

Commission To Create a Plan To Incorporate the Probate Courts into the Judicial Branch

Tuesday, October 19, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: State House, Room 228*

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AGENDA

- 10:00 am** **Introductions and Opening Remarks** (*Senator Carney, Representative Cardone and Commission Members*)
- 10:30 am** **Overview of Commission duties and background** (*Legislative Staff*)
- 11:00 am** Presentations:
- **Introduction to the “front end” of the Probate Courts** (*Kathy Ayers, Kennebec County Register of Probate*)
 - **Introduction to the “back end” of the Probate Courts** (*Judge Mitchell and Judge Avantage*)
- Question & Answer Period**
- 1:00 pm** **LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:30 pm** Presentation:
- **Overview of past efforts to restructure Maine's Probate Courts and selected probate court models in other states** (*Professor Deirdre Smith*)
- Question & Answer Period**
- 3:30 pm** Practitioner Panel:
- **Professional perspectives on Probate Court structure** (*Patricia Nelson-Reade, Esq.; Christina Perkins, Esq.; Judge Richard M. Morton (ret.)*)
- Question & Answer Period**
- 4:30 pm** **Discussion of Next Steps**
- 5:00 pm** **Adjourn**

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