A2JC Commissioner - Role Description

About the Maryland Access to Justice Commission (A2JC)

The Maryland Access to Justice Commission (A2JC) brings together leaders from the legal, nonprofit, government, and private sectors to make the civil justice system accessible, equitable, and fair for all Marylanders. A2JC works to close the civil justice gap by pursuing four priorities: coalition-building, advocacy, reform and equity. The Commission is an independent entity that is powered by the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA). Learn more at https://www.mdaccesstojustice.org/ and FY2025 Impact Report.

What is an Access to Justice Commissioner?

Access to Justice Commissioners are an esteemed group of leaders who unite to drive reforms and innovations to make the civil justice system accessible, equitable and fair for all Marylanders.

We are composed of legal and community leaders who represent different perspectives and are committed to elevating and resolving the barriers Marylanders face when navigating the civil justice system. Commissioners represent all parts of government (legislature, executive, judiciary), the legal system (law firms of all sizes, corporate counsel, legal aid providers, associations of lawyers, law schools,) as well as civil society organizations. They leverage their experience, expertise and networks to achieve the priorities of A2JC.

Commissioner Responsibilities

Below is a list of duties and responsibilities of all Commissioners.

1. **Fiduciary Duty.** Commissioners, like members of boards of directors, have a fiduciary duty to the organization. As a result, they are expected to support the Commission's mission, goals and objectives.

2. **Personal Financial Support.** Each Commissioner's fiduciary duty includes supporting the financial health of the organization. As a result, each Commissioner is expected to participate in the Commission's fundraising efforts and to make a personal contribution to the Commission on an annual basis.

3. **Ambassador/ Spokesperson.** In supporting the Commission's mission, goals, and objectives, each Commissioner is expected to be an ambassador and spokesperson for the Commission.

4. **Meetings.** The Commission currently schedules six Commission meetings per year. Commissioners are expected to attend and participate in Commission meetings on a regular basis. If you are unable to attend meetings regularly, Commissioners are able to appoint a designee to attend in their stead.

5. **<u>Committee Participation</u>.** All Commissioners are expected to serve on at least one of its Committees or Task Forces, as the Commission's substantive work happens there. Committee membership includes regular attendance and active participation in committee meetings, which occur during the months in between Commission meetings.

   The standing committees include:

   - Executive Committee
   - Governance Committee
   - Development Committee
   - Advocacy Committee
   - Public Interest Law Committee
   - Advisory Committees (for legislators, governor's office, OAG, etc.)

   The ad hoc committees include:

   - Data & Legal Technology Committee

   Current Task Forces include:

   - Innovations in Tiered Legal Services Task Force
   - Access to Counsel in Evictions Task Force

Preferred Qualifications

- Champion of Access to Justice: Demonstrated commitment to civil justice reform, race equity and equitable access to justice for all Marylanders.
- Effective Communicator: Skilled in articulating mission, vision, and strategy to varied audiences with authenticity and influence.
- Well Connected: Brings insight, energy, and networks to help the Commission fundraise effectively and grow in reach and sustainability.
- Independent and Ethical: Demonstrates independence and ethical judgement, with no real or perceived conflicts of interest.

Term and Commitment

Term: Three-year term that is renewable once. Commitment: Approximately 2 hours per month, including bi-monthlyCommission meetings, committee participation, and other engagements to fulfill ambassadorial expectations.
Compensation: Volunteer (unpaid) position unless otherwise determined by the Commission's policies.

To Apply

Interested candidates should express their interest by providing the requested information at this link no later than the newly extended deadline of April 17, 2026.

The Maryland Access to Justice Commission values diversity and encourages applications from individuals of all backgrounds and lived experiences who are committed to equity and justice. We value diversity across multiple dimensions including but not limited to age, race, ethnicity, gender, geography, and discipline.