



Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services

An Overview of Federal Firearms Laws

When: May 16, 2024 from 12:00PM-1:30PM

Where: Zoom

Summary: The federal government has generally lacked jurisdiction to prosecute many violent crimes. Accordingly, the burden has traditionally fallen upon state and local law enforcement officers and prosecutors. However, Congress has increasingly broadened federal jurisdiction which enables federal agents and federal prosecutors to become more involved in the enforcement effort against violence.

This training is designed to be a concise summary of some of the federal statutes which are used to prosecute violent offenders. It is not all-inclusive; however, it describes the principal statutes available and some of the consequences to a federal conviction. During this training we hope to assist the defense bar with understanding federal firearms laws, how they are investigated, and the potential penalties their clients face.

Faculty Bio: Johnathan Nathans – Assistant United States Attorney

Johnathan has been with United States Attorney's Office in the Portland Office since 2018, where he currently serves as the Project Safe Neighborhoods Coordinator. As the PSN Coordinator Johnathan's focus is on violent crime, firearms offenses, overdose deaths, and other federal drug crimes. Prior to joining the United States Attorney's Office, Johnathan was the Drug Task for Coordinator at the Maine Attorney General's Office.

Admission Restrictions: To attend this training, you must be eligible to accept MCILS case assignments or a student at Maine Law.

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Cost: Free!

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