

# 2023 Summer Bar Conference

June 26-28

Harborside Hotel, Spa & Marina  
Bar Harbor



## Welcome: President's Message

I hope to see as many of you as possible in Bar Harbor for the annual Summer Bar Conference. While the conference formally kicks off on Monday, June 26 at the Harborside Hotel, Spa & Marina (continuing through Wednesday, June 28), the MSBA the MSBA's Wellness Committee is working on an exciting menu of optional activities for members on Sunday and Monday morning, allowing us to take full advantage of the wonderful natural resource that is Acadia in the summertime. There will also be networking options for dinner on Sunday night. But even if you'd rather not join a group activity or meal, I would still urge you to use the conference as an excuse to come out a day early, and maximize your time in Vacationland. Tourists prize their time on Mount Desert Island in the summer; we are fortunate enough to live here already.



Stacy O. Stitham, Esq.  
2023 MSBA President  
Brann & Isaacson LLP

## Meeting Information

### How to Register:

Register online at [www.mainebar.org/event/SBC2023](http://www.mainebar.org/event/SBC2023), or submit your registration form via email/mail. Online registration is available through **June 22**. No registrations will be accepted without payment.

### Walk-In Registrations:

All walk-in registrants will be required to pay the applicable registration fee **at the non-member rate**.

### Cancellations:

You may cancel your registration for a full refund until 4 p.m. on **June 16**. **NO REFUNDS** will be made after **June 16**. The date of cancellation is the date received at Bar Headquarters.

### Dress Code:

Dress for Summer Bar Conference is business casual.

### Materials:

A link to program materials will be provided by email to all registrants prior to the program.

### CLE Credits\*:

**Tuesday, June 27:** Up to 3.0 live CLE credits, with the opportunity to earn ethics and H&D.

**Wednesday, June 28:** Up to 3.0 live CLE credits, with the opportunity to earn ethics and H&D.

**PRACPRO:** All sessions have been approved for practice and procedure credit under Maine's reciprocal admission rule (PRACPRO).

\*CLE credits will not be reported to the Board of Overseers if you have a balance due. Once we receive full payment, credits will be forwarded to the Board of Overseers.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## SUNDAY, JUNE 25

### 12:00-8:00 Wellness Activities

For more information, contact Jonathan Dunitz [jdunitz@verrill-law.com](mailto:jdunitz@verrill-law.com).

## MONDAY, JUNE 26

### 3:00 Board of Governors Meeting

### 3:00 Registration Open

### 3:30-4:30 Section Business Meetings

### 5:30 Reception (Appetizers, Complimentary Champagne Toast & Cash Bar) *Life Member Recognition*

## TUESDAY, JUNE 27

### 7:00 Registration

### 7:00-8:30 General Breakfast

### 7:30-8:30 Section Business Meetings *BIPOC*

### 8:45-9:45 Concurrent Sessions (1.0 credit, unless otherwise noted)

1. Cybersecurity: Lawyers Obligations in the Aftermath of a Data Breach
2. The Expert Witness: Best Friend and Worse Enemy
3. How Are You Feeling? Mental Health Crisis in the Legal Field (1.0 ethics)
4. Preserving Vacationland: The Camp Wars

### 9:45-10:15 Break

### 10:15-11:15 Concurrent Sessions (1.0 credit)

5. Effective Advocacy Through Participation in Maine State Agency Rulemaking
6. Managing the Madness: Strategies to Counsel Emotionally Motivated Clients While Embracing a Collaborative Approach to Family Law
7. Navigating Some of the Obvious and Not-So Obvious Distinctions Between Maine State and Federal Practice
8. Shifting Sands: Tales From the Transactional Trenches Post-COVID

### 11:30-1:15 Awards Luncheon

*2023 John W. Ballou Award, VLP Pro Bono Award 2022, & PTLA 2022 Award for Pro Bono Service*

