2022 BATES VOTER GUIDE

ELECTION DAY - TUES. 11/8/2022

POLL:	LEWISTON ARMORY - 65 CENTRAL AVE	7AM-8PM

We are excited to provide you with our first nonpartisan voter education guide, to provide Bates students with the information and resources needed to help you make informed decisions when it comes to voting. Whether you are a first-time voter, or an active voter even in local elections, this guide is meant to prepare you for the candidates on the Lewiston ballot. Candidate statements are directly from election questionnaires, media profiles, or nonpartisan voter education resources. We utilized resources from conservative and progressive organizations alike, to provide a balanced perspective. Please let us know what you think! Send any feedback to batesvotes@bates.edu.

FEDERAL: MAINE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

RANKED CHOICE VOTING - CHOOSE UP TO 3 CANDIDATES

Candidate Summary from Ballotopedia:
https://ballotpedia.org/Maine%27s_2nd_Congressional_District_election,_2022

Tiffany Bond **Independent** https://bond4.me/	**Jared Golden** **Democratic** **https://jaredgoldenforcongress.com/**	**Bruce Poliquin** **Republican** **https://poliquinforcongress.com/**
Incumbent: No	Incumbent: Yes	Incumbent: No

Political Office: None

Biography: Bond received an associate degree from Cascadia Community College, a bachelor's from the University of Washington, an M.B.A. from the Drexel University College of Business and Administration, and a J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law. Bond was president of FairTrade Vacations from 2005 to 2016. She was a family law attorney as of the 2022 election.

KEY MESSAGES

Bond criticized political bickering and campaign ads. She asked supporters to invest in the community while mentioning her campaign instead of donating to her campaign.

Bond said she would enjoy reading proposed legislation for a living: "Hire me to devote my work week to turn nonsense into common sense."

Bond said climate change and healthcare were among her priorities. On

Political Office:

- U.S. House of Representatives, ME-02 (Assumed office: 2019)
- Maine House of Representatives, District 60 (2014-2018)

Biography: Golden served tours in Iraq and Afghanistan as a Marine. He graduated from Bates College. Golden worked as a staffer for Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

KEY MESSAGES

Golden noted that he was the only House Democrat to vote against the Build Back Better Act. He said, "I have voted against the Biden administration more than any other Democrat in Congress. I voted against my own party more than any other Democrat in Congress."

Golden said he'd worked to pass the 2021 infrastructure bill, lower prescription drug prices for seniors, prevent healthcare cost spikes, and increase oil and gas production.

Political Office:

- U.S. House of Representatives, ME-02 (2015-2019)
- Maine Treasurer (2010-2012)

Biography: Poliquin received a bachelor's degree from Harvard University. He owned several businesses and managed pension funds. Gov. Paul LePage (R) recommended Poliquin as state treasurer, and the legislature selected him for the position.

KEY MESSAGES

Poliquin said, "If you want to make a change, I represent that difference. We will stop this out-of-control spending to drive down inflation, we will reopen the supplies of oil and natural gas ... and we will secure our border to make sure we take care of America first."

Poliquin said, "Biden and all Democrats created this mess" of inflation and that "Maine needs a congressman who will stand up to Biden and help Maine families."

the latter, she said, "Let's update and improve the ACA [Affordable Care Act] while we thoughtfully consider and CBO [Congressional Budget Office] score a few models – there may be elements of single-payer, universal, market features, and/or things we haven't come up with yet." Sources: *News Center Maine*, "Maine's CD2 candidates face off in NEWS CENTER Maine debate," September 27, 2022; *Tiffany Bond's 2022 campaign website*, "About Me," accessed September 30, 2022; *Associated Press*, "Maine rematch could be a bellwether for control of Congress," September 18, 2022; *Tiffany Bond's 2022 campaign website*, "Issues," accessed September 30, 2022; *LinkedIn*, "Tiffany Bond," accessed September 29, 2022; *Vote Smart*, "Tiffany Bond's Biography," accessed September 29, 2022	Golden said he opposed defunding the police and highlighted his endorsement from the Maine Fraternal Order of Police. Sources: *News Center Maine*, "Maine's CD2 candidates face off in NEWS CENTER Maine debate," September 27, 2022; *Jared Golden's 2022 campaign website*, "Important," accessed September 30, 2022; *YouTube*, "Independent | Jared Golden for Congress (ME-02)," August 9, 2022; *YouTube*, "Table | Jared Golden for Congress (ME-02)," August 26, 2022; *YouTube*, "Friend | Jared Golden for Congress (ME-02)," September 23, 2022; *Congressman Jared Golden*, "Congressman Jared Golden: 'Let's Get to Work,'" accessed September 29, 2022	Poliquin emphasized his business background, saying he created jobs and helped manage pensions. Sources: *News Center Maine*, "Maine's CD2 candidates face off in NEWS CENTER Maine debate," September 27, 2022; *YouTube*, "Bruce Poliquin Fighting Inflation and Working for Maine," September 28, 2022; *Bruce Poliquin's 2022 campaign website*, "Home," accessed September 30, 2022; *Bruce Poliquin's 2022 campaign website*, "Meet Bruce," accessed September 29, 2022; *The Main Wire*, "On the Record: Republican candidate for Congress Bruce Poliquin," October 7, 2013

