

Thomas Berry, Esq.

Tom Berry has provided legal services to Maine residents for over 40 years. He is a graduate of the University of Maine Law School, worked in the criminal division of the Maine Attorney General's office and served as first assistant district attorney in Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox and Waldo Counties before entering private practice. He served as Lincoln County's Judge of Probate from 1988-2016. He maintains a general practice at Berry & Burbank in Boothbay Harbor.

Jay Bradshaw

Jay Bradshaw served as the Director of Emergency Medical Services for the State of Maine from 1996 - 2015. During his tenure with Maine EMS, he served as a member of the Maine Elder Death Analysis Review Team and was instrumental in the development and implementation of the EMS Community Paramedicine Pilot Project. Jay has been involved in emergency medical services for more than 30 years as a volunteer first responder, a field paramedic, a municipal ambulance director, and then with Maine EMS from 1987-2015. Jay is a past president of the New England Council for EMS and served on the executive board for the National Association of State EMS Directors for several years. He has been a site reviewer with the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services since 1993 and participated in international EMS outreach in Canada, Ireland, and Israel. In retirement, he has continued to work with the National Association of State EMS Officials on projects relating to ambulance safety and information technology.

Hilary Fernald, Esq.

Hilary Fernald was raised in Brewer, Maine and went to the University of Maine in Orono where she received degrees in Economics and Political Science. She attended Boston College Law School before moving home to Maine. She has worked for Legal Services for the Elderly for four years covering Washington and Hancock Counties as the Downeast Senior Safety Net Attorney, and has also covered Aroostook County as a Staff Attorney for the last two years. She has a four and a half month old puppy currently, a Bernese Mountain Dog/Border Collie mix.

Jodi Hardwick, LCSW.

Jodi S. Hardwick is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA Maine Healthcare System) in Augusta, Maine. She has specialized certification with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) as having clinical expertise and excellence as a social worker specializing in gerontology. At VA Maine Healthcare System or Togus, she provides individual, family and group counseling as well as case management with the primary goal of addressing specific challenges of the aging process by promoting independence, autonomy and dignity in later life in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Jodi also has specialized training in providing dementia care education to VA Maine Healthcare System staff. Jodi holds both a Bachelor of Arts and Master degrees in Social Work. She obtained her Bachelor's degree from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio and her Master's degree from University of New England in Portland, Maine. Mrs. Hardwick has lived in midcoast Maine since 2004 and enjoys all the outdoor activities this wonderful state has to offer with her husband, Kevin, and son, Baxter.

Mark L. Harris

Mark L. Harris graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington with a degree in special education. While in college he started working for a provider agency and has since worked for several provider agencies in a variety of roles from direct care to program managers. He has also been a foster parent for an individual with developmental disabilities. He started working for the state in 1993 as a case manager for Disability Services and continued in that role 18 plus years, and then for the past 6 years has been a supervisor within OADS. In November of 2016, he became the Financial

Abuse Specialist Team Supervisor. Along with his FAST duties, he continues to be involved with intake and eligibility for Disability Services. He has been a licensed social worker since 2001.

Dr. Lenard Kaye, DSW, Ph.D

Lenard W. Kaye, DSW, PhD is a professor of social work and director of the Center on Aging at the University of Maine. He was honored with the University of Maine Trustee Professorship in 2015. He is also a past recipient of the Career Achievement Award of the Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work. The author or editor of 16 books and more than 150 articles and book chapters on specialized topics in aging, Kaye is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America. Kaye recently presented testimony on the grand challenge and dangers of social isolation for rural dwelling older adults before the US Senate Special Committee on Aging.

Lisa Munzing, LCSW.

Lisa Munzing is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Augusta, Maine. She has been working in the Hospice and Palliative Care field for 13 years. She specializes in Hospice and Palliative Care Social work, she has been a part of the team that has built the Hospice and Palliative Care Program at VA Maine. Part of her work is being a liaison with the community hospice agencies, assisting Veteran's to get enrolled and gain access to the VA Healthcare System. She provides these community social workers with education in regards to the hospice benefit, VA resources. She is also the social worker on a 12 bed inpatient hospice and palliative care unit that is located at VA Maine. Here she helps by providing supportive counseling to Veteran's and families. She also helps them in regards to preparatory grieving, advanced care, and end of life planning.

Lisa attended the University of Maine at Orono for her undergraduate where she obtained a Bachelors of Social Work. She then attended the University of New England, where she graduated with a Master's Degree in Social Work. To further her specialization in Hospice and palliative care Lisa attended Smith College for her End of life Certificate Program. Lisa began her journey of providing end of life care when she became a Hospice Volunteer in Bangor while she was in college. Lisa enjoys spending time out in the Memorial Garden at the VA. She loves to be with her family, and enjoys the fall time in Maine.

Bonnie Olsen, Ph.D

Vice Chair of Academic Affairs, Department of Family Medicine, Keck School of Medicine,
University of Southern California

Dr. Olsen is a clinical psychologist with extensive experience as a geropsychologist, working in academic medicine for over 20 years. She provides cognitive assessment and short-term mental health treatment in a collaborative geriatric primary care setting. As the Vice Chair of Academic Affairs in the Department of Family Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine at USC, Dr. Olsen is involved in a number of research and program grants that focus on interprofessional geriatric education and elder abuse education and prevention. She is particularly interested in elder mistreatment as it occurs in the context of dementia caregiving and understanding decisional capacity. In 2009, she was awarded the Gold Humanism Honor Society's Gold Star Award for Humanism in delivery of health care and has remained dedicated to community service throughout her career. Dr. Olsen is a passionate advocate and expert for elder justice and the prevention of elder abuse and has guest lectured throughout the country on the topic.

Lee Pennington, LCSW.

Lee works at the Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter. She holds a Master's degree of Clinical Social Work from the University of New England and has worked with individuals and families living with and impacted by dementia for more than ten years. Her professional roles include direct care, social work and program director. Lee provides education to a variety of audiences, manages the helpline services in Maine, provides care consultations, and serves as a support group facilitator. Lee's interest in social work began following the Alzheimer's diagnosis of two of her beloved aunts.

Daphne Russell

Pending.

Erin Salvo, JD.

Erin Salvo is the Associate Director of Adult Protective Services in the Office of Aging and Disability Services – Maine DHHS. Erin joined the Department in 2016 as the Office of Aging and Disability Services’ in-house counsel and started in her current role in 2017. Prior to joining the Department, Erin worked as a civil trial attorney in Massachusetts and as a law clerk to the Justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court. Erin graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor’s degree in marketing. She graduated magna cum laude from New England Law – Boston.

Judith Shaw, Esq.

Judith Shaw serves as the Securities Administrator for the State of Maine Office of Securities having been appointed in 2008. From 2001 to 2008, she served as Deputy Superintendent of the Maine Bureau of Insurance.

A Past President of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), Judith currently serves as Chair of the Senior Issues and Diminished Capacity Committee and Professional Development Committee.

Judith is the co-chair of the Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention, a coalition of public and private partners dedicated to reducing elder abuse and financial exploitation.

Judith graduated from the University of Maine with a bachelor’s degree in political science. She obtained her law degree from Widener School of Law in Wilmington, Delaware.