

***Human Rights Conference 2025: New and Expected Developments in Human Rights law in
Maine and New England***

Presented by the Maine Human Rights Commission

Attorneys and anyone interested in human rights issues in Maine are welcome.

5.75 house of live CLEs, including 1.5 H&D

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, Maine

8:30 - 8:50 **REGISTRATION**

8:55 - 9:00 am **WELCOME**

Kit Thomson Crossman, Executive Director, MHRC

9:00 - 10:00 am **DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC ENTITIES UNDER THE MHRA**

Barbara Archer Hirsch, Commission Counsel, MHRC

Alicia Rea, Policy Fellow, ACLU Maine

Jan Collins, Assistant Director, Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition

10:05 - 11:00 am **PANEL DISCUSSION ON LGBTQ+ RIGHTS**

Mary Bonauto, Senior Director of Civil Rights and Legal Strategies, GLAD Law

Alicia Rea, Policy Fellow, ACLU Maine

Gia Drew, Executive Director, EqualityMaine

Break - 11:05 - 11:20

11:20 am – 12:20 PM **PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION UNDER THE MHRA**

Jane O'Reilly, Lead Investigator, MHRC

Kristin Aiello, Attorney, Aiello Law

12:20 pm - 1:20 pm **LUNCH**

1:00 pm - 1:20 pm **KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY KIT THOMSON CROSSMAN**

1:25 pm - 3:00 pm **ALLYSHIP IN ACTION: THE DYNAMICS OF ALLYSHIP AND PRIVILEGE**

Mandy Levine, attorney & professional investigator, Mandy Levine Consulting, LLC

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm **BREAK**

COFFEE & COOKIES

3:15 pm - 4:30 pm **HUMAN RIGHTS LANDSCAPE IN NEW ENGLAND**

Michelle Dumas Keuler, Managing Director of Housing/Training and Commission Counsel, Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities

Big Hartman, Executive Director, Vermont Human Rights Commission

Lauren Hill, Chief Legal Counsel, Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights

Mike Memmolo, Executive Director, Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination

Julio Thompson, Co-Director Civil Rights Unit, Vermont Office of the Attorney General

Kit Thomson Crossman, Executive Director, MHRC