### 1:15-2:15 Plenary Session (1.0 H&D)

9. The Lawyers Behind the Data: Racial and Ethnic Diversity and Inclusion in the Maine Bar

### 2:15-5:00 Free Time

### 5:30-8:00 Dinner

*Leadership Academy Graduation and Magician/Comedian/Mentalist Phil Smith*

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

### 7:00 Registration

### 7:00-8:45 General Breakfast

### 7:30-8:30 Past Presidents' Breakfast

### 7:30-8:45 New Lawyers Section Breakfast

### 9:00-10:00 Concurrent Sessions (1.0 credit, unless otherwise noted)

10. Accessibility Under Titles II and III of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), Maine State Court Accessibility, and Best Practices for Working With Interpreters (1.0 H&D)
11. Recent Developments in Animal Law
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15. How the Homeowner Assistance Fund Can Help Keep Mainers Housed
16. Mental Health and the Workplace (1.0 ethics)
17. Putting the AI in Maine: Practical Considerations of Attorney Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (0.5 general / 0.5 ethics)

### 11:30-11:45 Break

### 11:45-12:45 Plenary Session w/Box Lunch on the Patio

18. Eyeing the Exits: Retaining Good People To Perform Great Work (1.0 ethics)

### 1:00 Program Adjourns

## 2023 John W. Ballou Award

### Christine Hastedt

Christine has been a legal advocate for people with low-income for over 50 years. She began her work as a Vista Volunteer at Pine Tree Legal Assistance in 1971, and today serves as the Senior Policy Advisor at Maine Equal Justice. Christine received a B.A. from the University of Maine in 1968.

She has received numerous awards for her work, including the Kutak-Dodds Award from the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association and the Bernard Lown Humanitarian Award from the University of Maine at Orono. In 1996 Christine co-founded Maine Equal Justice at the time when Congress restricted federally funded legal services programs from providing the legislative and administrative representation on behalf of people with low-income that she had done for many years at Pine Tree Legal Assistance.

Today Christine is working part-time alongside her colleagues at Maine Equal Justice to ensure access to economic security programs, such as SNAP, TANF, MaineCare, General Assistance and unemployment insurance, and advance the rights and interests of people with low income. Maine Equal Justice is proud to partner with people who are impacted by poverty to work together to make systems-level changes that will improve people's lives, our communities and our State.



## Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project Pro Bono Awards 2022

### VLP Pro Bono Award (Firm): Eaton Peabody

Eaton Peabody is a full-service Maine-based law firm with nearly 50 attorneys serving Maine clients from offices in Augusta, Bangor, Ellsworth, and Portland. Eaton Peabody has been proudly serving generations of Maine families and Maine businesses since 1939. Attorneys Casey Oleson, Kelsey Oleson, and Kady Huff will accept the VLP Pro Bono Award on behalf of the firm.



### VLP Pro Bono Award (Individual): Ezra A. Willey, Esq.



## Pine Tree Legal Assistance 2022 Award for Pro Bono Service

### Daniel M. Snow, Esq.

For the past 10 years, Attorney Daniel Snow, a former partner at Pierce Atwood, has represented clients being sued by debt buyers for alleged credit card debts in Portland District Court. Attorney Snow has become an expert on debt collection agencies' practices and record-keeping and has successfully prevailed in over 700 cases taken to hearing or dismissed by agreement. Attorney Snow's ongoing commitment has made an immense difference over the past decade, helping clients maintain needed income and relieving the stress of collections and court actions. Most recently, Attorney Snow has expanded his pro bono practice to a whole new area: representing tenants facing eviction. Since late 2022, Attorney Snow has attended increasingly large eviction dockets in Portland and worked alongside PTLA attorneys to help tenants maintain their housing or secure time to move. Attorney Snow takes great care in his work with Pine Tree and has generously shared his expertise with staff and other volunteers through PTLA's pro bono program. Pine Tree Legal Assistance is thrilled to present the 2022 Award for Pro Bono Service to Attorney Snow for his extraordinary dedication and service.



## Congratulations to Our 2023 Life Members

Join us at the Wednesday reception to celebrate and thank these individuals for their 50 years of service in the legal community.

