

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

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| 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 – 2013 |
| Steven G. Chappelle      | 1995 – 2012 |
| Christopher C. Henderson | 1996 – 2008 |
| Amy J. Bragunier         | 2002 – 2020 |
| Helen I. Harrington      | 2009 – 2017 |
| Jerome R. Spencer        | 2012 – 2014 |
| Hayward J. West          | 2014 –      |
| Thomas R. Simpson        | 2014 – 2017 |
| William R. Greer, Jr.    | 2017 –      |
| Donine Carrington Martin | 2017 –      |
| Patrick J. Devine        | 2018 – 2020 |
| Makeba Gibbs             | 2020 –      |
| Monise A. Brown          | 2022 –      |

\*Chapter 33 of 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, 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.