

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON EXPANSION  
OF MARYLAND ELECTRONIC COURTS

WHEREAS, The Maryland Judiciary has undertaken the Maryland Electronic Courts project (MDEC) to create a single, Judiciary-wide, integrated case management system that will be used by all of the State appellate and trial courts; and

WHEREAS, The initial pilot implementation of MDEC began in the fall of 2014, in Anne Arundel County, and that pilot program having been successful, MDEC is now being implemented statewide in phases, on a geographic basis,

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018, order as follows:

(a) Courts Utilizing MDEC

Consistent with Maryland Rule 20-101, the courts utilizing MDEC are as follows:

- (1) The Court of Appeals may accept electronic filings only in appeals from the courts listed herein;
- (2) The Court of Special Appeals may accept electronic filings only in appeals from the courts listed herein;
- (3) The Circuit and District Courts in Allegany County, effective October 16, 2017;
- (4) The Circuit and District Courts in Anne Arundel County, effective October 14, 2014;
- (5) The Circuit and District Courts in Caroline County, effective July 18, 2016;

- (6) The Circuit and District Courts in Carroll County, effective April 16, 2018;
- (7) The Circuit and District Courts in Calvert County, effective June 12, 2017;
- (8) The Circuit and District Courts in Cecil County, effective July 18, 2016;
- (9) The Circuit and District Courts in Charles County, effective June 12, 2017;
- (10) The Circuit and District Courts in Dorchester County, effective December 12, 2016;
- (11) The Circuit and District Courts in Frederick County, effective October 16, 2017;
- (12) The Circuit and District Courts in Garrett County, effective October 16, 2017;
- (13) The Circuit and District Courts in Harford County, effective April 16, 2018;
- (14) The Circuit and District Courts in Howard County, effective April 16, 2018;
- (15) The Circuit and District Courts in Kent County, effective July 18, 2016;
- (16) The Circuit and District Courts in Queen Anne's County, effective July 18, 2016;
- (17) The Circuit and District Courts in Somerset County, effective December 12, 2016;
- (18) The Circuit and District Courts in St. Mary's County, effective June 12, 2017;
- (19) The Circuit and District Courts in Talbot County, effective July 18, 2016;

- (20) The Circuit and District Courts in Washington County, effective October 16, 2017;
  - (21) The Circuit and District Courts in Wicomico County, effective December 12, 2016; and
  - (22) The Circuit and District Courts in Worcester County, effective December 12, 2016.
- (b) Landlord/tenant failure to pay rent cases in these jurisdictions remain exempt from the electronic filing requirement.
  - (c) The Administrative Order on Expansion of Maryland Electronic Courts, filed September 27, 2017, shall be and hereby is rescinded, effective immediately.

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

Filed: March 30, 2018

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