

Hot Topics Newsletter


2021
Save the Date!

APRIL 28 – 29, 2021
Daily: 8:45 am to 12:00 noon
 The Maryland Judiciary
JUDICIAL CONFERENCE
GOES VIRTUAL
 In keeping with the CDC and MHD guidelines, the
 2021 Judicial Conference will be held using a virtual
 format.
 MORE INFORMATION TO COME
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MARYLAND JUDICIARY'S DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CALENDAR

An email was recently circulated introducing the [Maryland Judiciary's Diversity and Inclusion Calendar](#). This new tool is recommended to be used for a variety of ways as highlighted in the email, including:

- Leading a discussion on a selected diverse group.
- Presenting on a person or group highlighted during the month of a meeting.
- Creating team exercises where a "Find the Facts" handout is prepared.

Your feedback on the calendar is requested. Please contact the Judicial College at judicialcollege@mdcourts.gov.

Registration to attend the 2021 Judicial Conference opened on March 15 and will close on April 9 at 5 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

- For all COVID-19 updates, please visit mdcourts.gov and click on the red banner labeled COVID-19 UPDATE at the top of the page.
- For the latest news, updates, payroll info, Hot Topics and more, check out the Senior Judge webpage, <https://mdcourts.gov/hr/seniorjudges>. Don't forget to save the link so you can refer to it at any time.
- Have something about yourself that you want to share? Please contact Eliana Pangelinan at Eliana.pangelinan@mdcourts.gov to be featured in a new recurring column, What's Happening?.
- The Mentoring Subcommittee is looking for mentors to new judges. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Judicial College at judicialcollege@mdcourts.gov by completing the New Trial Judge Mentoring Program Interest Form that is on Courtnet, <https://courtnet.courts.state.md.us/judicialeducation/pdf/mentorinterestform.pdf>.

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A PURSUIT OF JUSTICE BLOG

The Senior Judges Committee welcomes its newest member, Senior Judge Steven I. Platt. His article "Transitioning Off The Bench And Then Some" has appeared in the American Bar Association, ABA Judges Journal, Fall 2020 Edition, Volume 59, No.4. Judge Platt's other writings are included in his blog, A Pursuit of Justice, <https://www.apursuitofjustice.com/>. Many of the articles in his blog have also appeared as Op-Ed Columns in The Daily Record for over 13 years.

HOW WELL DO WE COMMUNICATE?

A survey was emailed to all Senior Judges on February 19, 2021 with just a few questions to reflect upon, and to date, we have received over 100 responses. The Committee will take time to review the responses and determine what changes or improvements need to be made within the Senior Judges Website and in our Hot Topics newsletter. We are always open to new ideas and welcome any suggestions you may have.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

In 2020, the Judicial Education department launched its Lunchtime Webinar program. By offering virtual classes, they were able to reach the masses with the attraction of not having to travel to the Maryland Judicial Center in Annapolis and offer a broader range of class topics. Upcoming classes include:

- **March 12** Affidavit Judgments *with Judge Wayne A. Brooks*
- **March 26** Truancy Courts & Programs – Helping Students Make the Connection: Attendance Matters for Success in School & Life *with Judge Ronald A. Silkworth (Ret.) & Judge Karen A. Murphy Jensen*
- **April 9** DV Reimagined: Remote Processing, Best Practices, & How to Move Forward *with Judge James H. Green & Judge Ada E. Clark-Edwards*
- **May 14** The Future of DNA Post-Conviction Claims *with Judge Robert Taylor, Jr.*
- **June 4** Statistics for Judges: What You Need to Know When Math Breaks Out In Your Courtroom *with Dr. Hariharan (Hari) K. Iyer & Dr. Steven P. Lund*
- **June 11** The DCM of ADR *with Judge Danielle M. Mosley & Maureen A. Denihan, Esq.*
- **July 30** Talk Less, Smile More: Navigating Rent Court...Maybe Without a Duel! *with Judge Catherine Chen*
- **September 3** QDRO & Military Pensions *with Emily Woodward Deutsch, Esq.*
- **September 17** Maryland Attorneys' Fees *with Judge Mark F. Scurti*
- **October 8** Competency & NCRs: Nuts & Bolts Considerations for the Courtroom *with Judge Marina L. Sabett*
- **October 22** The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act *with Colonel Michael G. Comeau*
- **November 5** The Subject Formerly Known as Bail Review: Considerations in Pretrial Release & Detention *with Judge Stacy A. Mayer*
- **December 3** Legal/Medical Aspects of Lead Paint & Asbestos *with Judge Shannon E. Avery*

Please see the 2021 Course Catalog on Courtnet at the link below for other classes offered. Questions concerning class registration or the attendance policy should be directed to the Judicial College Registrar at educationregistrar@mdcourts.gov or 410-260-3573.

