writing Faculty As Experts on Outcomes, Learning Theories, and Pedagogy.” In August, Professor Wolff completed updates to Uniform Maine Citations, 2016 edition. Finally, Professor Wolff is serving on the Maine Justice Action Group’s Pro Bono Committee. The mission of the Committee is to support, encourage and promote pro bono civil legal aid for low income and vulnerable Mainers.

**Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor Jennifer Wriggins’ article “In Deep: Dilemmas of Federal Flood Insurance Reform” was published in the UC Irvine Law Review. In addition, she has been invited to write a response to a forthcoming article, “Keeping Cases from Black Juries: An Empirical Analysis of How Race, Income Inequality, and Regional History Affect Tort Law,” by Donald G. Gifford and Brian Jones and will be published in the Washington & Lee online law journal this fall.

**Professor Donald Zillman**’s book, Living the World War—Vol. I (Elizabeth Elsbach, ’16) was published this spring by Vandenhos Publishers. In writing the book, Professor Zillman and Ms. Elsbach reviewed hundreds of copies of the New York Times from October 1, 1916 to March 4, 1919 and several thousands of pages of the Congressional Record to capture what it was like to have lived the World War experience. In another project, Professor Zillman worked with Ms. Elsbach and Simon Beirne, ’16, on a chapter “Small Town, Big Project” in Law, Community and Sharing the Impacts and Benefits of Energy and Resources Activity, which was published by Oxford University Press.
1978
Eleanor Baker retired from Baker Newman Noyes at the end of June. She was co-founder and managing principal of the Portland-based accounting and consulting firm. Baker is the 2014 recipient of Maine Law’s L. Kinvin Wroth Award, honoring her professional achievements and longstanding support of the law school.

1983
Elisabeth Belmont, Corporate Counsel at MaineHealth, has been named a National Associate by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The purpose of this lifetime designation is to formally recognize individuals for extraordinary contributions to the Institute of Medicine and National Research Council programs.

1985
Anthony Perkins, an attorney with Bernstein Shur in Portland, received the Compass Award from the Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development, for his many years of volunteering in the MCED Top Gun program, an annual business incubator.

1987
Derek Langhauser became president of the Maine Community College System, after serving as acting president. Langhauser has worked for the system since 1994 and was general counsel for more than 20 years.

1991
Christopher Keating of Tuftonboro, N.H., received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H., in recognition of his dedication to public service. Keating is executive director of the state’s Administrative Office of the Courts.

1993
Donald Kreis was appointed in February by New Hampshire Gov. Maggie Hassan to serve as the head of the Office of the Consumer Advocate, which represents the interests of residential utility customers before the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission and elsewhere.

1994
Deborah Cashman was appointed by Gov. Paul LePage as a judge in the Maine District Court. Cashman most recently worked as a homicide prosecutor in Maine’s Office of the Attorney General. She has also served as an assistant district attorney in Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln counties.

IN MEMORIAM

Richard Howard Broderick, Sr. died in February 2016 at the age of 91. He graduated, cum laude, from the University of Maine School of Law in 1950. He worked in the U.S. Office of Price Stabilization as a special agent in the enforcement division under Ed Muskie. He practiced law in Portland and in 1956 was elected to the 98th Legislature. He moved to Lincoln, Maine in 1959, where he practiced law, serving as the town’s attorney for 28 years. He served on the Governor’s Executive Council, including as Chairman of the Council from 1965-1966.

Justice William S. Brodrick, who served over 30 years as a Maine Superior Court judge, died in March 2016, from pancreatic cancer in Sarasota, Fla., at the age of 81. He was born in 1934 in Claremont, N.H. Justice Brodrick graduated from the University of Maine School of Law in 1972. Before his appointment to the bench, he was a lawyer at Bourque & Brodrick, an assistant county attorney for York County, and an assistant attorney general.

Loftus C. Carson, II of Austin, Texas died in Texas in July 2016 at the age of 70. He was a professor at the University of Maine School of Law in the 1980s before leaving to teach at the University of Texas.

Peter J. DeTroy, III. Please see the “In Remembrance” on Page 10.

Joel Goldman died in June 2016 at the age of 76. He grew up in Peabody, Mass., and graduated from St. John’s Prep in 1957. He then went on to graduate from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and received his J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law in 1970. He practiced law in Boston and Peabody, Mass.

John Jerabek of Lamoine, Maine, died in January 2016. He attended Colby College and graduated from the University of Maine School of Law in 1991.

Bert Prunty, a former Dean at the University of Maine School of Law, died in August 2015, in Brunswick, Ga., at the age of 91. Dean Prunty was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and served in combat operations for two years during World War II. He attended Drake University and the Yale Law School. In 1973, he became the second person to serve as Dean at the modern-day University of Maine School of Law, succeeding founding Dean Edward S. Godfrey. Dean Prunty became Dean at Hastings College of the Law at the University of California in 1979 and held that post until 1987.

