I am pleased to report to you on the activities and accomplishments of your bar association during 2018, a year in which MSBA leadership and staff continued to focus our efforts on improving programs and services.

To that end, MSBA leadership and its Board of Governors worked with facilitator Chris Newbold, J.D., of ALPS Corporation to develop and implement a strategic plan to carry us through 2020. We identified our strategic goals: to lead as the voice of the legal profession, to understand and refine the value of an MSBA membership, and to advance efforts to bring lawyers together. Our initial efforts involved conducting a survey on harassment in the legal profession, and surveying our members to better understand how the value of an MSBA membership is perceived and how we can improve our services and benefits. These efforts and others will continue throughout 2019 and early 2020.

Our day-to-day work, of course, involves much more. We promote membership outreach and engagement through print and electronic communications, social and networking events, and a wide range of exceptional CLE programming. Our Lawyer Referral Service launched a new online platform to make online referrals more accessible and to streamline the administrative work required of MSBA staff as well as LRS member attorneys. We also had some “firsts” this year: We conducted our annual dues billing online, we added a representative from the Women’s Law Section to the Board of Governors, and we partnered with Cuba Cultural Travel to offer CLE in Cuba. This Annual Report presents a snapshot of the past fiscal year. It demonstrates what the MSBA is doing in its 127th year to advance its mission and goals.

Angela P. Weston
Executive Director

MSBA Mission
The Maine State Bar Association promotes the honor, dignity and professionalism of lawyers, advances the knowledge, skills and interests of its members, and supports the public interest in a fair and effective system of justice.
MSBA by the Numbers

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- Hancock: 72
- Sagadahoc: 69
- Aroostook: 58
- Lincoln: 50
- Oxford: 53
- Washington: 33
- Somerset: 22
- Waldo: 22
- Franklin: 21
- Piscataquis: 19

Members by County Pie Chart:

- Honorary: 226
- Judicial: 140
- Non-Practicing: 138
- Life: 82
- Non-Resident: 74
- Student: 44
- Standard: 3
- Retired: 3

MSBA by the Numbers:

- 26 Sections
- 30 Section events
- 563 Credits awarded for section events
- 7 #MeToo Professionalism Survey presentations
- 28 Member benefits
- 11 Judicial evaluations
- 9 Corporate patrons
- 24 Exhibitors
- 4 Editions of the Maine Bar Journal published

Social Media:

- Twitter followers: 2,942
- Facebook likes: 585
- LinkedIn Group members: 842
Continuing Legal Education

The role of the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee is to provide, or assist in providing, high quality legal educational programs, publications, and materials that will promote lawyer competency and assist lawyers in meeting their mandatory CLE requirements.

2,300 Registrations processed
350 Programs
15 In-person programs
10,100 Live credits earned
400 Participants at Legal Year in Review
200 Attorneys purchased CLE products
500 Attorneys purchased CLEtoGo and OnDemand courses

2018 CLE Committee Members:

Read CLE Committee Chair Erica Veazey’s annual report here.

Casemaker Online Legal Research

Casemaker is a comprehensive online legal research library exclusively for MSBA members, which includes premium services, mobile apps, and online training.

82,621 Casemaker searches
6,805 Average monthly Casemaker searches
1,866 Registered Casemaker users
323 Average monthly unique users
$1,040 Annual Casemaker subscription fee for non-members
$19 Cost to access Casemaker for members
3 Casemaker training programs
28 Casemaker training attendees

Silent Partners Program

In a low-key yet supportive way, the Maine State Bar Association offers a program to assist lawyers in dealing with problems in substantive areas and administrative areas of the law where there may be a lack of familiarity or comfort in helping a client. The program provides confidentiality recognized by the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in Maine Bar Rule 7.3(o).

