

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RESCINDING THE MARYLAND ACCESS TO  
JUSTICE COMMISSION AS A UNIT OF THE JUDICIARY

WHEREAS, In 2008, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals established the Maryland Access to Justice Commission, charging it with the responsibility of addressing existing barriers to access to the courts and legal services in Maryland and with expanding opportunities for citizens to benefit from the protections, rights, and resources that the law provides; and

WHEREAS, By Administrative Orders, dated March 18, 2010, and April 17, 2013, the Commission's existence, composition, and functions were memorialized and a term established; and

WHEREAS, In October 2014, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals accepted the recommendation by a work group established to study the governance of the Maryland Judiciary to sunset the Commission effective January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Judiciary created, funded and staffed a new Access to Justice Department within the Administrative Office of the Courts; and

WHEREAS, An independent Access to Justice Commission has been established in which the Judiciary is represented.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and administrative head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by

Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, do hereby order this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015, that the Administrative Order as to the Maryland Access to Justice Commission, dated March 18, 2010, and the Administrative Order Continuing the Maryland Access to Justice Commission, dated April 17, 2013, shall be and hereby are rescinded.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera

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Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals

Filed: September 28, 2015

/s/ Bessie M. Decker

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Clerk

Court of Appeals of Maryland