

Committee to Ensure Constitutionally Adequate Contact with Counsel

Questions Sent to the Sheriff's Association following the First Meeting

1. The Committee requests copies of any training materials provided by or known to the Maine Sheriffs Association related to confidentiality of attorney communications with inmates at county or municipal facilities. The Committee is particularly interested in any materials related to confidentiality of telephone conversations.
2. The Committee requests copies of any policies, procedures, or guidance, including materials related to confidentiality of attorney communications with inmates at county or municipal facilities. Again, the Committee is particularly interested in any materials related to confidentiality of telephone conversations, including any materials related to procedures to be followed in the event a sheriff or officer comes into possession of confidential communications.
3. The Committee requests copies of any written materials that are provided or available to inmates at county or municipal facilities regarding recording of telephone calls. If no such information is provided, it would be helpful to know that as well.
4. The Committee requests copies of any forms provided to detainees or inmates that are used by the inmate to provide the telephone numbers of their attorneys for the purpose of ensuring confidentiality of attorney calls.
5. The Committee requests copies of any policies, procedures, or guidance, including un-promulgated materials related to the use of video, laptops, or electronic means by an inmate to confidentially communicate with attorneys.
6. The Committee requests copies of any policies, procedures, or guidance, including un-promulgated materials related to ensuring confidentiality of attorney visits with inmates at county or municipal facilities.
7. The Committee requests copies of any policies, procedures, or guidance, including materials related to ensuring confidentiality (including storage policies) of legal materials held by inmates at county or municipal facilities.

8. The Committee requests staffing data for county and municipal facilities, including, to the extent this information is available, the total positions at each facility and the current vacancy rate.

9. The Committee is interested in better understanding the degree to which the MSA provides guidance, technical assistance or oversight to local and municipal facilities to help those facilities ensure that attorney client confidentiality is maintained.

10. The Committee requests copies of any policies, procedures, or guidance, including materials related to confidentiality of attorney communications with inmates who are present in courthouses.