**George F. Burns**  
*Portland*

**Coley G. Coyne, Jr.**  
*Auburn*

**Stephen F. Dubord**  
*Vero Beach, Florida*

**William P. Dubord**  
*Waterville*

**Gregory J. Farris**  
*Gardiner*

**Hon. Peter J. Goranites**  
*Portland*

**Robert E. Hirshon**  
*Ann Arbor, Michigan*

**George S. Isaacson**  
*Lewiston*

**Joseph M. Kozak**  
*Augusta*

**Bernard J. Kubetz**  
*Bangor*

**S. Peter Mills, III**  
*Skowhegan*

**Roderick R. Rovzar**  
*Portland*

**Ellsworth T. Rundlett, III, Esq.**  
*Portland*

**John J. Sanford**  
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**Hon. Warren M. Silver**  
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**Charles W. Smith, Jr.**  
*Biddeford*

**Joseph L. Steinberger**  
*Rockland*

**Lawrence J. Zuckerman**  
*Gray*

## Leadership Academy Class of 2023 Graduation

**John Belisle**  
*Augusta*

**Nicholas J. Bernate**  
*Portland*

**Christopher C. Boots**  
*Lewiston*

**Shannon Flaherty**  
*Augusta*

**Eamonn Hart**  
*Lewiston*

**Kady S. Huff**  
*Bangor*

**Ragner Jaeger**  
*Augusta*

**Whitney A. Lallas**  
*Portland*

**Patrick W. Lyons**  
*Ellsworth*

**Patrick Marass**  
*Portland*

**Melissa Martin**  
*Augusta*

**Kelsey C. Olesen**  
*Bangor*

## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS



### Evening Entertainment

#### Magician/Comedian/Mentalist: Phil Smith

Phil Smith of Abracadabra Productions has been wowing audiences for more than three decades! He started with a magic kit at the age of 10 and later went to USM for a B.A. in theater (closest thing he could find to Magic!). Phil is an award-winning magician with cards and close-up sleight-of-hand.

### Wellness Activities

The MSBA's Wellness Committee has organized the following events to encourage physical activity, social connection, and mindfulness. All activities are free and require advance notice. If you can make any of all of these activities, then we look forward to seeing you. If you have questions, contact Heather Seavey at 207-465-6991.

**Sunday, June 25, 4:00 p.m.:** Shore path walk & dinner with MSBA leadership

**Monday, June 26, 11:00 a.m.:** Bar Island hike with Frank Bishop. Meet in the Bar Harbor Club lobby. (Easy hike. Bring sneakers or hiking boots.)

**Tuesday, June 27, 2:15 p.m.:** Southwest Harbor trail hike with Frank Bishop. Meet in Bar Harbor Club lobby. (Moderate hike. Bring water and dress appropriately, including sneakers or hiking boots.)

**Wednesday, June 28, 6:30 a.m.:** Morning Yoga class. Meet on the Club patio.

**Wednesday, June 28, 7:30 a.m.:** Guided meditation with Teresa Cloutier. Meet in Bar Harbor Club lobby. (Bring towel or yoga mat.)

## TUESDAY, JUNE 27

### 8:45-9:45 | CONCURRENT SESSIONS (1.0 CREDIT, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

#### **#01 Cybersecurity: Lawyers Obligations in the Aftermath of a Data Breach**

During the session we plan to explore the potential for law enforcement and regulatory actions as well as private litigation related to information protection and how those actions intersect with professional rules, common law duties, and contractual obligations to clients. Examine several current and recent actions brought against law firms that have been victims of cybersecurity attacks. Specific questions to be addressed include: What is the standard of care that must be met by attorneys in the event of a data breach? What is the scope of such duty beyond notification? Does the lawyer have a duty to conduct an analysis of the compromised data for any PII so the client can meet its legal obligations resulting from the data breach? How should the lawyer respond to a subpoena demanding disclosure of client confidential information (including client names) that may have been compromised in the cyberattack?

**Speakers:** *Peter J. Guffin, Esq., Pierce Atwood LLP, Portland*  
*Laura M. O'Hanlon, Esq., General Dynamics Bath Iron Works, Bath*

#### **#02 The Expert Witness: Best Friend and Worst Enemy**

An expert witness can be your best friend or worst enemy, sometimes a little of both. This session will address selection, handling, and presentation of expert witnesses. Learn strategies for identifying and managing experts, including determining when experts are appropriate in each case and how to prepare your expert for deposition and trial testimony to avoid potential pitfalls. Identify effective strategies for cross-examining the opposing parties' experts at deposition and trial to maximize your trial themes.