Andrew J. Smith died in March 2016, at the age of 50. He earned a B.A. at the University of Maine in 1988, and earned a J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law in 1991. He worked as an attorney and title examiner before becoming a high school teacher at Highview Christian Academy.

Deidre M. Smith, professor and director of Maine Law’s Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic, received the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the Maine Law Alumni Association. Professor Smith also received the 2016 Justice Louis Scolnik Award from the ACLU of Maine, which honors members of the legal community who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the protection of civil liberties.

1995
J. Trevor Hughes, president and CEO of the International Association of Privacy Professionals, was the 2016 recipient of Maine Law’s L. Kinvin Wroth Alumni 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.

1996
Catherine Haynes Fenton joined the Ellsworth law firm, Jones, Kuriloff and Sargent, LLC, as an associate attorney, with a focus on estate planning.

1997
In May, Mark Fischler was appointed as the Interim Vice President of Student Affairs at Plymouth State University, in Plymouth, N.H. He had previously been appointed as the school’s inaugural Dean of the First Year Experience.
2002
Mikell Reed Carroll was crowned Mrs. Maine International 2016. Her platform is the prevention of heart disease in women, and she has been a volunteer and official Ambassador for the American Heart Association since 2012. Carroll also accepted a position with the Department of State’s Office of Global Criminal Justice in Washington D.C., and was selected to attend the White House United State of Women Summit.

2003
Kenneth Albert was hired as President and CEO of Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice. Albert, who is also a nurse, previously served as Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention.

Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte spoke at the 2nd Global Forum Against the Crime of Genocide, hosted in Armenia during the commemoration of the 101st anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. Other speakers included refugee survivors from Rwanda, Cambodia, and a Yezidi survivor kidnapped and enslaved by ISIS. Also in 2016, Turcotte attended the White House United State of Women Summit, along with fellow Maine Law alumna Mikell Reed Carroll, ’02.

2007
Ben Jenkins will become the Litigation Director of Maine Legal Services for the Elderly this fall. He was previously an attorney at Pierce Atwood.

2008
David Wainberg is the new Senior Privacy Counsel at Apple. Wainberg previously worked at AppNexus, Network Advertising Initiative, Digital Policy Group, and Elchemy, Inc.

2010
Reid Hayton-Hull joined Drummond Woodsum in the firm’s Real Estate Group, based in Portland. Hayton-Hull primarily represents clients in the acquisition, development, financing, leasing, and sale of commercial and residential real estate.

Jonathan Liberman was sworn in on July 18 as deputy district attorney for Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc and Waldo counties. He had most recently served as assistant district attorney for Sagadahoc County.

2013
Amy Phalon joined the Portland law firm Murray Plumb & Murray, where she will focus on special education matters.

2014
Meghan Myers started her estate planning firm, Myers Law, LLC in Westbrook. Myers has a special interest in working with families with young children and doing estate planning for the care of pets.

Victoria Rodriguez-Roldan published a commentary, “The Criminal Justice System is Broken and Trans People are Suffering,” in The Advocate. Rodriguez-Roldan serves as policy counsel for the National LGBTQ Task Force in Washington, D.C.

2015
Brandon Farmer was hired for a two-year-assignment as the first-ever Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic Fellow at the University of Maine School of Law. Farmer oversees intake of new clients, helps train student attorneys, and serves as a point person for engagement with other community organizations, among other duties.

Elizabeth Frazier joined the government relations team at Pierce Atwood, as an associate attorney. Frazier will be advocating on behalf of Pierce Atwood clients in Maine’s Legislature and regulatory agencies.

2016
Alison Tozier joined Taylor, McCormack and Frame LLC to practice in the areas of civil and criminal litigation, labor and business law, landlord/tenant disputes and family law.

Jamie Bryant’s essay, “My Two Dads (and Three Moms): Balancing a Child’s Interest and a Parent’s Fundamental Right When Granting De Facto Parent Status,” was published in Family Law Quarterly. The essay won first place in the ABA Section on Family Law’s Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest.


Shelbe Moore was hired as Privacy Coordinator at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H.

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.

25th Reunion — Maine Law Class of 1991

More than 30 member of Maine Law’s Class of 1991 gathered in Portland on May 6-7, 2016, to celebrate their 25th reunion. Class member Nancy Savage Marcus led the reunion committee.

The first stop in the two-day program was a Friday afternoon gathering at Sebago Brewing Company on Fore Street, where members of the class reminisced with each other and several Maine Law professors.

A Saturday morning "Tour and Talk" with Dean Danielle Conway gave members of the class an inside perspective on the current state of legal education and the Law School’s latest initiatives.

The culminating reception, held on Saturday evening at DiMillo’s on the Water, highlighted the closeness of the Class of 1991 and their genuine appreciation of the relationships they built at Maine Law. The class gave $9,425 during their reunion year to support current law students.
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**Isaac McMahan, '18**
Sevierville, Tennessee
Carson-Newman University (Education)

What did you do prior to coming to Maine Law? I served in the AmeriCorps VISTA program. My service involved working with inner city youth to advance their educational opportunities. I also worked with non-profits in the community.

