

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL'S SPECIALTY COURTS AND DOCKETS COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

The Specialty Courts and Dockets will promote and oversee the development, implementation and evaluation of specialty courts and dockets in the courts.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

The Committee will ensure the utilization of best practices by specialty courts and special dockets, in areas such as substance abuse, mental health and alcoholism, business and technology, and science and technology. It will monitor and direct the evaluation of the delivery of evidence-based training, technical assistance, research, funding and support for specialty courts and special dockets. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Nicholas E. Rattal, Chair

NAME	TERM
Hon George Lipman, Vice Chair, District Court, Baltimore City	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Keith A. Baynes, Circuit Court Cecil County	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Kathleen L. Beckstead, Circuit Court, Wicomico County	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Magistrate James Bonifant, Circuit Court, Montgomery County	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Mark S. Chandlee, Circuit Court, Calvert County	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Broughton M. Earnest, Senior Judge Circuit Court, Talbot County	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Helen I. Harrington, Circuit Court, Charles County	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Patrice E. Lewis, District Court, Prince George's County	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Magistrate Troy Hill, Circuit Court, Baltimore City	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Thomas J. Pryal, District Court, Anne Arundel County	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Nancy Purpura, Circuit Court, Baltimore County	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Ronald B. Rubin, Circuit Court, Montgomery County	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Judy K. Rupp, Circuit Court, Montgomery County	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth, Circuit Court, Anne Arundel County	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Norman R. Stone III, District Court, Baltimore County	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Ann Wagner-Stewart, District Court, Prince George's County	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Sean D. Wallace, Circuit Court Prince George's County	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Beverly Woodard, Circuit Court, Prince George's County	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Ricardo D. Zwaig, District Court, Howard County	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017

Gray Barton, *Staff*

SUBCOMMITTEES

NAME: PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS SUBCOMMITTEE

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee encompasses: Adult Circuit Court Drug Court; Juvenile Drug Court; District Court Drug Court; Mental Health Court; Veterans' Court; Re-entry Court; and Truancy Court. The purpose of this subcommittee is to assist these courts in its purview and provide a comprehensive and collaborative approach to dealing with the issues that arise for the participants in these courts. This subcommittee will assist each county in employing best practices, including: providing evidence based training; technical assistance; research; and in identifying funding support to their courts. The subcommittee will be in constant contact with each of the counties and their respective courts to allow for sharing information concerning what works, but also what doesn't work. This subcommittee will maintain its current role of reviewing and commenting on all applications for the creation of new specialty courts in Maryland. This subcommittee will also assume the roles of the Drug Court Oversight Committee and the Mental Health Oversight Committee. The Problem Solving Courts Subcommittee will therefore be responsible for reviewing all statistics and reports from these particular courts to ensure they are remaining up-to-date with the recommended evidence based practices and maintaining proper records.

This subcommittee will also be responsible for providing training to members of the judiciary regarding the topics that fall under this subcommittee's purview. This subcommittee's training will be offered both in collaboration with the Judicial Institute and independent of it. This subcommittee will be well-positioned to administer this training not only to the judiciary, but also to the State's Attorneys' Offices, the Defense Bar, the Health Department, Community Supervision and Law Enforcement. I believe these updates should be provided on a yearly basis.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Thomas J. Pryal, Chair

NAME	TERM
Hon. Kathleen L. Beckstead	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Mark S. Chandlee	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Broughton M. Earnest (<i>Senior Judge</i>)	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Julie Glass	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Melvin Jews	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Magistrate Mary Kent	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Judy Rupp, Court Administrator, Montgomery County	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Magistrate Wendy Schenkera	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Ann Wagner-Stewart	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Beverly Woodard	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Ricardo Zwaig	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017

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ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

Provide a written report at least once a year to outline proposals and actions.

EXPECTED DURATION

Indefinite.

Rev. 3/23/17

NAME: MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOLISM, AND ADDICTION SUBCOMMITTEE

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee will explore trial court sentencing alternatives for the treatment and rehabilitation of the seriously mental ill and substance-addicted defendants who are not enrolled in the specialty courts. This subcommittee will work closely with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“DHMH”) and other governmental agencies to monitor and provide information regarding both community and residential based treatment. The subcommittee will emphasize reducing the delays in the placement of incompetent and addicted defendants (Rule 8-507) and work closely with their partners in the legislative and executive branches. One goal will be to ensure resources are readily available for more DHMH-compliant probation supervision for the mentally ill and substance-addicted defendants. This subcommittee will work with the Judicial Institute to provide training in this area.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. George Lipman, Chair

Hon. Lynne Battaglia, Senior Judge	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Louis A. Becker, Senior Judge	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Marielsa Bernard	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Rachel Cogen	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Mimi Cooper	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Helen I. Harrington	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Robert Wilson Heffron	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Patrice E. Lewis	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. John Nunn	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Nancy M. Purpura	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Gale E. Rasin, Senior Judge	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Mary Reese	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017
Hon. Dana Moylan Wright	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017

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Robert Pointer, *Staff*

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

Provide a written report at least once a year to outline proposals and actions.

EXPECTED DURATION

Indefinite.

NAME: BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY CASE MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee will deal with the issues generated by the Business and Technology Specialty Docket, to include: reviewing of the forms; using Rule 16-205 to promote consistency within the State regarding the categorization of a case as a business and technology case; providing training in this area to judges; and formulating recommendations on the management of complicated discovery and scientific issues that arise in business and technology cases. This subcommittee will provide local jurisdictions with updated information to ensure scientific-based best practices are utilized. This subcommittee will also recommend the training of more judges to qualify them to handle these complicated types of litigation. It is apparent that there are currently too few judges who are qualified to handle these cases, as more and more qualified judges retire. In addition, this subcommittee will assist with coordinating the ASTAR Judges, who deal with scientific issues that are interrelated to complicated litigation. Finally, this subcommittee will assist the Judicial Institute in providing new business and technology judge orientation, as well as advanced training for judges who are already familiar with business and technology cases.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Sean D. Wallace, Chair

Hon. Audrey J. S. Carrion	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Ronald B. Rubin	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018
Hon. Harry Storm	January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2018

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ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

Provide a written report at least once a year to outline proposals and actions.

EXPECTED DURATION

Indefinite.

WORKGROUP

NAME: WORK GROUP ON LEGISLATION

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Provide feedback to the Legislative Committee on proposed legislation relevant to the Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee issue areas.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Nicholas E. Rattal, Chair

Hon. George Lipman
Hon. Thomas J. Pryal
Hon. Sean D. Wallace

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ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

Provide feedback to the Legislative Committee on relevant legislation.

EXPECTED DURATION

Ninety days (January – April)