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Michael F. Curtin, 55, is vice chairman and COO of The Dispatch Printing Co. and associate publisher of The Columbus Dispatch.

With The Dispatch for 34 years, Curtin began as a general assignment reporter. For 18 years, most of his reporting career, he specialized in the coverage of state and local government and politics. His beats included Columbus City Hall, Franklin County government, the Ohio General Assembly, and local and state political campaigns.

In 1985, Curtin became the paper's chief political writer and director of The Dispatch Poll. In October 1994, he became the paper's executive managing editor. He was promoted to editor in December 1995 and associate publisher in July 1998.

He was named president in January 1999, COO in January 2002 and vice chairman in January 2005. Dispatch Printing is the umbrella company for the newspaper, WBNS10-TV, 97.1 FM and 1460 AM radio stations, ThisWeek newspapers, On-Target Marketing/TheBag and WTHR-TV in Indianapolis.

He is the author of The Ohio Politics Almanac, 1st and 2nd editions, published by Kent State University Press. Current civic positions include serving on the boards of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Mt. Carmel Health System, YMCA of Central Ohio, the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation and the Catholic Foundation of the Columbus Diocese.

He is a Columbus native and a graduate of The Ohio State University School of Journalism. He is married to Sharon Rhodes Curtin; they have two adult children.