



# 2025 Judicial Council

Chief Justice Matthew J. Fader\*  
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Supreme Court

Matthew Barrett  
Chair  
Conference of Circuit Court  
Administrators  
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Hon. Bibi M. Berry  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court  
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Hon. Wayne A. Brooks  
Howard County  
District Court  
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Hon. Debra J. Burch  
Vice-Chair  
Conference of Circuit Court  
Clerks  
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Hon. Yolanda L. Curtin  
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Ex-Officio

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

Nancy Faulkner, Secretary  
Deputy State Court  
Administrator  
Ex-Officio

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Administrative Clerk  
Baltimore County  
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Hon. Fred S. Hecker\*  
Chair  
Conference of Circuit Judges  
Ex-Officio

Hon. Geoffrey G. Hengerer  
Baltimore City  
District Court  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. James A. Kenney, III  
Chair  
Senior Judges Committee  
Ex-Officio

Hon. Stacy A. Mayer  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. John P. Morrissey\*  
Chief Judge  
District Court of Maryland  
Ex-Officio

Hon. Harris P. Murphy  
Kent County  
Circuit Court  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kara Pollak  
Vice-Chair  
Conference of Circuit Court  
Administrators  
Ex-Officio

Judy Rupp\*  
State Court Administrator  
Ex-Officio

Rebecca Sloane  
Administrative Clerk  
Cecil County  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Shaem C.P. Spencer  
Anne Arundel County  
District Court  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Roberta Warnken  
Chief Clerk  
District Court  
Ex-Officio