<https://courtnet.courts.state.md.us/judicialeducation/pdf/2021judicialeducationcoursecatalog.pdf>

W-2 REQUESTS

Duplicate W-2s can be obtained through the Payroll Online Service Center (POSC). If you are unable to access POSC or unable to print a copy, please contact Payroll Services at (410) 260-1735.

[HTTPS://INTERACTIVE.MARYLANDTAXES.GOV/EXTRANET/CPB/POSC/USER/START.ASPX](https://interactive.marylandtaxes.gov/extranet/cpb/posc/user/start.aspx)



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- I am an employee and I want to access my payroll information
 I am a Payroll Representative and I want to access agency payroll information
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Please choose one of the following options:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Year Pay Stubs | <input type="checkbox"/> Update Address / W4 (Tax Withholding) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Year Pay Stubs | <input type="checkbox"/> Update Direct Deposit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> View / Print Duplicate W-2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Signup / Modify Web Only Access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> View SPS Employee ID | |
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

To change your address, you have two options:

1. Complete new W4 forms and submit them to the Central Payroll Bureau.
- or
2. Complete the process online using the Payroll Online Service Center (POSC).

<https://interactive.marylandtaxes.gov/extranet/cpb/posc/user/start.aspx>

Form **W-4**

Employee's Withholding Certificate

2021

FOR MARYLAND STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ONLY

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Complete Form W-4 so that your employer can withhold the correct federal income tax from your pay.
 Give Form W-4 to your employer.
 Your withholding is subject to review by the IRS.

Step 1 – Personal Information (Please complete form in black ink.)

Payroll System (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> RG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> UM		Agency Number 220100	Name of Employing Agency Maryland Judiciary
(a) Employee Name		(b) Social Security Number	
Home Address (number and street or rural route) (apartment number, if any)			Does the name match the name on your Social Security card? If not, to ensure you get credit for your earnings, contact SSA at 800-772-1213 or go to www.ssa.gov
City	State	Zip Code	County of Residence (required)
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Single or Married filing separately <input type="checkbox"/> Married filing jointly (or Qualifying widow(er)) <input type="checkbox"/> Head of household (Check only if you're unmarried and pay more than half the costs of keeping up a home for yourself and a qualifying individual.)			

Complete Steps 2–4 ONLY if they apply to you; otherwise, skip to Step 5. See page 2 for more information on each step, who can claim exemption from withholding, when to use the online estimator, and privacy.

Step 2: Multiple Jobs or Spouse Works

Complete this step if you (1) hold more than one job at a time, or (2) are married filing jointly and your spouse also works. The correct amount of withholding depends on income earned from all of these jobs.

Do only one of the following.

- (a) Use the estimator at www.irs.gov/W4app for most accurate withholding for this step (and Steps 3–4); or
- (b) Use the Multiple Jobs Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result in Step 4(c) below for roughly accurate withholding; or
- (c) If there are only two jobs total, you may check this box. Do the same on Form W-4 for the other job. This option is accurate for jobs with similar pay; otherwise, more tax than necessary may be withheld.

TIP: To be accurate, submit a 2021 Form W-4 for all other jobs. If you (or your spouse) have self-employment income, including as an independent contractor, use the estimator.

Complete Steps 3–4(b) on Form W-4 for only ONE of these jobs. Leave those steps blank for the other jobs. (Your withholding will be most accurate if you complete Steps 3–4(b) on the Form W-4 for the highest paying job.)

