Public Engagement with the Media

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Initiating and Fostering a Media Relationship

- Take advantage of what UMass has to offer
  - Office of News & Media Relations
    - Media advisories
  - Public Engagement Project
    - Media training
  - Office of Information Technologies
    - Webpage
Media


Collins is available to comment on a variety of topics, including the following:

- Supreme Court decisions and decision making
- The Supreme Court nomination and confirmation process
- Amicus curiae briefs
- Interest group litigation
- Civil rights and liberties
- Lower federal and state court decisions

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Below, you can find links to some of Collins' media appearances:

Print Media

New York Times: Study Finds Questioning of Nominees to Be Useful

ABA Journal: It was another big term for amicus curiae briefs at the high court

Radio

Radio-Times (WHYY): What Have we learned about Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan?

Television

Voice of America: Lengthy Legal Battle Looms Over Obama Immigration Order
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- Build relationships with reporters
  - Tell them what else you are up to
  - Seek out opportunities
  - Be willing to speak outside of your immediate area of expertise
  - Don’t burn bridges
Tips for Media Engagement

- Find the medium you are most comfortable with
- Don’t dwell on how you come across
- Don’t take comments (especially anonymous comments) personally
- Value your time