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Governor appoints Robert C. Douglas to Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Maryland Governor Wes Moore has appointed Robert C. Douglas, Esq. to serve on the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission, [Maryland Public Television's \(MPT\)](http://mpt.org) 11-member governing body.

The Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission was created by statute in 1966 to establish and maintain a system of educational and cultural television programming for Maryland. The commission holds the federal license for the six broadcasting stations MPT operates across the state. MPT is a member of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

Douglas was previously appointed to the commission by Governors Schaefer and Glendening before serving on the MPT Foundation, Inc. board of directors for the past 14 years. For the foundation, he provides counsel and support to the private 501(c)(3) nonprofit established to encourage increased funding for MPT and receive donations and grants on MPT's behalf. In 2018, he was the recipient of the MPT Champion Award, presented to business, government, and community leaders who support MPT and its work in a significant way.



Over a nearly four-decade legal career, 30 years of which were at the Baltimore office of the national law firm DLA Piper LLP, Douglas provided organizations and clients with strategic legal counsel and representation on a wide range of civil and government matters. He currently operates the Office of Bob Douglas LLC to serve corporate and individual clients.

Douglas serves as advisory board chairman and member of the Schaefer Center for Public Policy at the University of Baltimore. He is also advisory board vice chair for the Wine and Spirit Wholesalers Association of America.

Before his legal career, Douglas worked locally in both broadcast and print media for more than a decade. He held producer and assignment editor roles at WMAR-TV and was managing editor at WBAL-TV. He was also a reporter and editor at the Baltimore News-American newspaper.

Douglas earned a bachelor's degree in English from Duke University and a law degree from the University of Maryland.

He resides in Pasadena, Maryland.

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About Maryland Public Television

Maryland Public Television (MPT) is a statewide, public-supported TV network and Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) member offering entertaining and educational content delivered by traditional broadcasting and streaming on TVs, computers, and mobile devices via its [online video player](#) and the [free PBS app](#). A state agency operating under the auspices of the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission, MPT also produces local, regional, and national programming and frequently earns regional Emmy® awards for its work. MPT's commitment to educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is delivered through its [Maryland Center for Media Literacy & Education](#) and [Thinkport.org](#). MPT's year-round community engagement activities connect viewers with resources covering a wide range of topics. More information is available at [mpt.org](#).