**Speakers:** *Joshua D. Hadiaris, Esq., Norman Hanson & DeTroy LLC, Portland*  
*Thomas Marjerison, Esq., Norman Hanson & DeTroy LLC, Portland*

#### **#03 How Are You Feeling? Mental Health Crisis in the Legal Field (1.0 ethics)**

Attorneys excel at many things. Unfortunately, not everything we excel at is positive. Indeed, we are among the leaders in many unhealthy categories, with studies showing that attorneys significantly outpace the general population's rates of depression, anxiety, burnout, substance misuse, and suicidal ideation. But all is not lost. The ABA founded the Institute for Wellbeing in Law (IWIL) to address this issue nationally. Locally, the Maine Task Force on Attorney Wellbeing was formed this year to research issues faced by Maine attorneys and to find solutions that will keep us healthy and thriving in our practice. Jonathan Dunitz, President-elect of MSBA, Mollie Volinsky, LCSW, and Kristin Murray-James, Executive Director of the Maine Assistance Program for Lawyers and Judges, will discuss the current state of attorney wellness in the US as well as the Maine Task Force. More importantly, they will also discuss ways to destigmatize wellbeing issues, and offer practical ideas for dealing with the stressors of both work and life.

**Speakers:** *Jonathan M. Dunitz, Esq., Verrill, Portland*  
*Kristin T. Murray-James, Esq., Maine Assistance Program for Lawyers and Judges, Wayne*  
*Mollie Volinsky, LCSW, Juniper Therapeutic Services LLC, Portland*

#### **#04 Preserving Vacationland: The Camp Wars**

In last year's conference, attorneys Catherine Fenton and Timothy Stanley of Jones, Kuriloff & Sargent, LLC, discussed estate planning options for preserving family properties (such as creating trusts or business entities) and some of the challenges inherent with each. This year, they will dive deeper into how to handle challenges like conflicts of interest amongst family members, structuring common ownership goals, valuation obstacles (e.g., appraisals or minority interests), management versus ownership, rental income, family usage, and capital maintenance.

**Speakers:** *Catherine H. Fenton, Esq., Jones Kuriloff & Sargent LLC, Ellsworth*  
*Timothy W. Stanley, Esq., Jones Kuriloff & Sargent LLC, Ellsworth*

### 10:15-11:15 | CONCURRENT SESSIONS (1.0 CREDITS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

#### **#05 Effective Advocacy Through Participation in Maine State Agency Rulemaking**

Many attorneys work with clients who operate in or are directly affected by highly regulated industries, but advising and advocating for such clients goes beyond applying or interpreting the governing rules. The rulemaking process offers opportunities to advocate for the interests of those affected by administrative agency action or inaction. We will review the basics of how rules are promulgated and adopted in Maine, but the focus of this session will be on how attorneys and their clients can participate in and benefit from engaging in the rulemaking process. Questions to be addressed include: What opportunities exist for participation? What legal issues should attorneys reviewing proposed rules be looking for? What types of comments are useful and likely to persuade the agency to consider changes? What types of data/external studies or scholarship/industry standards are helpful to include in your submissions? Which limitations on participation arise from agency culture and which are actually required by the Maine Administrative Procedure Act – and does this distinction matter in practice?

**Speakers:** *Charles F. Dingman, Esq., Kozak & Gayer, P.A., Augusta*  
*Sarah Forster, Esq., Office of the Attorney General, Augusta*

#### **#06 Managing the Madness: Strategies to Counsel Emotionally Clients While Embracing a Collaborative Approach to Family Law**

As clients engage in family law actions, they must grapple with more than just the law and the legal process, they must also deal with the frayed feelings and fractured family bonds that come with such cases. In family law, attorneys must not only know the law, but how to manage the demands of emotionally motivated clients while maintaining an attorney's empathy. This presentation will offer strategies for counseling combative clients toward collaborative resolutions while avoiding attorney burnout along the way.