STATE: MAINE GOVERNOR

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Maine Governor

THE ISSUES

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Likely ban. In 2016 at a Right-to-Life rally said "We should not have abortion." After Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade said "I don't know" if he supports 6- or 15-week abortion bans; "I don't have time for abortion...abortion affects few Mainers."	Legal. Signed a bill allowing physician assistants and advance practice registered nurses perform abortions, in addition to physicians. Signed an order protecting women from other states receiving abortion care in Maine.
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit the output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?	Mostly no. Placed a moratorium on wind energy development. Says nuclear and hydropower are the answer to climate change, and not buying Chinese products made with fossil fuels. Supports ending state solar power subsidies.	Yes. Initiated a 4-year Climate Plan for carbon reduction and renewable energy, and a Jobs & Recovery Plan with clean energy provisions. Signed an executive order that would make Maine carbon neutral by 2045.
EDUCATION Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?	Yes. As governor, proposed school vouchers for low-income students, and public funding for religious schools. Supports "school choice" and having "educational dollars follow the student."	No. "I firmly oppose taking tax dollars from the public education system to fund new private or charter schools."
EDUCATION How to address the teaching of issues around racism and gender identity?	"We have done enough damage to our children." Students are being taught "what to think" rather than "how to think." Will enact a parents' bill of rights.	Signed a bill integrating "African American Studies and the History of Genocide" into the state education system.
EDUCATION Increase funding for K-12 and higher education?	No. Proposed cutting the number of school districts and superintendents to cut taxes. As governor did not meet the voter-mandated threshold on state funding of local school costs.	Yes. Signed budget that raised education funding and minimum teacher salaries. Is the first Maine governor to meet the 2004 voter-mandated threshold on state funding of local school costs.
ELECTIONS Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 Presidential election?	No. "I tell you, this is clearly a stolen election. I think 70 million (Trump voters) all recognize that too many votes were illegitimate votes. People have voted more than once."	Yes. "Our country has conducted a free and a fair election in which the American people have spoken."
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	Loosen. Lobbied for offshore drilling in Maine. Proposed bills to repeal environmental regulations and prevent local governments from banning toxic chemicals. Opposed "aggressive regulatory overreach" by the EPA.	Tighten. Signed bills ending disposal of out-of-state hazardous waste in state-owned landfills and spreading of sludge containing "forever chemicals." Signed a budget with $40 million for new conservation, including wildlife protection.
GUN RULES Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?	Less. As governor, opposed universal background checks and signed a bill allowing permitless concealed carry.	Mostly more. Signed a "yellow flag law" letting police take guns from people deemed by a court to be a threat, after medical assessment. Signed a bill subsidizing voluntary safe gun storage. Was noncommittal on private sale background checks.