Hon. E. Greg Wells\*  
Chief Judge  
Appellate Court  
Ex-Officio

Hon. Yvette M. Bryant  
Chair  
Rules Committee  
Ex-Officio

\* Executive Committee Member

**Judicial Council Committees  
2025**

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Committee

Hon. John S. Nugent, Chair

Court Access  
Committee

Hon. Michael W. Siri, Chair

Court Operations  
Committee

Hon. Mark F. Scurti, Chair

Court Technology  
Committee

Hon. Sherri D. Koch, Chair

District Court Chief Judge's  
Committee

Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chair

Domestic Law  
Committee

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette, Chair

Education  
Committee

Hon. Laura S. Ripken, Chair

Equal Justice  
Committee

Hon. Sharon V. Burrell, Chair

Juvenile Law  
Committee

Hon. William V. Tucker, Chair

Legislative  
Committee

Hon. Stacy A. Mayer, Chair

Major Projects  
Committee

Hon. John P. Morrissey and  
Judy Rupp, Co-Chairs

Senior Judges  
Committee

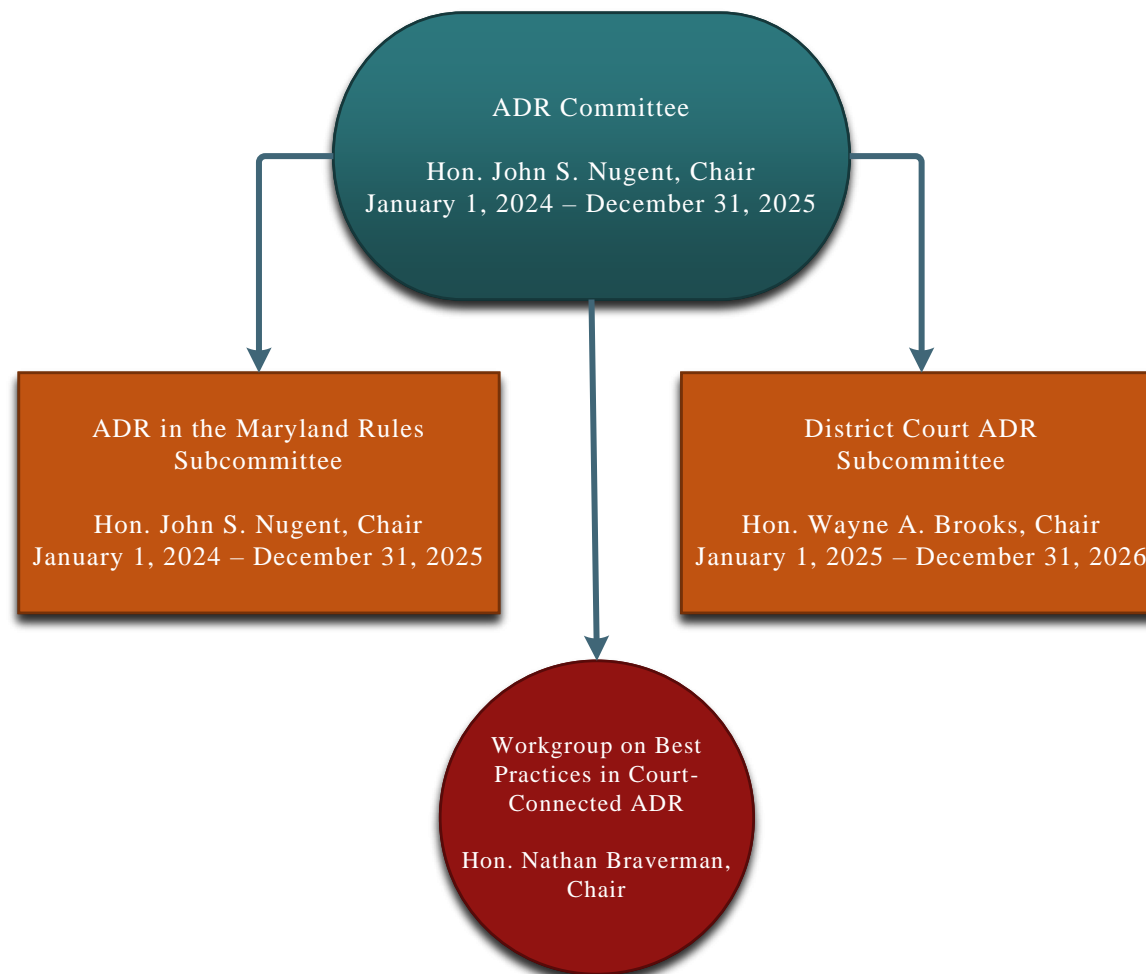
Hon. James A. Kenney III, Chair

Special Projects  
Committee

Hon. Matthew J. Fader, Chair

Specialty Courts and Dockets  
Committee

Hon. Kimberly M. Davis, Chair



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## Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

Hon. John S. Nugent, Chair  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Nathan Braverman  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Wayne A. Brooks  
Howard County  
District Court

Ex Officio

Hon. Michael J. Finifter  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Lenore R. Gelfman  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Melanie M. Shaw  
Appellate Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Dennis M. Sweeney  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Mark Tyler  
Somerset County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Zuberi B. Williams  
Montgomery County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

**STAFF:** MAUREEN DENIHAN, CYNTHIA JURRIUS, ANNAMARIA WALSH

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee will promote the use of appropriate dispute resolution processes throughout the courts. It will provide an avenue for courts to vet changes to their alternative dispute resolution rules and standards of conduct.

### WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will review and make recommendations to alternative dispute resolution rules. It will monitor pending legislation that potentially could impact alternative dispute resolution programs and services. The Committee will respond to legislative inquiries in coordination with the Office of Government Relations. It will oversee the development and implementation of alternative dispute resolution programs and processes in the courts. The Committee also will oversee revisions to the standards of conduct for mediators, as well as other publications that govern alternative dispute resolution in the courts. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

### DURATION

Indefinite.

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## ADR in the Maryland Rules Subcommittee

Hon John S. Nugent, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Mark S. Carmean  
Calvert County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Maureen Denihan  
ADR Program Director  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Michael J. Finifter  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Cynthia Jurrius  
MACRO Program Director  
AOC

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Annamaria Walsh  
ADR Program Director  
Appellate Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Zuberi B. Williams  
Montgomery County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**STAFF:** ANDREW FONTANELLA

### **PURPOSE**

At all levels of the Judiciary, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) is used to assist courts in disposing of cases, helping parties reach mutually acceptable agreements, limiting trial or appellate issues in complex cases, accessing resources used in the courts, or any combination thereof. Over the course of time, the ADR field has matured, as have court ADR programs. The ADR Committee has an interest in ensuring the Rules and the intentions of the court programs are aligned to promote the best, most efficient and effective use possible of ADR options and procedures in the courts. The ADR Committee has made this a goal under the Judicial Council's Strategic Plan Checklist.

