

**MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOOL OF LAW AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE
REGARDING THE MAINE LAW “3+3” ADMISSIONS POLICY**

The University of Maine School of Law in Portland, Maine (Maine Law) and the University Of Southern Maine (the Partner Institution) desire to coordinate their programs to allow undergraduates in their junior (penultimate) year of study to apply for admission to Maine Law’s Juris Doctor (JD) Program. Pursuant to the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, successful applicants who advance through one year of Maine Law’s JD Program will satisfy the remaining requirements for a bachelor’s degree from the Institution.

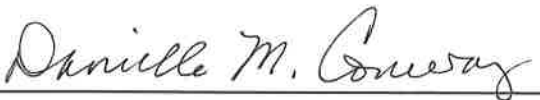
Maine Law and the Institution agree as follows:

1. As part of its regular admissions process, Maine Law will include in its applicant pool for its JD Program applications from any Qualified Applicant. A Qualified Applicant shall mean an undergraduate student who:
 - a. is enrolled in a bachelor’s-degree program at the Institution;
 - b. submits a completed application to Maine Law during his or her junior year prior to any deadline established by Maine Law for that year’s admissions cycle; and
 - c. takes the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) timely and submits the reported score timely so as to permit the LSAT score to be considered in his or her application for admission.
2. Maine Law agrees that it will consider the application materials of all Qualified Applicants, including grade point average and LSAT score, in comparison with other applicants in the pool as they compete for seats in the given year’s entering class.
3. Qualified Applicants offered admission will be eligible for enrollment in Maine Law’s JD Program.
4. The Partner Institution agrees that the successful completion of the first year of Maine Law’s JD Program by a Qualified Applicant who becomes a Maine Law student will qualify him or her for a bachelor’s degree from the Partner Institution. As part of the law school application process, the Partner Institution will so certify with respect to a particular Qualified Applicant at his or her request or the request of Maine Law.

- a. Maine Law retains the sole right to determine whether a Maine Law Student has successfully completed the first year of Maine Law's JD Program, and that determination will be based on satisfactory completion of all regular academic requirements and the absence of any conduct that would prevent the student from continuing his or her JD program at Maine Law.
 - b. The Partner Institution and its academic units retain the right to impose their own requirements for degree conferral and Qualified Applicant status, such as the completion of specified courses, a GPA above a specified threshold, etc.
5. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in effect until the September 1 next following its adoption by both parties. It shall thereafter be renewed automatically for five succeeding 12-month terms beginning on September 1 unless either party gives written notice of termination to the other prior to that date, except that it may be terminated at any time, upon written notice, if it becomes inconsistent with the standards or requirements of an accrediting body of either Maine Law or the Partner Institution. If not terminated during the five succeeding 12-month terms, the parties shall review this Memorandum of Understanding and may renew its terms under a new and then-current Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement.

This Memorandum reflects the understanding of Maine Law and the Institution, as signified by their respective authorized signatures below.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOOL OF LAW THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE



 Danielle M. Conway
 Dean



 Glenn Cummings
 President, USM

Date: 7/25/2016

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