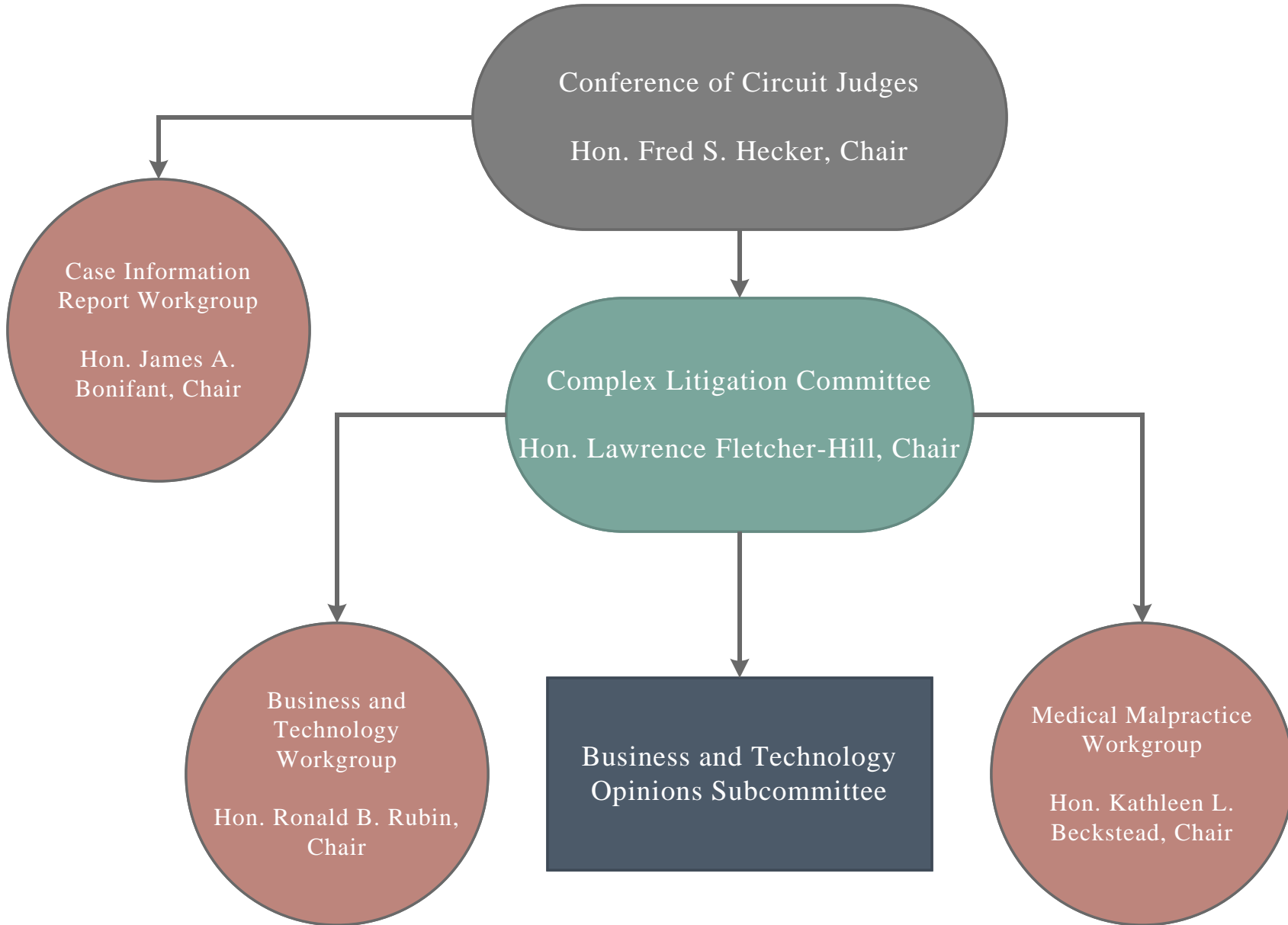


Conference of Circuit Judges 2025 Term



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2025

Hon. Heather DeWees
Chair, Conference of Circuit
Court Clerks
Ex-Officio

Matthew Barrett
Chair, Conference of Circuit
Court Administrators
Ex-Officio

Hon. S. James Sarbanes
1st Judicial Circuit
Administrative Judge

Hon. Brian D. Shockley
1st Judicial Circuit
Worcester County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Brenda A. Sexton
2nd Judicial Circuit
Administrative Judge

Hon. William W. Davis, Jr.
2nd Judicial Circuit
Cecil County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Yolanda L. Curtin
Vice-Chair
3rd Judicial Circuit
Administrative Judge

Hon. Wendy S. Epstein
3rd Judicial Circuit
Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Jeffrey S. Getty
4th Judicial Circuit
Administrative Judge

Hon. Viki M. Pauler
4th Judicial Circuit
Washington County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Fred S. Hecker
Chair
5th Judicial Circuit
Administrative Judge

Hon. Lara C. Weathersbee
5th Judicial Circuit
Howard County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. James A. Bonifant
6th Judicial Circuit
Administrative Judge

