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Court Task Force to Hold Public Hearings on Family Matters Case Process

December 20, 2013 - For Immediate Release. Portland, Maine. The Maine Supreme Judicial Court established the Family Division Task Force in 2013 to make recommendations to the Chief Judge of the District Court, and to the Supreme Judicial Court regarding changes to procedures, law or rules necessary to advance the Family Division's mission of "providing a system of justice that is responsive to the needs of families and the support of their children." The Family Division Task Force will hold public hearings throughout the State as listed below to gather public comments and suggestions for the review of family matter cases and to recommend any changes that will better serve the needs of children and families. Public comments may be limited in duration and should not reference specific cases. Written comments may be emailed to lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov, or mailed to State of Maine, Administrative Office of the Courts, 171 State House Station, 24 Stone Street, 1st Bldg., 1st Floor, Augusta, ME 04333-0171. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2014. For more details, please visit the Maine Judicial Branch website at http://www.courts.maine.gov/news_reference/news/index.shtml.

Public hearings are from 4:15 - 6:00 pm in the following locations:

January 6, 2014 (Presque Isle District Court)

January 7, 2014 (Calais District Court)

January 8, 2014 (Bangor District Court)

January 9, 2014 (Rockland District Court)

January 13, 2014 (Lewiston District Court)

January 14, 2014 (Portland District Court)

January 15, 2014 (Springvale District Court)

January 16, 2014 (Augusta District Court)