### **WORK PRODUCT**

The Subcommittee is tasked with reviewing the Maryland Rules as they relate to ADR, and proposing revisions as needed for consideration by the ADR Committee and, if appropriate, the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

### **EXPECTED DURATION**

November 28, 2025

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District Court ADR Subcommittee

Hon. Wayne A. Brooks, Chair  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Byron S. Bereano  
Prince George's County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Catherine Chen  
Baltimore City  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Mimi Cooper  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Eric J. Nee  
Montgomery County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Lara Stone  
Administrative Clerk  
District 9

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

**STAFF:** MAUREEN DENIHAN

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The District Court ADR Subcommittee assists and advises the Chief Judge of the District Court and the ADR Committee with respect to the District Court ADR Department and its programs and serves as a District Court liaison to the broader ADR community.

**WORK PRODUCT**

Continued assistance by the ADR Committee and the District Court Subcommittee to the Chief Judge of the District Court and the District Court ADR Department and its programs and serve as a District Court liaison to the broader ADR community.

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Indefinite

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Workgroup on Best Practices in  
Court-Connected ADR

Hon. Nathan Braverman, Chair

Grant Bacon

Hon. Michael R.  
Pearson

Hon. Erik S. Atas

Hon. Arthur M.  
Ahalt

Ryan Diepold

Steve Forrer

Douglas Furlong

John Greer

Cynthia Jurrius

Kim Klein

Lisa Mannisi

Hon. John S. Nugent

Tim Sheridan

Jeff Trueman

**STAFF:** JENN WILLIAMS

**NATURE AND PURPOSE:**

To review best practices for court-based ADR programs in Maryland.

**WORK PRODUCT:**

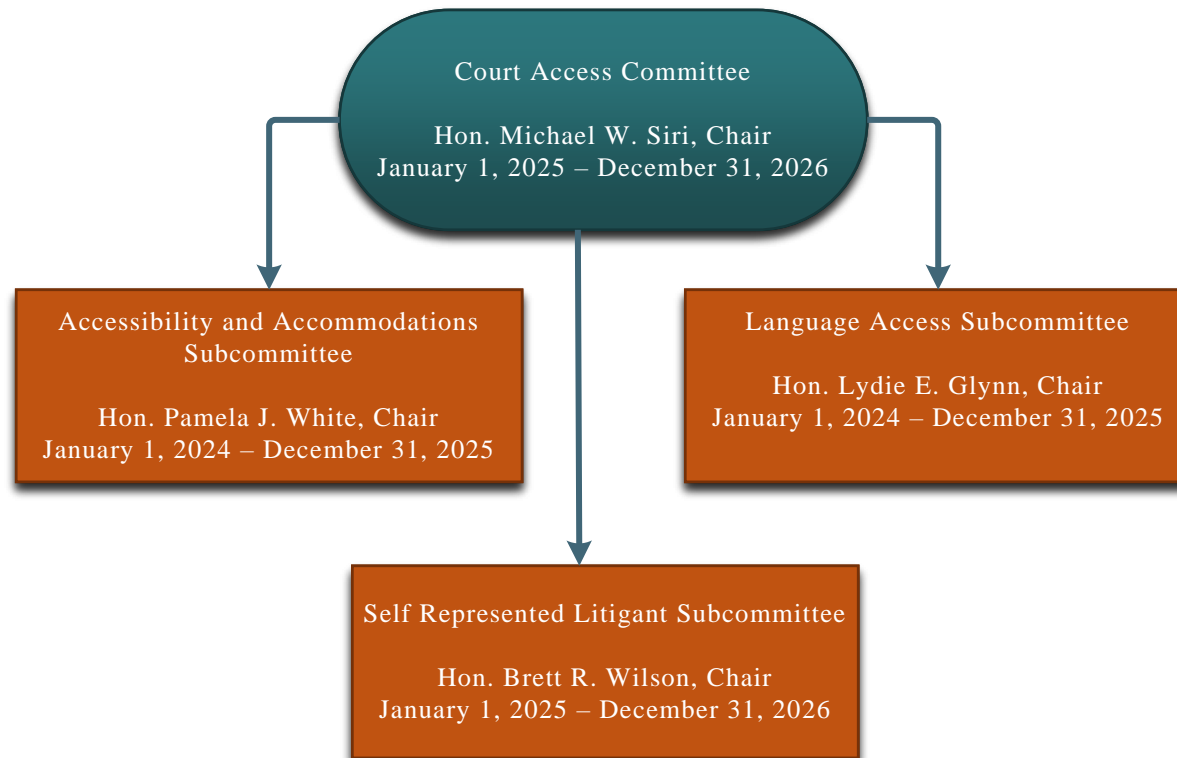
Make recommendations to the ADR Committee around best practices for court-based ADR programs.

