



Frank M. Coffin Family Law Public Interest Fellowship

For twenty-nine years, the Coffin Family Law Public Interest Fellowship has played a pivotal role in ensuring access to justice in Maine. Named after Frank M. Coffin, Senior Judge on the First Circuit Court of Appeals, the fellowship supports attorneys to provide legal representation in family law matters to clients who have qualified for *pro bono* assistance through the Volunteer Lawyers Project. Coffin Fellowship attorneys work for two years at Pine Tree Legal Assistance's Portland office and cases are generally limited to Cumberland County.

The Fellowship is open to third year law students and recent graduates (0-1 year). The Coffin Fellow will need to be licensed to practice law in the State of Maine.

For more information on the fellowship, please watch: <https://youtu.be/FxsMpXXbZN0>

Interested candidates should submit the following:

- A letter of interest
- Resume
- An official law school transcript
- Two references
- A brief legal writing sample

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The starting salary will be \$71,920 or greater plus generous benefits including a loan repayment assistance program for qualifying candidates.

The application deadline is October 9, 2026. The Fellowship will begin in September 2027.

Applications for the Coffin Family Law Public Interest Fellowship should be submitted to: Michelle Draeger, Executive Director, info@justicemaine.org; or Maine Justice Foundation, 124 State Street, Suite 2, Augusta, ME 04330.