

University of Maine School of Law

By design, the University of Maine School of Law is, and always has been, one of the smallest law schools in the country. We take pride in providing the personal attention that few schools can match, a focus on hands-on learning, and a world-class faculty. Maine Law graduates are public and private sector leaders regionally and around the world. We are committed to public service, and we have collaborated with other institutions of higher education, industry, and non-profit organizations to help solve complex problems like economic development in rural Maine and civil rights in developing nations. Maine Law's graduates launch businesses of their own and provide legal services to others throughout Maine, in small towns and urban centers, collectively having an outsized impact on the Maine economy.

We are committed to standing up for justice, rather than watching from a safe distance. Maine Law's highly-regarded faculty contribute to the examination, understanding, and development of the law through published research and direct involvement in law and policy reform. The <u>Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic</u> at Maine Law was one of the first law school clinical programs in the country, and our students continue to impact their communities by representing clients, and drafting and advocating for new laws in our <u>Juvenile Justice</u> and <u>Refugee and Human Rights</u> Clinics. Our <u>hands-on approach</u> to legal education provides our students with opportunities to solve the relevant legal issues of today with work such as <u>advocacy at the border with asylum seekers</u> and serving inmates through our <u>unique Prisoner Assistance Clinic</u>.

Maine Law has always been a curricular innovator, as new challenges arise, our curriculum adapts to prepare our students for the new legal landscape. Our nationally recognized information privacy program has placed students in cutting-edge positions throughout the world. In 2019, we launched an innovative <u>Arctic Law Fellowship program</u> and a <u>Certificate in Environmental and Oceans Law</u> to support the many students eager to study these important areas of law.

We are elated to welcome Dean Leigh I. Saufley to lead Maine's public and only law school.