

2025 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE PROGRAM*



8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Registration and Continental Breakfast



8:30 a.m.
Welcome and Introductions

Colleen M. Murphy, Executive Director and General Counsel, Freedom of Information Commission
Kate Farrish, President, Connecticut Foundation for Open Government

8:45 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.
Breakout Sessions

FOI 101: A Crash Course in the FOI Act

Nicholas A. Smarra, Commission Counsel, Freedom of Information Commission

OR

FOI Do's And Don'ts: Avoiding Common Pitfalls In Compliance
FOIC Staff

10:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
Break

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
Complying with the FOIA: Some Helpful Hints

Presented by:
Attorney Thomas B. Mooney, Attorney and Partner, Shipman and Goodwin, LLP
Attorney Jessica Richman Smith, Attorney and Partner, Shipman and Goodwin, LLP

11:30 A.M. – 11:40 A.M.
Break

11:40 A.M. – 1 P.M.
Panel Discussion

50 Years Of FOI In Connecticut

Moderator:
The Hon. Daniel Klau, Judge of the Superior Court

Panelists:

Mitchell Pearlman, Past Executive Director, Freedom of Information Commission
Jeffrey Daniels, Legislative Co-Chair, Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information
Dave Altimari, Investigative Reporter, Connecticut Mirror
ADDITIONAL PANELISTS TBA

1 P.M. – 2 P.M.
Luncheon

*Conference schedule is subject to change, please check the FOIC website for updates