

Joseph H. H. Kaplan is retired from the Baltimore City Circuit Court, 8th Judicial Circuit, where he served almost 30 years on the Bench. Judge Kaplan served as both the Circuit Administrative Judge (for 15 years) and the Chief Judge (for 8 years). He also served as one of the initial Co-Chairs of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Section of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA). Prior to his term on the Bench, Judge Kaplan was a Partner at *Venable, Baetjer & Howard*, and an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland. Judge Kaplan is well known for his successful handling of the Maryland Savings and Loan Crisis, for his renovations and restorations of the two Baltimore City Court Houses, and for causing the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center to be built. Judge Kaplan graduated from Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Chicago Law School. Judge Kaplan was recently designated as a “living legal legend” by the Bar Association of Baltimore City.