**Speaker:** *Sean C. Rogers, Esq., Libby O'Brien Kingsley & Champion LLC, Kennebunk*

# SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

- #07 Navigating Some of the Obvious and Not-So-Obvious Distinctions Between Maine State and Federal Practice**  
At first glance, the Maine Rules of Evidence and Procedure are nearly identical to the federal rules on which they are based. But there are crucial differences that could trip up the inexperienced or the unwary in federal court. Federal Bar Section members Ali Chardon and Charlie King head up a discussion of some of the critical differences between the Maine and federal rules, along with their special guest Andy Lizotte, chief of the U.S. Attorney's Civil Division for the District of Maine. The session will cover the practical effects of the differences in language between both sets of rules, as well as other hot topic areas in which state and federal practice may diverge from the initial filing of the complaint through judgment, post-judgment, and appeal. Andy Lizotte will be on hand to offer federal practice pointers and insights gleaned from his time handling both civil and criminal cases for the U.S. Attorney's Office.  
**Speakers:** *Alexis G. Chardon, Esq., Garmey Law, Portland*  
*Charles M. King, Esq., McCloskey, Mina, Cunniff & Frawley, LLC, Portland*  
*Andrew K. Lizotte, Esq., US Attorney's Office, Portland*

- #08 Shifting Sands: Tales From the Transactional Trenches Post-COVID**  
COVID changed many things, including how we negotiate provisions in a commercial contract. Led by a practitioner who has been negotiating commercial contracts for over 20 years, this session will explore five long-standing provisions in commercial contracts and compare how they were negotiated pre-COVID to how they are negotiated now. The tips and insights from this session will be relevant whether you are a transactional attorney by trade or just someone who occasionally enters into contracts in your personal life.  
**Speaker:** *Kevin Woolf, Esq., Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Chicago, IL and Kennebunk, ME*

## 1:15-2:15 | PLENARY SESSION (1.0 H&D)

- #09 The Lawyers Behind the Data: Racial and Ethnic Diversity and Inclusion in the Maine Bar**  
Maine and regional bar diversity data will be presented in posters in public display areas to create experiential learning opportunities throughout the meeting that will culminate in a panel presentation on racial and ethnic diversity in the Maine bar. The panel discussion will draw from a variety of historical and current sources that demonstrate how systemic racism impacts all aspects of the legal system, from the experiences of BIPOC attorneys to disproportionate police contact. The panel will conclude with a discussion of anti-racist strategies and recommendations for Maine lawyers to promote greater racial inclusion and comportment with M.R. Prof. C. 8.4(g).  
**Speakers:** *Elyse M. Apantaku, Esq., Legal Services for the Elderly, Augusta*  
*Xi Chen, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Maine Attorney General, Augusta*  
*Carlos Diaz, Esq., Cumberland County District Attorney's Office, Portland*

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

### 9:00 - 10:00 | CONCURRENT SESSIONS (1.0 CREDIT, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

- #10 Accessibility Under Titles II and III of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), Maine State Court Accessibility, and Best Practices for Working With Interpreters (1.0 H&D)**  
The Court Access Coordinator and the Communication Access Specialist for the Maine Judicial Branch will discuss common and current court access issues for litigants and lawyers, including but not limited to: obligations for state and local governments and offices of lawyers and accountants under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); auxiliary aids and services and reasonable modifications of services for effective communication as required under the ADA and the Maine Human Rights Act (MHRA)(5 M.R.S. §4583 et seq.); reasonable and unreasonable requests; structural and digital accessibility; service animals; and best practices for working with spoken language and sign language interpreters in Maine state courts and as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Maine Administrative Procedures Act (5 M.R.S. § 51 and 5 M.R.S. § 48-A), and Maine Supreme Judicial Court Administrative Order.  
**Speakers:** *Allison G. Gray, Esq., State of Maine Judicial Branch, Portland*  
*Nickole M. Wesley, Administrative Office of the Courts, Portland*
- #11 Recent Developments in Animal Law**  
Examine recent developments in animal welfare laws nationally and in Maine (whose animal welfare laws were voted #1 in the country by the Animal Legal Defense Fund), including how those changes have, and may continue to, impact enforcement.  
**Speaker:** *Bonnie L. Martinolich, Esq., PretiFlaherty, Augusta*  
*Margeaux Lavoie, Rising 2L, University of Maine Law School, Portland*
- #12 Seeing Is Believing: Using Day-in-the-Life Video at Mediation and Trial**  
Day-in-the-life videos are incredibly powerful tools for both mediation and trial. There is nothing that explains more vividly the daily struggle of a catastrophically injured person. Their purpose is to show the audience who your client is and what their life is like because of an injury. This presentation will cover: the kinds of cases that need day-in-the-life videos, selecting witnesses and environments for videotaping, how to conduct interviews for day-in-the-life videos, use of B-roll footage at trial, and examples of day-in-the-life videos.  
**Speakers:** *Meryl E. Poulin, Esq., Gideon Asen LLC, Auburn*  
*Trevor D. Savage, Esq., Gideon Asen LLC, Auburn*
- #13 Transfer on Death Deed**  
Learn about the new Transfer on Death Deed (TODD) form in Maine, and part of the new Probate code. This presentation will address: what a TODD is and how it works under the new Probate Code; how and when it can be used in estate planning and why this might be a good option for clients; how the instrument interacts with other aspects of Maine law (mortgages, potential claims against estates, etc.); issues to consider before using the TODD form; and practice points such as when and how to revoke a TODD properly.  
**Speaker:** *Forrest C. Peterson, Esq., Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, Portland*

