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## Practices

Media Law

## Education

B.A., Journalism,  
Pennsylvania State  
University

J.D., The John Marshall  
Law School

Certificate, Executive  
Education, Senior  
Executives in State and  
Local Government ,  
Harvard University,  
John F. Kennedy  
School of Government

## Bar Admissions

Illinois  
Pennsylvania

Terry Mutchler focuses her practice on media companies and multi-national corporations alike. She has represented defense contractors, pharmaceuticals, colleges and universities and healthcare providers to develop and execute strategies to maximize records access laws to competitive edge. Clients have also turned to her for training in this area of law to ensure compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. She has helped reporters, government officials and C-Suite executives to find non-litigation solutions.

She was appointed by Gov. Ed Rendell to create the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records and served as its founding Executive Director for seven years before creating the nation's first Transparency Law practice.

Before working for a major media law firm in Chicago, Mutchler clerked for both the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois, and the Executive Office of the President of the United States during the Clinton Administration focusing on privacy issues. She was appointed as Illinois' first Public Access Counselor and served as a senior advisor and speech writer to Illinois Attorney General. Mutchler has testified before Congress, advised state legislatures, and consulted with journalists, judges, policy makers, and a representative of The Hague seeking to duplicate the "Pennsylvania Model" of open government in their jurisdictions. Common Cause awarded Mutchler the 2016 Bob Edgar Public Service Achievement Award for "*outstanding contribution to transparency in government and integrity for her force of imagination, initiative and perseverance.*" The National Freedom of Information Coalition inducted Mutchler into 2018 Hall of Fame.

Before entering the field of law, Mutchler was an investigative reporter for The Associated Press, becoming the first woman to be appointed AP Statehouse Bureau Chief in Springfield, Illinois. She also served as AP Correspondent in Atlantic City, NJ., covering Donald Trump, and Juneau, Alaska covering politics and the environment. She also was a reporter in Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Senate, and won several Keystone Awards, Pennsylvania's top honor for reporting during her tenure at *The Morning Call* of Allentown.

A sought-after speaker, Mutchler has delivered more than 1,500 speeches and training sessions to government officials, businesses, members of the media and citizens on transparency issues.

Mutchler published her first book, Under This Beautiful Dome in 2014, a best-selling and award-winning memoir. She has been interviewed by a number of national news outlets, including *The Rachel Maddow Show*, *National Public Radio*, *CNN*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Thomson Reuters*, *the AP*, *Slate*, *Politico*, *The Washington Post* and *Pa Spotlight*.

She serves as a Board Member for the National Freedom of Information Coalition, Pennsylvania Common Cause and also The Chestnut Hill newspaper.

Mutchler received her B.A. from the Pennsylvania State University and J.D. from the John Marshall School of Law in Chicago. She was a Bohnett Fellow for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

### Professional and Community Activities

- National Freedom of Information Coalition, Board Member
- Common Cause, Board of Directors
- Media Law Resource Center, Member

### Professional Recognition

- National Freedom of Information Coalition, 50-State Hall of Fame Award
- National Public Service Achievement Award, Common Cause
- Bohnett Summer Fellowship Recipient, Harvard University
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Commendation Award
- Published Author, *Under This Beautiful Dome* (Seal 2014)
- National Independent Book Publishers Award
- LAMBDA Literary Award, Memoir
- Juried Artist Exhibit, 3rd Street Gallery Philadelphia

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