HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER PANOS (RET.)

Christopher Panos serves as senior judge in the Maryland Judiciary. Prior to taking senior status in February 2024, Judge Panos served as associate judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City from 2013 – 2024, as associate judge of the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City from 2006 – 2013, and as Special Master, Family Division, Circuit Court for Baltimore City from 1999 – 2006. Prior to public service, Judge Panos engaged in private practice at Klemkowski & Panos, P.A. in Baltimore from 1990 – 1999.

Judge Panos served on the Judicial Institute of Maryland (now known as the Judicial College of Maryland) board of directors and its curriculum committee, and as board liaison and course coordinator for numerous judicial education courses. He continues to teach at the Judicial College's annual New Trial Judge Orientation and annual Family Law University courses. Judge Panos has served on Judicial College workgroups involving legislation and family law, and he presently serves on the college's Criminal Law University workgroup.

Judge Panos' memberships include the International Association of LGBTQ+ Judges, Maryland State Bar Association, and Bar Association of Baltimore City. Judge Panos co-chaired the BABC Bench-Bar Committee and chaired the BABC Family Law Committee. Additional memberships have included the Maryland Judicial Conference Planning Committee, the Judicial Conference Domestic Violence and Custody subcommittees of the Family Law Committee, MSBA Standing Committee on Professionalism, MSBA Family and Juvenile Law Section Council, and BABC Executive Council. Judge Panos is a life fellow of the Maryland Bar Foundation and a fellow of the Baltimore Bar Foundation.

Judge Panos attended the University of Baltimore School of Law and received a Juris Doctor degree in 1989. He attended the University of Baltimore Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts and received a Master of Arts degree in 1984. Judge Panos attended the University of Maryland at College Park, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1980.