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## 10:30 - 11:30 | CONCURRENT SESSIONS (1.0 CREDIT, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

- #14 Competency to Stand Trial in Criminal Proceedings: Understanding the Legal, Tactical, and Implications of a Little Understood but Highly Effective Tool in Creating an Often Effective Barrier to Prosecution**  
Data from prosecutions over the past three years shows a dramatic increase in the frequency of requests for evaluations of competency to stand trial in Maine criminal cases. Many defense attorneys do not know what exactly it means, when it can arise, or how it can affect a case either positively or negatively. Often counsel does not know what "conditions" can result in a defendant being potentially incompetent to stand trial (IST) and the relationship between the cause of the incompetency and the question of "restorability." This presentation will address issues such as: how long a case against an IST defendant can remain open, who is responsible for getting or challenging evaluations, commitment issues, pre-trial motions and motions to dismiss, representation, bail terms, and alternate defenses.  
**Speakers:** *Mark J. Gillis, Esq., Mark J. Gillis, Attorney at Law, West Kennebunk  
Maine Practitioner TBD*
- #15 How the Homeowner Assistance Fund Can Help Keep Mainers Housed**  
In May 2022, Maine received \$50 million from the U.S. Treasury Department for the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF), a grant program established by the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to assist homeowners who experienced financial hardship related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Learn how HAF can be utilized to prevent foreclosure, whether by a mortgage lender, land installment contract seller, or municipality. Identify special situations where HAF can help, such as in a Chapter 13 bankruptcy or in an eviction case where a mobile homeowner faces eviction from a mobile home park due to lot rent delinquency. Review eligibility guidelines and the application process, as well as legal issues that can arise from participating in the program.  
**Speaker:** *Emma Halas-O'Connor, Esq., Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Portland  
Sarah Johnson, Maine State Housing Authority, Augusta*
- #16 Mental Health and the Workplace (1.0 ethics)**  
Identify ways that mental health issues impact the workplace. Discussion will include how mental health issues are (or are not) covered under the FMLA, ADA, and workers' compensation and associated leave issues; alcoholism and drug addiction; the impacts of gender expression and identity; and the increase of bullying, harassment, and social media issues impacting mental health.  
**Speaker:** *Anne-Marie L. Storey, Esq., Rudman Winchell, Bangor*
- #17 Putting the AI in Maine: Practical Considerations of Attorney Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (0.5 regular / 0.5 ethics)**  
See a demonstration of generative AI-powered legal research along with a high-level discussion of how the technology works, and identify how generative AI tools can both thwart and support legal practitioners. Topics for discussion include potential ethical and practical pitfalls of AI use, AI-supported research and drafting considerations, use of AI as a sounding board for theory and strategy, and response bias. There will also be a Q&A session where the audience can ask questions to better understand the technology, discuss potential uses and abuses, and engage with the subject matter.  
**Speakers:** *Luc B. Cary, Machine Learning Platform Engineering Lead, Invitae, Portland  
Justin B. Cary, Esq., Drummond Woodsum, Portland  
Elek A. Miller, Esq., Drummond Woodsum, Portland*

