

# Maine School Finance Summer Institute

## Topics Include:

- Financing Public Education
- Maine's Funding Law – Essential Programs and Services
- Budget Development and Approval
- School Borrowing
- School Construction
- Basics of Collective Bargaining
- Understanding Financial Statements and Grant Compliance
- Torts and Insurance

Join us for 8 interactive Zoom sessions:

**July 21 - August 13, 2021**

on Wednesdays & Fridays | 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Registration | \$1,150 (Includes tuition & required materials)

**SPACE IS LIMITED! REGISTER EARLY!**

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**NOTE:** The Maine School Finance Summer Institute is offered every other year. The next session will be held in July 2023. Don't miss it!

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## About the Institute

For 2021, we are taking our School Finance Summer Institute virtual using Zoom, a cloud-based video-conferencing service. The Institute program has been designed with busy educators in mind. In a short period of time, participants will cover materials traditionally taught in a semester-long course. This will be accomplished through significant advance reading assignments, two papers (the first submitted before the Institute and the second submitted after), active class discussion, individual and group presentations, and instruction by attorneys from Maine's premier school law practice as well as by other specialists.

The Institute is an intense and exciting learning experience for anyone interested in the laws affecting school business administration, including principals, superintendents, business managers, and teachers.

This Institute has been approved by the Maine Department of Education to satisfy the school finance and budgeting requirements for all administrator certificates. This is an outstanding opportunity for those who need to satisfy that requirement or for those who may have studied Maine school finance many years ago and find it is time for an update.

### ***PLUS – Earn 4.5 C.E.U.s Over 8 Half-Day Sessions!***

The Maine Department of Education has approved the Institute to fulfill the requirement for a course on school law for purposes of administrator certification. Whether you need a course to satisfy a requirement, are looking for an update, or simply have an interest in the laws of school finance, the course will meet your needs. The course will also qualify for C.E.U.s from UMO for a small fee. Instructions for payment will be provided with the course materials.

*(Note: Although the Institute provides certification and recertification credits, it is not affiliated with a college or university and does not provide graduate school credits.)*

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## Required Texts

*Maine School Law*, 6th Edition (2018) and customized case readings. The appropriate texts and assigned readings and topic for the first paper will be sent out in early May (or upon registration).

## Assignments, Readings, and First Paper

By the first class, students must read the assigned chapters and cases.

Prior to the first class (July 21, 2021), a paper (5 pages, double spaced, conventional type) will be due on an assigned question based on specific chapters and cases.

## Individual Presentations

During the class sessions, each student will present a six-minute appeals court oral argument on one side of a legal decision from the customized case readings.

## Online Participation

Participants are required to have their own tablet or computer and a stable Internet connection. Participants will also need to be able to connect via video and audio. Spirited class discussion is an important part of this course. Students will have multiple opportunities to participate in discussions and virtual group exercises.

## Final Paper

A second paper (5 page maximum, double spaced, conventional type) will be due by **August 27**. Students will select a school finance/business topic of personal and professional interest. The instructors will approve and assist with the topic selection.

## Grading

Grades are based 40% on the papers and 60% on active class participation, including individual and group presentations.

## Registration and Payment

Registration and payment are due in full by **June 30, 2021**. The class size is limited to 24 students. Participants are encouraged to register earlier to ensure adequate time to complete the advance reading assignments.

Payment may be made by registering online, or by check (made payable to [schoollaw.com](http://schoollaw.com)) mailed to PO Box 7570 DTS, Portland, ME 04112.

## Cancellation Policy

We understand that plans change. If you find you can no longer attend the Institute, please contact Adriana Grimes at [agrimes@dwmlaw.com](mailto:agrimes@dwmlaw.com). A \$250 cancellation fee will apply if we receive your cancellation after **July 1, 2021**. If materials are returned un-opened you will be credited.

# About Your Instructors



**Bill Stockmeyer** heads the Drummond Woodsum School Finance Practice Group and Public Finance Group and advises Maine schools in the areas of public finance, state education subsidy, school budget and business issues, school construction, real estate and school reorganization. Bill has served as bond counsel on many school construction projects across the state and has lectured in the areas of bond financing, cash flow borrowing, budgeting, school reorganization, charter schools, authorized investments, and reserve funds. He is an author of *Maine School Law*, 6th Edition, 2018. Bill is a graduate of Cornell Law School and holds BA and MS degrees from Cornell University.



**Greg Im** is a member of the firm's School Law Practice Group and Public Finance Group. His responsibilities include school borrowing and budget issues, school construction, and school reorganization matters. Greg is a graduate of the University of Maine School of Law and received his BA from Cornell University.

*Along with Bill and Greg, other Drummond Woodsum school law attorneys will serve as guest instructors on specific topics throughout the Institute.*

## Special Guest Instructor

**Jeremy "Hank" Farrah** is a CPA and Partner at Runyon Kersteen Ouellette. Hank graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 2000 with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. He has twenty years of experience and has been a licensed CPA in the State of Maine since July 2002. Hank is involved with audits of municipalities all throughout Maine, including the School Departments of South Portland, Brunswick, and Augusta, as well as many stand alone School Units and School Administrative Districts.