

**MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOOL OF LAW AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF 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 Maine (UMaine) desire to coordinate their programs to allow undergraduates in their junior (penultimate) year of study at UMaine 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 UMaine.

Maine Law and UMaine 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 UMaine;
 - 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) in a timely manner and submits the reported score in a timely manner so as to permit the LSAT score to be considered in his or her application for admission to Maine Law.
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. UMaine students must complete 90 credits of undergraduate coursework in order to proceed to the Law School.
4. UMaine 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 UMaine at the end of that first year at Maine Law. As part of the law school application process, UMaine will so certify with respect to a particular Qualified Applicant at his or her request or at 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. UMaine 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.
 - c. Student who do not complete their first year at the Law School will ordinarily be able to return to UMaine as undergraduates in good standing and obtain partial/transfer credit for any successfully completed law courses, even if they did not finish year 1 in its entirety.
 - d. If a conduct issue prevented satisfactory completion of the first year of Law School, the Law School's conduct standard will not prevent UMaine from awarding the bachelor's degree based on the student's satisfactory academic achievement.
5. This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect when signed by representatives of both UMaine and Maine Law and will remain in effect until August 31, 2019. It shall thereafter renew automatically for five succeeding 12-month terms beginning on September 1 each year 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 UMaine. 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 signed by both UMaine and Maine Law.

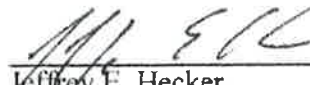
This Memorandum reflects the understanding of Maine Law and UMaine, as signified by their respective authorized signatures below.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOOL OF LAW

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE



 Danielle M. Conway
 Dean



 Jeffrey E. Hecker
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Date: 9-7-2018

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