ISSUES	LEPAGE (R)	MILLS (D)
HEALTH CARE Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?	No. As governor refused to implement voter-approved Medicaid expansion. For Medicaid, "will reinstate work rules. If you're able-bodied, you need to go to work." Would end a COVID vaccine requirement for health care professionals, and for children, "let them all have it" to get herd immunity.	Yes. Expedited Medicaid expansion. Signed comprehensive prescription drug reform. Funded training for health care workers and proposed spending $50 million to help sustain hospitals and nursing homes. Supported a "Patient Bill of Rights" to require insurance companies to cover COVID testing and vaccination.
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for "DACA" participants brought to the US as children?	In 2014 sought to limit aid to asylum seekers. In 2015 said illegal immigrants were driving infectious disease cases. In 2016 ended Maine's cooperation with a federal refugee program. In 2017 supported ending DACA. In 2022 said he welcomes refugees, supports legal immigration.	Supports "comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level" to speed up review of asylum applications, and supports expedited work authorization so asylum seekers can work in Maine. Supports DACA.
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Harder. Has supported "right-to-work" laws, which allow employees in a unionized workplace to not pay union fees for collective bargaining.	Mixed. Signed a law allowing Maine loggers and wood haulers to engage in collective bargaining. Vetoed a bill letting farmworkers unionize.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Limit. Vetoed a bill that would prohibit "conversion therapy" for minors, "treatment that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity."	Expand. Signed a bill "banning conversion therapy" for minors. Signed a bill upgrading the status of LGBTQ veterans who were less than honorably discharged.
MARIJUANA Should recreational marijuana be banned or legal?	Ban. Vetoed a bill that would have set up an adult-use recreational marijuana market. Said "marijuana impairment" would increase car crashes.	Legal. Signed a bill that established a legal framework for the sale of recreational marijuana.
MINIMUM WAGE Keep or raise the state minimum from $12.75 per hour? If raise, how much?	No. Opposed efforts to raise the wage in 2013, in 2016, in 2017, and in 2018.	Unclear on a general raise. Negotiated a $15 per hour minimum for state employees. Increased Medicaid minimum payments for direct care workers to 125 percent of the state's minimum wage.
POLICE AND COMMUNITY How to address police use of force?	No position found on use of force. "Maine's law enforcement officers…always have our backs—as Maine's next Governor—I'll always have their backs."	Signed a bill requiring the Attorney General to speed up investigations when police use deadly force. Signed a bill to limit use of no-knock warrants. Criticized a bill granting legal immunity to "anyone" at the scene of a drug overdose.
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Support lowering interest on student loans or forgiving them?	Yes. Cosponsored a bill expanding Maine's student debt relief program. Supports student debt relief to attract "talented young people."	Yes. "Will fund an overhaul of the Opportunity Maine Tax Credit," giving student loan debtors "up to $25,000 of debt relief."
TAXES Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay more or less taxes?	Less. In 2015 proposed to lower the corporate tax rate from 8.93% to 6.75%, and eliminate the estate tax, funding the cuts with an increase in the state sales tax. He renewed that call in 2021.	Maintain current tax levels. Pledged not to raise taxes in her first two-year budget and opposed a legislative move to raise taxes on high earners.
VOTING RULES Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?	Yes. Supports requiring photo ID in order to vote.	No. In 2020 extended the deadline for mail voter registration. Signed a 2022 bill instituting automatic voter registration. Would veto legislation requiring voter ID.

We only include candidates polling 15% or more. But check out others, including Sam Hunkler (I).

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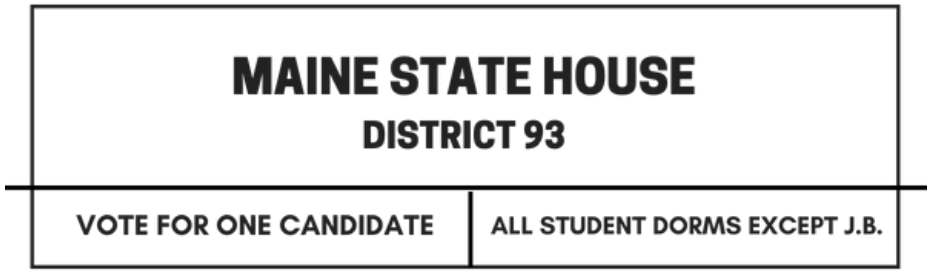
MAINE STATE SENATE
DISTRICT 21