32 Areas of law represented by Silent Partners
25 Volunteer Silent Partners
22 Sections that provide assistance to Silent Partners Program
1-2 Average monthly requests for assistance

Annual Bar Conference

The 2018 Annual Bar Conference was entitled, “How Technology Is Transforming the Legal Profession: What Will the Future Bring? Is It Already Here?” Held June 20-22, 2018, at Sugarloaf Mountain Resort in Carrabassett Valley, the conference presented a fascinating, informative, and provocative examination of the impact of technological advances on the legal profession.

913 Credits awarded
139 Registrants
10 Faculty
The Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) helps members of the public find the right lawyer for their particular situation, and it helps member attorneys build their practice and clientele. In 2018, LRS partnered with Community.Lawyer to utilize a new online platform for making referrals. The platform enables members of the public to request a referral online any time of day or night, and it offers member attorneys an online photo and profile, as well as enhanced reporting procedures.

| Cost to operate LRS in 2018 | $72,000 |
| Returned in percentage fees | $46,914 |
| Client fees collected | $16,200 |
| Inquiries | 3,650+ |
| Referrals (see chart) | 792 |
| Fee per referral | $25 |
| Retained cases | 71 |
| LRS attorneys (115 MSBA members & 7 non-MSBA members) | 122 |
| Areas of law | 35 |
| Subsections of law | 268 |
| Experience panels | 8 |

2018 Committee Members:
Justin W. Andrus, Esq.; Jennifer M. Bryant, Esq.; James A. Clifford, Esq.; Eric N. Columber, Esq.; Andre G. Duchette, Esq. (chair); Salvatore Savatteri, Jr., Esq.; Steve Smith, Esq.; and, Heather T. Whiting, Esq.
Legislative Advocacy

As a champion for Maine's system of justice, the Maine State Bar Association advocates on behalf of its members and the public for laws that are fair and sound. MSBA members are encouraged to take a personal interest in legislative matters. During Maine legislative sessions, the MSBA provides its members with periodic updates on pending bills affecting the legal profession, as well as bills addressing broad issues of public policy. Through its various sections, the MSBA also serves as an information resource to Maine's citizen legislature.

246 LDs monitored | 27 Legislative Updates
20 Sections that monitored LDs | 2 Bills testified on (LD1680 & LD 1817)

Notable Highlights

The MSBA proudly hosted or supported the following efforts:

- Law School for Legislators
- Lawyers in Libraries
- Maine State High School Mock Trial Competition
- The Hon. Edmund S. Muskie Access to Justice Award Dinner
- New Lawyers Section
- Winter Clothing Drive to benefit New England Arab American Organization
- Ski Day at Sugarloaf with the Maine Society of Certified Public Accountants
- Trail Day to benefit Portland Trails
- 5K to benefit STRIVE
- Pro Bono Fair
- Section Leadership Orientation & Legislative Luncheon
- Holiday Food Drive to benefit Augusta Food Bank
- Summer Softball Showdown to benefit the Maine Children’s Cancer Program

Other efforts:

- First Professionalism Survey “Professionalism, Conduct and the #MeToo Movement: A 6-Question Confidential Survey”
  - 1581 respondents
  - 658 (41.62%) female respondents
  - 919 (58.13%) male respondents
  - 4 (0.25%) respondents who don’t identify as male or female
  - 128 (8.1%) respondents that experienced sexual harassment
  - 363 (22.96%) respondents that experienced other types of harassment
  - 7 presentations made around the state
  - 4 Congressional delegations visited during ABA Day in Washington, D.C.
  - Online dues renewal

MSBA Award Recipients

John W. Ballou Award:
Nancy Rabasca

Family Law Achievement Award:
Hon. E. Mary Kelly

MSBA Pro Bono Student Award:
Nigel A. Stevens

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Maine Lawyer Services
Read Investment Committee Chair Ray Bradford’s annual report [here](#).
Review the entire financial report [here](#).
The MSBA offers grateful thanks to these members, whose additional support makes possible some of the work of the Association on behalf of the lawyers and residents of our state.

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