Step 3:	If your income will be \$200,000 or less (\$400,000 or less if married filing jointly):		
Claim Dependents	Multiply the number of qualifying children under age 17 by \$2,000 <input type="text"/> \$		
	Multiply the number of other dependents by \$500..... <input type="text"/> \$		
	Add the amounts above and enter the total here	3	\$
Step 4 (optional): Other Adjustments	(a) Other income (not from jobs). If you want tax withheld for other income you expect this year that won't have withholding, enter the amount of other income here. This may include interest, dividends, and retirement income	4(a)	\$
	(b) Deductions. If you expect to claim deductions other than the standard deduction and want to reduce your withholding, use the Deductions Worksheet on page 3 and enter the result here.	4(b)	\$
	(c) Extra withholding. Enter any additional tax you want withheld each pay period.	4(c)	\$

Step 5: Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that this certificate, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is true, correct, and complete.		
	Employee's signature (This form is not valid unless you sign it.)	Date	
Employers Only	Employer's name and address Central Payroll Bureau P.O. Box 2396 Annapolis, MD 21404	First date of employment	Employer identification number (EIN)

Important: The information you supply must be complete. This form will replace in total any certificate you previously submitted. Web Site - <https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/statepayroll/payroll-forms.php>

Form MW507 **Employee Withholding Exemption Certificate** **2021**
FOR MARYLAND STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ONLY
 Comptroller of Maryland

Section 1 – Employee Information (Please complete form in black ink.)

Payroll System (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> RG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> UM		Name of Employing Agency Maryland Judiciary	
Agency Number 220100	Social Security Number	Employee Name	
Home Address (number and street or rural route) _____ (apartment number, if any)			
City	State	Zip Code	County of Residence (required) <small>(Indicates either Maryland County or Baltimore City when you are employed)</small>

Section 2 – Maryland Withholding Maryland worksheet is available online at https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/forms/21_forms/mw507.pdf

Single Married (surviving spouse or unmarried Head of Household) Rate Married, but withhold at Single Rate

- Total number of exemptions you are claiming not to exceed line f in Personal Exemption Worksheet on page 2. 1. _____
- Additional withholding per pay period under agreement with employer 2. _____
- I claim exemption from withholding because I do not expect to owe Maryland tax. See instructions and check boxes that apply.
 - a. Last year I did not owe any Maryland income tax and had a right to a full refund of all income tax withheld and
 - b. This year I do not expect to owe any Maryland income tax and expect to have the right to a full refund of all income tax withheld. (This includes seasonal and student employees whose annual income will be below the minimum filing requirements).
 If both a and b apply, enteryear applicable _____ (year effective) Enter "EXEMPT" here 3. _____
- I claim exemption from withholding because I am domiciled in the following state.
 - Virginia
 I further certify that I do not maintain a place of abode in Maryland as described in the instructions. Enter "EXEMPT" here 4. _____
- I claim exemption from Maryland state withholding because I am domiciled in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and I do not maintain a place of abode in Maryland as described in the instructions on Form MW507. Enter "EXEMPT" here 5. _____
- I claim exemption from Maryland local tax because I live in a local Pennsylvania jurisdiction within York or Adams counties. Enter "EXEMPT" here and on line 4 of Form MW507 6. _____
- I claim exemption from Maryland local tax because I live in a local Pennsylvania jurisdiction that does not impose an earnings or income tax on Maryland residents. Enter "EXEMPT" here and on line 4 of Form MW507 7. _____
- I certify that I am a legal resident of the state of _____ and am not subject to Maryland withholding because I meet the requirements set forth under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, as amended by the Military spouses Residency Relief Act. Enter "EXEMPT" here 8. _____

Section 3 – Employee Signature

Under the penalty of perjury, I further certify that I am entitled to the number of withholding allowances claimed on line 1 above, or if claiming exemption from withholding, that I am entitled to claim the exempt status on whichever line(s) I completed.

_____ Date _____ Daytime Phone Number _____
(In case CFB needs to contact you regarding your MW507)

Employee's signature

Employer's name and address (Employer: Complete name, address & EIN only if sending to IRS) Central Payroll Bureau P.O. Box 2396 Annapolis, MD 21404	Federal Employer identification number (EIN)
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Important: The information you supply must be complete. This form will replace in total any certificate you previously submitted.
 Web Site - <https://www.marylandtaxes.gov/statetaxroll/payroll-forms.php>

UPCOMING ADVANCED PAYROLLS FOR SENIOR JUDGES

- 5/12/21-5/25/21: Timesheets need to be submitted by noon on Monday, May 24th.

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