## 11:45 - 12:45 | CONCURRENT SESSIONS (1.0 CREDIT, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

- #18 Eyeing the Exits: Retaining Good People to Perform Great Work (1.0 ethics)**  
Let's face it, these last few years have been hard for law firms and offices. Not only must you compete with other employers, but you're also doing your best to deliver what new attorneys and legal staff are asking for. So, how do you meet your business needs while at the same time ensuring their willingness to stay, even when prospective employers dangle more money and more remote time to lead them out your door? And despite all those variables, how do you ensure your team delivers services that comport with the professional conduct rules?  
**Speakers:** *Valerie Dahl, MBA, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, South Portland  
Aria Eee, Esq., Board of Overseers of the Bar, Augusta  
Katherine L. Porter, Esq., Pierce Atwood LLP, Portland*

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# 2023 Summer Bar Conference Registration Form

Name of Registrant \_\_\_\_\_ ME Bar # \_\_\_\_\_ First time attendee   
 Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names of Guests/Children \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Race/Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Practice \_\_\_\_\_ Firm Size \_\_\_\_\_

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**1 Full-Meeting Registration**  
 Includes: Mon. reception; Tues. breakfast, lunch and dinner; Wed. breakfast & lunch; and CLE for Tues. & Wed.  
 **Member: \$475**  
 **Non-Member: \$525**  
**Please check the meals you are attending:**  
 Monday Reception  
 Tuesday Awards Luncheon  
 Tuesday Dinner (please choose below)  
      Salmon    Prime Rib    Stuffed Portobello  
 Wednesday Box Lunch

**One-Day Registration (either Tues. or Wed.)**  
**TUESDAY ONLY**  
 (Includes CLE, breakfast, lunch, and dinner)  
 **Member: \$425**  
 **Non-member: \$475**  
**Please check the meals you are attending:**  
 Tuesday Awards Luncheon  
 Tuesday Dinner (please choose below)  
      Salmon    Prime Rib    Stuffed Portobello


**WEDNESDAY ONLY**  
 (Includes CLE, breakfast, and lunch)  
 **Member: \$375**  
 **Non-member: \$425**  
**Please indicate if you want lunch:**  
 Wednesday Box Lunch

**2 Meals only (non-registrants & guests)**  
**Mon. Reception** .....@\$55 x \_\_\_\_\_ (#) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tues. Awards Luncheon**..@\$40 x \_\_\_\_\_ (#) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tues. Dinner**  
 Salmon .....@\$80 x \_\_\_\_\_ (#) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prime Rib.....@\$80 x \_\_\_\_\_ (#) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stuffed Portobello.....@\$80 x \_\_\_\_\_ (#) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Wed. Box Lunch** .....@\$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ (#) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**How to Register**

**Online:** [www.mainebar.org/event/SBC2023](http://www.mainebar.org/event/SBC2023)  
 Reminder: Sign in to receive correct pricing.  
**Mail:** Attn: Molly Rogers | Maine State Bar Association,  
 124 State Street, Augusta, ME 04330  
**Phone:** 207-622-7523, select #2 | **Fax:** 207-623-0083  
**Email:** [mrogers@mainebar.org](mailto:mrogers@mainebar.org)

**3 Please Select Your Sessions Below**  
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 9. The Lawyers Behind the Data: Racial and Ethnic Diversity and Inclusion in the Maine Bar (H&D)  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28**  
**9:00-10:00 | CONCURRENT SESSIONS**  
 10. Accessibility Under Titles II and III of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), Maine State Court Accessibility, and Best Practices for Working With Interpreters (H&D)  
 11. Recent Developments in Animal Law  
 12. Seeing Is Believing: Using Day-in-the-Life Video at Mediation and Trial  
 13. Transfer on Death Deed  
**10:30-11:30 | CONCURRENT SESSIONS**  
 14. Competency to Stand Trial in Criminal Proceedings  
 15. How the Homeowner Assistance Fund Can Help Keep Mainers Housed  
 16. Mental Health and the Workplace (ethics)  
 17. Putting the AI in Maine (general/ethics)  
**11:45-12:45 | PLENARY SESSION**  
 18. Eyeing the Exits: Retaining Good People (ethics)

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