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Lachapelle, Ricky R. *Republican* *https://www.lachapelleforsenate.com/*	**Rotundo, Margaret R.** *Democratic* https://peggyformaine.mainecandidates.com/
ABOUT: Whether through his successful business ventures or by serving his fellow citizens in various official capacities, lifelong Lewiston resident Rick LaChapelle has always worked to improve and protect the city he calls home. Now serving as the elected Ward 4 Representative on the Lewiston City Council, Rick is eager to represent all of Lewiston by running for the State Senate, District 21. Source, Ballotpedia: https://ballotpedia.org/Ricky_LaChapelle#Campaign_themes	**ABOUT:** I served on the Lewiston School Committee for 8 years and served for 16 years in the Maine Legislature. While in Augusta, I spent 14 years on the state budget committee working with people across the aisle to successfully negotiate unanimous, bipartisan state budgets that created educational opportunity, economic development, access to health care, a cleaner environment and property tax relief for Maine people. I know how to build support for solutions to our most pressing problems and how to get those solutions funded. We need to make sure that people have what they need to live full lives and to provide their children with bright futures. It would be an honor to return to the Maine State Senate to work towards creating this future. Source, Vote411: https://www.vote411.org/ballot?address=161%20Wood%20Street%20LEWISTON%20Maine%2004240

Defining Success [From 9/19/22 SunJournal]: All success will begin with jumpstarting and rehabilitating our economy. Without a strong, stable economy, meaningful progress is impossible. It should not be forgotten that the unending streams of "giveaway" money from Augusta are taxpayers' hard-earned dollars. We must prioritize containing inflation and making sure that Maine families are not upended by the skyrocketing costs of food, fuel, electricity and heating oil. We need to get people back to work and return to our proud roots of being a state of productivity and progress. Seeing firsthand how runaway addiction and consequent crime hollow out the potential of our families, workforce, businesses and communities, the initiative I most look forward to spearheading will be increasing the availability of and access to addiction and mental health treatment to those who wish to reclaim their lives and become fully engaged members of society. Education is the backbone of our success. Access to quality education is a must for all of Lewiston students.	**Defining Success** [From 9/19/22 SunJournal]: I've spent my years in public service working with people across the political spectrum to successfully negotiate unanimous, bipartisan state budgets that created educational opportunity, economic development, access to health care, and tax relief for Lewiston people. I know how to build support for solutions to our most pressing problems and how to make sure those solutions are funded. We can't look away from hard problems — especially not now. We need to make sure that people have what they need to live full lives and to provide their children with bright futures. If I have the honor of representing Lewiston people again in the Maine State Senate, success would look like: • Providing a strong, effective voice for Lewiston. • Collaborating to solve problems. • Respectfully representing all Lewiston people. • Promptly addressing constituent concerns/requests for help. • Making sure Lewiston receives our fair share of state funds.
Candidate Stances [From 2022 Christian Civic League Candidate Questionnaire]: Should access to abortion be restricted? Undecided Should women's shelters be required to house biological men who identify as women? No Should the Minimum Wage Be Increased? No	**Candidate Stances:** Abortion Access: Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Maine Action Fund and Emily's List LGBTQ+: Endorsed by Equality Maine Minimum Wage /Workers Rights: Endorsed by Maine AFL-CIO

Should Maine Prioritize Achieving 80% Renewable Energy in 2030? No	Clean Energy + Environment: Endorsed by Sierra Club of Maine and Maine Conservation Voters Tribal Champion: Endorsed by Wabanaki Alliance
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Craven, Margaret M. Democratic https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/housedems/cravenm/index.html	**McCarthy, Robert Andrew** Republican https://www.votebobmccarthy.com/
ABOUT: [From 4/26 SunJournal] Craven, who has represented the area as its senator and state representative for a number of terms, won election to the seat in 2019 after having had taken several years off to care for her ailing husband. A widow and a mother of two, she said she is eager to continue working on the issues that have always most engaged her: child safety measures, long-term and home-based care for seniors, and services for people with disabilities.	**ABOUT:** [From 4/11 SunJournal] McCarthy, 65, was elected in November to represent Ward 1 and serves on the city's finance committee. The two positions, he said in a prepared statement, "make me uniquely positioned to know what help Lewiston needs from the state." McCarthy is a fifth generation Lewiston resident. He is married with two children and seven grandchildren, all of whom reside in Lewiston. He was employed for many years as production