Hon. Julia A. Martz-Fisher
6th Judicial Circuit
Frederick County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. DaNeeka V. Cotton
7th Judicial Circuit
Administrative Judge

VACANT
7th Judicial Circuit
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Audrey J.S. Carrion
8th Judicial Circuit
Administrative Judge

Hon. Anthony F. Vittoria
8th Judicial Circuit
Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff: Unique Wright

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Conference

Complex Litigation Committee

Hon. Lawrence Fletcher-Hill, Chair
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 23, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. Kathleen L. Beckstead
1st District
Wicomico County

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. Judith C. Ensor
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

VACANT

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. Viki M. Pauler
4th District
Washington County

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. Ronald B. Rubin
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. William A. Snoddy
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

September 18, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Robert J. Thompson
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court

June 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Complex Litigation Coordinator: Lisa Mannisi

Nature and Purpose:

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Work Product:

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Duration:

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Business and
Technology Workgroup

Hon. Ronald B. Rubin,
Chair
January 1, 2023 –
December 31, 2024

Hon. Jeffrey M. Geller
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

VACANT

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

William Krulak, Esq.

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Jean Evelyn Lewis, Esq.

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Eric Orlinsky, Esq.

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Keith R. Truffer
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Staff: Lisa Mannisi

Nature and Purpose:

This Work Group is created to serve as an advisory body to the Committee on Complex Litigation. The Work Group will provide input from members of the bench and bar who litigate business and technology cases before the circuit courts. The Work Group will report practitioners' observations on forms, processes, procedures, and other aspects impacting the effective and efficient resolution of cases amongst the various courts, including both successful practices and problem areas in need of improvement. The Work Group is authorized to provide recommendations for the Committee's consideration.

Work Product:

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Duration:

This WG will be appointed for 2 year-terms and will meet at least on a quarterly basis.

Medical Malpractice
Work Group

Hon. Judith C. Ensor,
Chair
January 1, 2023 –
December 31, 2024

Andrew Burnett, Esq.

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Mairi Patricia Macguire, Esq.

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Michael Nakamura, Esq.

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Charlene Notarcola
Clerk of Court
Cecil County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Timothy Sheridan
Court Administrator
Montgomery County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. William A. Snoddy
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Staff: Lisa Mannisi

Nature and Purpose:

This Work Group is created to serve as an advisory body to the Committee on Complex Litigation. The Work Group will provide input from members of the bench and bar who litigate medical malpractice cases before the circuit courts. The Work Group will report practitioners' observations on forms, processes, procedures, and other aspects impacting the effective and efficient resolution of cases amongst the various courts, including both successful practices and problem areas in need of improvement. The Work Group is authorized to provide recommendations for the Committee's consideration.

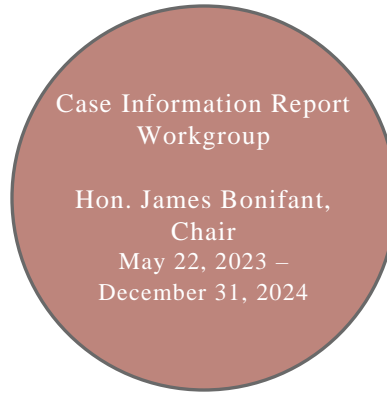
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Rich Abbott
Director of Juvenile & Family Services
AOC

May 25, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Tabatha Curtis
Unit Supervisor
Montgomery County Circuit Court

May 25, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Amy Streight
Senior Judiciary Clerk
Cecil County Circuit Court

May 25, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Erica Todd
Lead Judiciary Clerk
Dorchester County Circuit Court

May 25, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Jamie Walter
Director of Research & Analysis
AOC

May 25, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Amanda Williams
Criminal & Civil Case Manager
Montgomery County

May 25, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Staff: Amanda Williams

Nature and Purpose:

The nature/purpose of the workgroup is to review and revise the current Civil Domestic and Civil Non-Domestic case information reports to better serve the public and allow the Courts to capture important information needed to help benefit the Courts case management and DCM plans.

Work Product:

The workgroup will produce updated and revised case information reports, both domestic and non-domestic.

Duration:

May 2024

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Complex
Litigation

Business and Technology Opinions Subcommittee

Hon. Harry C. Storm
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Keith R. Truffer
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Staff: Vacant

Nature and Purpose:

This Subcommittee is created to provide an expert judicial body available to review BTCMP opinions for suitability before the opinions are posted on the BTCMP website. The Subcommittee is comprised of two currently designated BTCMP judges. The judges will coordinate with the Complex Litigation Coordinator whenever an opinion is submitted for posting. The Subcommittee is also authorized to provide recommendations on the BTCMP for the Committee's consideration.

Work Product:

As the function of the Subcommittee is to review and approve BTCMP opinions for public posting, a formal written report is not required. However, the Complex Litigation Coordinator will report to the Committee during its meetings how many, if any, opinions were approved and posted that quarter.

Duration:

The Subcommittee will be appointed for 2 year-terms.

Md. Rule 16-702

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Administrative Judge / Designee

Baltimore City
Administrative Judge / Designee

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