Why did you choose to attend Maine Law? I chose to attend because of the small class sizes and the sense of community. I also chose to attend because of the location. Portland is beautiful and there is ALWAYS something to do.

As a 1L, how would you describe your experience at Maine Law? 1L year was one of the most challenging, yet rewarding years of my life. I learned more than I ever could have imagined when I walked into the first class. My 1L experience in one word would be: Enlightening. I have not only learned the law, but I have also learned a lot about who I am as a person.

What are you looking to do after graduation, and how has Maine Law helped to facilitate that goal? I aspire to specialize in Civil Rights and Education Law after graduation. Maine Law is providing me with the educational foundation to reach that goal.

How would you describe the student community here? Everyone hears the “horror stories” of law school and the vicious competition. The student body here is competitive, but in a healthy way. The students are not here to sabotage the successes of others. Student are motivated to better themselves. We realize the best way to improve is through collaboration.

If you could tell a prospective student one thing about Maine Law, what would it be? I could have gone to another school, but I am thankful that I chose to come here. Maine Law would be my choice even if I could choose all over again.

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**Joann Bautista, '18**
Iowa City, Iowa
University of Iowa (Journalism & International Studies)

What did you do prior to coming to Maine Law? I was a paralegal at an immigration law firm in Iowa City —Cole & Vondra, PC. I worked there for almost five years, specializing in immigration law. I worked with a lot of Spanish speaking immigrants from Mexico, Central America, and South America, but I also worked with people from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Japan, and India. My job as a paralegal involved a variety of tasks including: preparing and submitting motions and filings with the immigration courts in Omaha, Neb., and in Chicago, guiding clients through the provisional unlawful presence waiver (I-601A) process, working with domestic violence victims and helping them apply for temporary immigration benefits, and assisting juvenile immigrants through the Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) petition process.

Why did you choose to attend Maine Law? I lived in Iowa my whole life but always wanted to live on the East Coast.

When I was looking at law schools, I knew I wanted to go somewhere small because for undergrad I went to a huge university where it was very easy to get lost in the crowd. And while I truly enjoyed the school I went to, I knew I didn’t want to repeat that experience with law school. I am also interested in immigration and human rights law, and I know the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic at Maine Law is very distinguished.

If you could tell a prospective student one thing about Maine Law, what would it be? I don’t think I could limit myself to just one thing because there’s so much to Maine Law. It’s a place that has a deep collegial atmosphere. It’s a place where you are taught by incredibly brilliant faculty who are approachable and accessible. It’s also a place where if you work hard and are a go-getter you can experience a lot. You can make an impact you might not be able to make somewhere else.

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**Rachel Petersen, '17**
Augusta, Maine
Colgate University (Mathematics)

What did you do prior to coming to Maine Law? I went to law school straight from my undergraduate studies. I transferred to Maine Law for my 2L year after completing my first year at a law school in Minnesota.

Why did you choose to transfer to Maine Law? When I first started my law school search, people told me that law school was all about networking. I tried not to believe it, but when I was actually in law school, I couldn’t deny that it was true. I knew that I wanted to come back to central Maine to practice, so it didn’t make sense to continue to build a professional network in Minnesota when I could be meeting my future peers at Maine Law.

As a 2L, how would you describe your experience at Maine Law? I have nothing but good things to say about this school. From the moment I stepped on campus, the faculty and staff have been willing to help me. The school is so small that everyone knows your name, even the Dean. My fellow students have been very welcoming, and I don’t even feel like I missed the first year here. We all share notes and study together. It is nothing like the competitive atmosphere that you hear about on TV or in the movies. If I miss class, without me even asking, someone sends me their notes and asks if I’m feeling okay.

For someone who is considering attending Maine Law, how would you describe the student community here? Maine Law’s small size is an asset. At my old school, we had 4 first-year classes, so I only met ¼ of my classmates. There was also a part-time evening section, so I was unable to benefit from hearing the views of some of my classmates who were perhaps older, or pursuing a second career. Here at Maine Law I get to know all of my classmates, because everyone takes classes together. My classes are more of a mix of life experiences, which really adds to the classroom discussions.
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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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- Scholarships/Fellowships
  - Endowment/Gift Funded: 62%
  - Base Budget: 38%
- Operations/Event Support
  - Endowment/Gift Funded: 90%
  - Base Budget: 10%
- Compensation
  - Endowment/Gift Funded: 8%
  - Base Budget: 92%

Our Student Body in 2016

- 257 Number of students
- 77% Resident Students
- 23% Non-Resident Students
- 49% Males
- 51% Females
- 10% Student diversity
- 96% Students receiving some form of financial aid
- $8,100 Average scholarship awarded
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