

Circuit\* Court for Charles County Resident\*\* Judges 1790-

Michael Jenifer Stone	1791-1802
William B. Stone	1845
Peter W. Crain	1847-1861
Frederick Stone	1881-1890
George C. Merrick	1896-1909
W. Mitchell Digges	1923-1934
Walter J. Mitchell	1934-1941
J. Dudley Digges	1949-1969
James C. Mitchell	1969-1975
George W. Bowling	1975-1995
Robert C. Nalley	1980
Richard J. Clark	1980-2002
Robert C. Nalley	1988-
Steven G. Chappelle	1995- 2012
Christopher C. Henderson	1996-2008
Amy J. Bragunier	2002-
Helen I. Harrington	2009-

\*Chapter 33 of the Acts of 1790 established county courts within judicial districts and provided that judicial officers would preside, in contrast to the earlier county court system in which multiple justices exercised executive as well as judicial functions. Until 1867, Charles County was consistently in the First District, which always included Prince George's and St. Mary's counties and usually Calvert. Article IV of the 1867 Constitution replaced the judicial districts with circuits and what had been called county courts were now circuit courts. Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's and Calvert counties have always comprised the Seventh Circuit.

\*\* A resident judge for each Seventh Circuit county was first required as of January 1, 1955 by an amendment to Article IV, Section 21, ratified in 1954.