**EXPECTED DURATION:**

December 31, 2026



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### Court Access Committee

Hon. Michael W. Siri, Chair  
Baltimore County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. William Bittinger  
Clerk of Court  
Garrett County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Erin M. Danz  
Carroll County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Maria Fields  
Administrative Clerk  
Baltimore County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Sidney Francois  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Julie Glass-Becker  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Lydie E. Glynn  
Baltimore City  
District Court

Ex Officio

Hon. Ana D. Hernandez  
Baltimore City  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Megan Howell  
Administrative Commissioner  
Wicomico County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kimberly Hurd  
Administrative Clerk  
Washington County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Melissa Lahey  
Court Administrator  
Washington County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Hossein Parvizian  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Desiree Reetz  
Cecil County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Brett R. Wilson  
Washington County  
Circuit Court

Ex Officio

Hon. Pamela J. White  
Senior Judge

Ex Officio

### STAFF: WARREN HEDGES, PAM ORTIZ

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Court Access Committee will address barriers to access to the courts and legal services in Maryland; strengthen public awareness of the Judiciary's programs, projects, services and initiatives, and promote knowledge and understanding of the Judiciary.

### WORK PRODUCT

The Court Access Committee will oversee the expansion of opportunities for greater access to the judicial system through increased funding, improved planning, and coordination in legal service delivery, expanded interpretation services, the development of Maryland Court Help Centers and other resources, and reduced barriers to access. The Committee will ensure increased knowledge and understanding of the Judiciary through various means, such as publications, multimedia resources, and online content. The Committee will also strengthen the public's trust and confidence in the Judiciary through initiatives that heighten public awareness, as well as provide transparency by publishing information about the use of court-based resources and by promoting information about access to court records. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

### DURATION

Indefinite

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## Accessibility & Accommodations Subcommittee

Hon. Pamela J. White, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Karen Bushell  
Montgomery County  
Clerk of Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Ebonye Caldwell  
Human Resources  
AOC

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Charles H. Dorsey, III  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Warren Hedges  
Fair Practices Supervisor  
AOC

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Ana D. Hernandez  
Baltimore City  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Marina L. Sabett  
Montgomery County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Michael W. Siri  
Baltimore County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Julie S. Solt  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**STAFF:** PAMELA ORTIZ

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Accessibility & Accommodations Subcommittee will develop initiatives to enhance access to the courts and the justice system for persons with disabilities. The subcommittee will develop a proactive approach to creating a more accessible justice system by understanding the Judiciary's current ability to address the needs of persons with disabilities, and by developing best practices, serving as a resource to the Bench, and identifying and recommending standards for ensuring accessible facilities, procedures and resources.