Craven's background in care for disabled adults and volunteer experiences with hospice work informed her recent bills to eliminate the waiting list for older and disabled Mainers who are eligible to receive home-based care. She also spearheaded an act to create a Rare Disease Council. Born in Ireland, Craven came to this country alone at the age of 17. Married and a working mother, she earned a bachelor's degree in social services and a master's degree in adult education at the University of Southern Maine. Her work life in Lewiston included waitressing at Steckino's Restaurant, serving as a cashier at Cottle's supermarket and ultimately becoming the director of respite care at John F. Murphy Homes. Her volunteer work over the decades has made her a recognized figure in every corner of L/A, from dancing the Irish jig at nursing homes on St. Patrick's Day and ushering at the The Public Theatre in Lewiston to serving on many community boards, including as chairwoman for Museum L-A, vice chairwoman of the Maine Hospice Council and as a member of the Historic Preservation Review Board of the city of Lewiston and the board of trustees for the Lewiston Public Library.	manager at the Sun Journal, leaving when the company moved its printing operation to South Portland. He is production manager at KICTeam in Auburn, a manufacturer of cleaning supplies for a wide variety of banking and electronic processing and printing equipment. McCarthy said his focus will be positioning Lewiston and the state to grow and prosper in the coming years through investment in infrastructure, reducing debt and cutting wasteful spending. "With all of the pandemic funds, the current administration and the Legislature had a perfect opportunity to invest in the future of the state; instead, the money was spent on one-time giveaways and pet projects," he said. Another focus for McCarthy will be more support from the state for service center cities such as Lewiston. "These cities provide services and host a multitude of nonprofit organizations that also benefit the surrounding communities while adding to the burden of taxpayers in these service center cities," he said. McCarthy is also a member of the board of directors for the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal airport. He formerly served as the president of the Lewiston High School swim boosters as well as the boys soccer boosters.
Defining Success: [Source: 9/19 SunJournal] I am a firm believer that we are elected to serve the people of our district. I always respond to my constituents and help in any way I can. When asked to sponsor bills, I	**Defining Success:** [Source: 9/19 SunJournal] A successful term in the Legislature will be defined by a positive outcome for the citizens of Lewiston and all of Maine. We are facing a financial challenge in the coming year as the

consider it a success when I can get them passed. When we are successful funding schools or education, balancing the budget without harming anyone, and passing bills that I am proud to sponsor or co-sponsor I consider it a success.	$2.6 billion in federal aid dries up. Balancing the budget without raising taxes or dipping into the Rainy Day fund will be another measure of success. A goal of mine is a Parents Bill Of Rights. Parents should have a voice in what their children are exposed to in our school systems. They need to have input into the curriculum and be made aware of in advance of what their children will be taught. The housing shortage is another area that needs to be focused on. Successfully addressing this issue will temper the skyrocketing cost of rent, keep more financially stressed individuals in their homes and provide more rental options. The high cost of building public housing needs to be looked at. Projects in Lewiston cost upward of $350,000 per unit to build. Creation of programs to address the homeless crisis facing Lewiston and other cities around the state is another problem area that needs serious attention. Mental health issues and substance abuse are the main drivers of homelessness and intensive outreach programs to help those in trouble are needed.
Candidate Stances: Abortion Access: Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Maine Action Fund LGBTQ+: Endorsed by Equality Maine Minimum Wage + Workers Rights: Endorsed by Maine AFL-CIO Clean Energy + Environment: Endorsed by Sierra Club of Maine and Maine Conservation Voters	**Candidate Stances** [From 2022 Christian Civic League Candidate Questionnaire]: Should access to abortion be restricted? Yes Should women's shelters be required to house biological men who identify as women? No Should the Minimum Wage Be Increased? No Should Maine Prioritize Achieving 80% Renewable Energy in 2030? No

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MAINE STATE HOUSE
DISTRICT 94

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Beaudoin, Janet Inger Republican No candidate website found	**Cloutier, Kristen Sarah** Democratic https://cloutier.mainecandidate.com/
ABOUT: [From 9/15 SunJournal] Social media accounts Facebook Page: Janet Beaudoin for Maine State Representative Occupation: Preschool teacher Education: Living Waters Christian School, Central Maine Community College Community Organizations: Ward 2 Lewiston School Committee Representative; board member, The Store Next Door; secretary, Androscoggin County Republican Committee; secretary, Lewiston	**ABOUT:** [From 9/15 SunJournal] Social media accounts: facebook.com/KSCMaineHouse Occupation: Associate director, Center Operations, Harward Center, Bates College Education: B.A. in journalism from Northeastern University; M.A. in Leadership Studies from USM Community Organizations: Member, University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College Community Advisory Board; member, New Mainers Community Collaborative; member,

