

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER CONCLUDING THE PILOT PROJECTS IN
ANNE ARUNDEL AND WICOMICO COUNTIES PERMITTING
DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS TO FILE AND UPDATE CERTAIN RECORDS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS VIA MARYLAND ELECTRONIC COURTS (MDEC)
AND AUTHORIZING THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR TO PROCEED WITH
IMPLEMENTATION IN JURISDICTIONS UTILIZING MDEC

WHEREAS, Maryland Rule 20-103(b)(1) authorizes the implementation of such pilot programs as are necessary and useful for the proper and efficient implementation of the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) system, a single, Judiciary-wide, integrated case management system that, when completed, will be used by all trial and appellate courts; and

WHEREAS, Rule 20-201(m)(1)(B) authorizes one or more pilot programs that permit District Court Commissioners to use the MDEC system to file records of pretrial release proceedings pursuant to certain designated rules directly with a Circuit Court through the MDEC system; and

WHEREAS, Rule 20-201(m)(1)(B) further provides that filings by District Court Commissioners are subject to the Circuit Court Clerk's post-filing review, including correction of clerical errors; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Rule 20-201(m)(1)(B), the State Court Administrator is responsible for policies and procedures for pilot programs permitting District Court Commissioners to file electronically with Circuit Courts; and

WHEREAS, The pilot projects in Anne Arundel and Wicomico Counties, authorized by the Administrative Order Approving the Pilot Projects in Anne Arundel and Wicomico Counties Permitting District Court Commissioners to File and Update Certain

Records in the Circuit Court via Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC), filed August 29, 2017, having been evaluated by the Administrative Office of the Courts under the supervision of the State Court Administrator and having determined that, with procedures in place to ensure the prompt review of the accuracy of the information entered and immediate correction if needed, the necessary functionality has been achieved to justify implementation in the jurisdictions utilizing MDEC, and the State Court Administrator having recommended such implementation as feasible and efficacious,

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 this 6th day of March 2018 hereby order, pursuant to Rules 20-103(b)(1) and 20-201(m)(1)(B), that

- (a) the pilot programs in Anne Arundel County and Wicomico County permitting District Court Commissioners to file records of pretrial release proceedings in the appropriate Circuit Court via MDEC for the purpose of testing the operational efficacy of such filing by the District Court shall be and hereby are concluded; and
- (b) the filing of records of pretrial release proceedings by District Court Commissioners in the appropriate Circuit Court via MDEC in Anne Arundel County and Wicomico County may continue; and
- (c) the State Court Administrator shall proceed with implementation of such functionality, supported by the policies and procedures developed by the State Court Administrator and refined during the pilot period, in the jurisdictions utilizing MDEC pursuant to a schedule to be developed by the State Court Administrator in coordination with the respective Circuit Courts and the District Court of Maryland; and
- (d) the Administrative Order Approving the Pilot Projects in Anne Arundel and Wicomico Counties Permitting District Court Commissioners to File and Update

Certain Records in the Circuit Court via Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC),
filed August 29, 2017, shall be and hereby is rescinded, effective immediately.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera
Mary Ellen Barbera
Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals

Filed: March 6, 2018

/s/ Bessie M. Decker
Bessie M. Decker
Clerk
Court of Appeals of Maryland

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