



Meeting of May 11, 2026
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Welcome – Jim Sandman, Chair

II. Introductions – All

- *We have set aside extra time to conduct a more robust round of introductions since this is our first substantive meeting with our 2026-2029 Commissioners.*
- *As part of our Introductions and to get to know each other better, we will ask you to share one of the following:*
 - *A career path you almost pursued*
 - *Favorite weekend activity*
 - *A skill you'd like to learn*
 - *Where you grew up, and what you liked most about it*
 - *A small daily habit that keeps you grounded*

III. Discussion: Role of the D.C. Access to Justice Commission and Meeting this Moment – All

[Order Continuing the D.C. Access to Justice Commission](#) (October 9, 2007)

[Access to Justice Commissions Need Formal Evaluations](#) (January Advisors)

[Access to Justice Commission Self-Evaluation Materials](#) (American Bar Association)

- *Where are we as a community with respect to access to justice? What barriers slow progress? What is going well?*
- *What are the most effective, impactful activities the Commission can undertake to meet the court's expectations?*
- *Are there changes in how we do our work that might help us maximize our impact?*
- *How can individual Commission members support Commission activities?*

IV. Staff Report – Nancy Drane and Diana Sisson

- *Public Funding Update and Role for Commissioners*
- *Raising the Bar in D.C.*
- *Commission Governance Activities*

V. Other Announcements – Open to All

VI. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 13, 2026 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM – Sidley Austin LLP

FUTURE MEETINGS: Monday, August 24, 2026 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM – Sidley Austin LLP

Monday, October 5, 2026 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM – Sidley Austin LLP

Monday, November 16, 2026 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM – Sidley Austin LLP

Tuesday, December 15, 2026 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM – Sidley Austin LLP
Holiday and End-of-Year Reception