

**JUDICIAL BRANCH
COMMITTEE ON MEDIA AND THE COURTS**

Type: Standing Committee
Established: February 26, 2007
Revised: January 15, 2015
Chair: Associate Justice Joseph M. Jabar
Reports To: Supreme Judicial Court

I. Establishment of the Committee on Media and Courts:

A committee designated by the Supreme Judicial Court shall act as the Committee on Media and the Courts. The Chair and members of the Committee shall be appointed by members of the Supreme Judicial Court. The regular terms of membership on the Committee shall be three years, and no member shall serve more than three successive terms or until the appointment of their successor.

Five members of the Committee shall be representatives of the media, four shall be members of the judiciary, three shall be attorneys licensed to practice in Maine, one shall be a District or Superior Court clerk, other stakeholders as ordered by the Chief Justice, and serving in an *ex officio* capacity, the Attorney General, or designee, and the Judicial Branch Government and Media Counsel.

II. Committee Purpose:

The purpose of the Committee shall be to facilitate and improve communication between the judiciary and the media and to enhance the accuracy and flow of information made available to the public concerning the courts of Maine. The Committee shall from time to time make recommendations to the Supreme Judicial Court on matters pertaining to media coverage of court proceedings.

III. Coordination and Cooperation with the United States District Court:

The Committee shall invite the participation of the United States District Court in its efforts to enhance the accuracy and flow of information made available to the public concerning the courts of Maine.

IV. Frequency of meetings:

One meeting shall be held per year, unless the Committee decides by majority vote to hold additional meetings.

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MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

Jennifer Rooks)	Until
Maine Public Broadcasting Network)	November 20, 2016
Amy T. Robidas, Esq., President, MACDL)	Until
Maeghan Maloney, District Attorney)	July 24, 2017
Robert J. Stolt, Esq., Augusta)	
)	Until
Donald C. Carrigan)	December 31, 2017
Gannett TV Stations)	
Hon. Charles Dow, Judge)	
Maine District Court)	
Francine Stark, Executive Director)	
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence)	
		Until
Elizabeth Saxl, Executive Director)	January 15, 2018
Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault)	
Jon Chrisos)	
WGME CBS 13/WPFO FOX 23)	
Hon. William R. Anderson, Justice)	Until
Maine Superior Court)	March 26, 2018
Michael J. Dowd)	
Bangor Daily News)	
		Until
Christopher Williams)	December 31, 2018
Lewiston Sun Journal)	
Hon. William Stokes, Justice, Chair)	
Maine Superior Court)	
		Until
Eileen Bridges, Clerk of Courts)	April 21, 2019
Knox County Courts)	
Members ex officio:		
Janet T. Mills, Attorney General (or designee)		
Mary Ann Lynch, Judicial Branch Government and Media Counsel		

JUDICIAL LIAISON:
Associate Justice Thomas E. Humphrey, Supreme Judicial Court