Republican Committee; president of the LHS Girls Basketball Boosters Personal information (hobbies, etc.): When I'm not working, I am a full time sports mom to two very active teenagers. I enjoy traveling with my family, volunteering, and spending time at our family camp. Family status: Married for 19 years to my high school sweetheart and we have two daughters. Years in the Legislature: None Committee assignments (if elected): None listed	Community Concepts, Inc. Board of Directors; member, Lewiston-Auburn Railroad Board of Directors. Personal information (hobbies, etc.): I enjoy reading books, watching movies, cooking, baking, and taking in all that our beautiful state has to offer while spending time with my family and pets. Family status: Married with one child and two dogs Years in the Legislature: Four Committee assignments (if elected): Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Defining Success: [From 9/15 SunJournal] Serving the citizens of Lewiston, not special interest groups. More support for state and local law enforcement. Empowering parents to have a say in their children's education. Legislation to reduce welfare fraud. Addressing regulations and policies that are contributing to rising oil and fuel prices.	**Defining Success:** [From 9/15 SunJournal] My priority has always been to serve my constituents and to respond to their needs in as timely a manner as possible, so building strong, personal and trusting relationships with those who elected me is where I draw much of my sense of "success" from, and what I enjoy most about this work. In terms of policy, there is so much work to be done, but if I had to choose one area to focus on right now, it would be economic security. Recovering from the pandemic is proving to be harder than we expected for people, and the costs of basic necessities, such as groceries, housing, heat, and electricity have continued to skyrocket. We need to continue to focus on tax relief for those who truly need it, support efforts to increase the creation and availability of affordable housing across the state, increase

	access to reliable high-speed internet, and provide more workforce development opportunities for everyone, including our neighbors who come here from other countries, hoping to provide a better life for their families. We also need to support our educators and students as they return to full-time instruction after several years of disruption. We have a unique opportunity to take what we have learned over the course of the pandemic and to make active, lasting change that will have direct impact in people's everyday lives. To turn our backs on that opportunity would surely be a failure.
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ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

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About Maine Probate Courts [From Pine Tree Legal]

Each county in Maine has its own Probate Court. Probate Courts handle legal cases concerning wills and estates, guardianships, name changes and a few other family-related issues. If you are seeking a divorce or need a court to decide a paternity (unmarried parents) case, you need to go to your local District Court, not the Probate Court.

Dubois, Michael L.
Republican

SHERIFF
ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

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Each county in Maine has its own Sheriff, elected by voters to serve as the chief law enforcement officer for the county and oversight of the sheriff's department.

Samson, Eric G.
Democratic
Incumbent: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064532028097

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

ANDROSCOGGIN, FRANKLIN, OXFORD COUNTIES

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About Maine District Attorneys [From Maine Attorney General]:
The eight popularly elected district attorneys are responsible for the prosecution of the majority of criminal offenses that occur within their respective prosecutorial districts. The district attorneys and the attorney general work together in the area of drug prosecutions… The district attorneys review thousands of police reports to determine whether there are sufficient grounds to issue a criminal complaint, sponsor police training and continuing legal education to law enforcement, provide legal advice to county governments, handle the many criminal appeals that are filed every year, and serve on innumerable committees, working groups, boards and commissions.

McLean, Neil E., Jr. Republican https://www.sunjournal.com/2022/10/18/neil-mclean-candidate-for-district-attorney/	**Rabasco, Edward, Jr.** Democratic https://www.sunjournal.com/2022/10/18/ed-rabasco-jr-candidate-for-district-attorney/
Current position: Deputy district attorney, District 3, Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties. Years in practice: 15 years Education: Bachelor of Science, University of Colorado, Denver; juris doctorate, Maine School of Law Personal information (hobbies, etc.): Parks and games with my children. Reading military histories. Sports. Fishing. Hiking. Family status: Married; father of four children ages 17, 14, 12 and 5.	Current position: I am a litigation attorney, including criminal law. I have a private law practice in Lewiston. Years in practice: 35 in Lewiston. Education: Edward Little High School; Boston College (undergraduate) and University of Maine School of Law. Personal information (hobbies, etc.): I have served on my local school board for 12 years. I have served as the Poland town moderator for 15 years. I am the former chairman of the Lewiston Planning Board. I was a youth sports coach for 25 years. Formerly on the board at

What would be your top priority as district attorney if elected?

