



JUSTICE, MEDIA AND THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW: Inherent Tensions and Practical Implications in a Free Society

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Toyota Auditorium, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy
1640 Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee

What does the public have the right to know about government activities? How can journalists best relay that information? How does a case go through the courts? Explore ways to access and disseminate information in order to build trust and confidence in government and a free press.

Journalists can see this program as a “law school for journalists,” emphasizing news coverage of law enforcement and courts and all beats that draw on public records and meetings.

Citizens can gain an understanding of our criminal justice system and learn what government information is available to them and how to get that information.

Public records administrators will learn the latest state policies for dealing with record requests, e.g., how to respond to citizens' requests for government records housed in your office and how to differentiate between public and confidential records.

Keynote speaker: Alex S. Jones, a native East Tennessean and now director of the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University, will speak at lunch. He covered the press for *The New York Times* from 1983-92 and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1987.

Other speakers and panelists: Experts in law enforcement, criminal and civil court procedures, state laws on open meetings and records and experienced journalists who cover governmental affairs will present.

Attendance is free, but registration is required by March 25 or until space is full. To register for the conference and relevant sessions [click here](#). To review a draft agenda [click here](#).

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