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Charles Mitchell Named Director of Business and Legislative Relations

AUGUSTA, ME — Charlie Mitchell, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union's State Legislative Office in Washington, DC, has been named Director of Business and Legislative Relations for the Maine Community College System. Mitchell is a native of Vassalboro and served two terms in the Maine House of Representatives.

In his new post, Mitchell will serve as the community college system's liaison to the Maine business community and the Maine State Legislature.

In making the announcement, MCCS President John Fitzsimmons said: "Charlie believes deeply in the mission of the community colleges, and we welcome him into our family. He has the talent and experience to be effective both with the legislature and Maine's business community."

During his two terms in the legislature (1999-2002), Mitchell represented Vassalboro and part of Augusta and served on the Judiciary, Criminal Justice and Public Safety, and House Ethics Committees. At the ACLU, he has been responsible for working with the organization's local affiliates and with legislators around the country on state-level legislation affecting civil liberties. Previously, he served with the American Bar Association in Sarajevo, participating in the drafting of the national criminal code for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mitchell attended Winslow (ME) High School and received his B.A. from Tufts University and his J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law. He begins his new role with the community colleges on October 15, 2007.

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