The top priority for any district attorney must be public safety. It is what the people elect them to do, and it is what I have been doing for more than 15 years now. I will continue to work collaboratively with law enforcement, and I will continue to build bridges into the community to establish relationships and locate resources to effectively combat crime. To ensure the greatest degree of public safety possible, my office will balance holding people accountable for criminal conduct, as well as collaborate on alternative sentencing and treatment whenever appropriate to address root causes of criminal behavior.

Would you support dismissing all nonviolent misdemeanor charges against defendants in Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties in order to reduce the backlog of criminal cases docketed in those counties? Why/why not?

I would not. The Legislature enacts laws. The people do not elect a DA to disregard them. Such a policy has too great a potential to embolden criminals, increase crime, erode public confidence, destabilize public civility, and diminish public safety. This would be abject failure of responsibility to the public.

If not, what measures would you support to bring down the caseloads?

We need a collaborative effort. Courts need to provide more time for hearings, trials and limit repeated continuances. Prosecutors

New Beginnings in Lewiston. I am an avid runner having run hundreds of races and competed in several triathlons over 20 years.

Family status: Father of two. Grandfather of two. I have lived in Androscoggin County most of my life. I reside in Poland with my long-term significant other, Shanna, who is a local small business owner.

What would be your top priority as district attorney if elected?

1. New ways to break the cycle of domestic violence with intervention programs. Rates of domestic violence cases are unchanged in my 35 years in practice. Giving survivors a unified message that the abuser is at fault. 2. Getting all offenders into real substance use treatment earlier. Many clients have 10-20 convictions when they come to me. Almost all have addictions. The revolving door of jail is very expensive. 3. Taking the taxpayer into account when making policy decisions. New $125 million jails are not the taxpayers' responsibility. 4. Bail reform: Minor offenders sitting in jail at huge taxpayer expense.

Would you support dismissing all nonviolent misdemeanor charges against defendants in Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties in order to reduce the backlog of criminal cases docketed in those counties? Why/why not?

I support an immediate review of these cases and would work to resolve them quickly. Some can be dismissed. Some can be easily resolved by plea. This is not difficult to achieve. This backlog costs taxpayers millions of dollars across the state. The DA must be

need a stricter screening process where every case receives immediate scrutiny rather than blanket dismissals after approval. Where appropriate, we need substantive discussions between parties focused on early disposition of cases. Would you support as district attorney not seeking cash bail for defendants charged with nonviolent misdemeanor crimes, and why? Generally, nonviolent misdemeanors receive summonses. The rare instance an arrest occurs, usually results in a no-cash personal recognizance bail. On Oct. 7, Androscoggin County jail housed 147 inmates. Zero being held solely based on nonviolent misdemeanors. Suggesting people are regularly held on nonviolent misdemeanors and low bail is false.	mindful of the taxpayer. If not, what measures would you support to bring down the caseloads? People sit in jail long past any sentence they would have received if the courts were not clogged. Time-served sentences in these cases is the responsible taxpayer thing to do. Offering defendants reasonable pleas at their initial appearance will slash the backlog. No more felony indictments for minor nonviolent offenses. Would you support as district attorney not seeking cash bail for defendants charged with nonviolent misdemeanor crimes, and why? I support this. Taxpayers waste millions on this problem. People can be getting treatment and doing community service. People don't fail to show up for court concerned about losing $100 bail. They don't show up because of severe substance use and mental health issues. Fix that and we have less victims and save millions.
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About County Commissioners: [From Maine County Commissioners Association]

The voters in each of Maine's 16 counties elect three, five or seven commissioners to four year terms to oversee the operation of county government. Each commissioner serves a separate district within the county. Commissioners are the counties' chief elected officials, are ultimately responsible for the fiscal operations and policy decisions affecting county government. Additional duties include municipal tax abatement appeals and hearings on maintenance of town roads. They also serve, in effect, as the municipal official in Maine's many unorganized territories. Fifteen Maine Counties belong to the Maine County Commissioners Association.

District 1:

Martel, Bret Michael Republican Information on this candidate was not found by the publishing deadline.	**Plourde, Edouard G.** Democratic Incumbent: https://www.androscoggincountymaine.gov/Commissioners_Districts/District1.htm

District 2:

Poirier, Roland L. Democratic Incumbent: https://www.androscoggincountymaine.gov/Commissioners_Districts/District2.htm