The subcommittee will identify existing facilities, resources and practices in the Maryland courts that impact the ability of persons with disabilities to interact with the courts; identify and support best practices in regards to: disability etiquette, jury service, facilities, websites, IT tools including e-filing and access to court records, technology to support persons with disabilities, and emergency preparedness for persons with disabilities; support the education of judges and court staff to ensure alignment within the Judiciary with the policies and priorities established for serving persons with disabilities; and support the efforts of the Office of Fair Practices and Judiciary ADA coordinators in responding to requests for accommodations.

### WORK PRODUCT

The subcommittee will develop best practices and resources to support courts in serving the needs of persons with disabilities, and to support the efforts of Maryland courts to create accessible programs, facilities, and services. The subcommittee will play a role in educating judges and court staff about how to respond to requests for accommodations and create accessible courts.

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### Language Access Subcommittee

Hon. Lydie E. Glynn, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Carlos F. Acosta  
Montgomery County  
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Sherrie R. Bailey  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Erin M. Danz  
Carroll County  
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Angela Eaves  
Supreme Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Suzanne Farace  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Ana D. Hernandez  
Baltimore City  
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Megan Howell  
Wicomico County  
Administrative Commissioner

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Darren Johnson  
Prince George's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 21, 2024

Hon. Cheri Simpkins  
Prince George's County  
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 21, 2024

Hon. Michael W. Siri  
Baltimore County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Pamela J. White  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

#### STAFF: KSENIA BOITSOVA

#### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Language Access Subcommittee will develop initiatives to enhance access to the courts and the justice system for persons who face language and cultural barriers to meaningful opportunities for accessing the court and for meaningful participation in court proceedings.

This Subcommittee will collaborate with the Court Interpreter Program and the Access to Justice Department in the examination of issues and development of initiatives related to language access; develop resources to aid persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) or from different cultural backgrounds, to aid them in understanding and navigating Maryland courts; evaluate the effectiveness of the Judiciary's language access initiatives; work to enhance the resources necessary to ensure our courts can meet the language access needs of all Marylanders who use the courts; evaluate educational and other resources of the Judiciary to ensure that officials and employees of the Judiciary have the opportunity to become more culturally competent; work to enhance educational and other resources to ensure that officials and employees of the Judiciary can identify and most appropriately respond to cultural barriers to meaningful access to and participation in court proceedings; and develop and implement strategies for engagement of State, local and specialty bar associations in identification of the needs of LEPs and those for whom cultural barriers exist, making resources available to those populations to aid in their meaningful access to and participation in court proceedings and educating the Judiciary, Bar and those populations.

#### WORK PRODUCT

It is anticipated that the Subcommittee will produce guidelines for language access and the Court Interpreter Program; translated materials; print, digital and multimedia tools for persons with LEP; information about the Judiciary for persons from various cultures; and evaluations of language access and cultural barrier removal initiatives.

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Indefinite.

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## Self-Represented Litigant Subcommittee

Hon. Brett R. Wilson, Chair  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Joan Bellistri Anne Arundel County Law Library January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Lindsey Erdman Prince George's County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Mary Katherine Fowler Chief Deputy Clerk Anne Arundel County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Magistrate Robert Goldman Montgomery County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Kristin Grossnickle Court Administrator Washington County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Llamilet Gutierrez Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Kevin Hill St. Mary's County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Greg Hilton Clerk of Court Supreme Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Melissa Lahey Court Administrator Wicomico County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
	Hon. Dawne Lindsey Clerk of Court Allegany County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Desiree Reetz Cecil County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Michael Siri Baltimore County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	

**STAFF:** KRISTIN CRAVATH

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Self-Represented Litigant Subcommittee will identify and recommend implementation of changes to ensure that Maryland courts are accessible for use by self-represented litigants and to ensure that low-income and vulnerable persons are knowledgeable of resources for representation by counsel.

This Subcommittee will: collaborate with the Access to Justice Department in the examination of issues and the development of initiatives to ensure a comprehensive strategy for ensuring our courts are accessible to all, regardless of representational status; oversee the development of written and multimedia resources to address the needs of persons without counsel; develop standards for oversight and guidance to the Judiciary's network of self-help centers, and for the expansion of those resources as appropriate; maintain and build relationships with State, local and specialty bar associations, along with other key justice partners to help support access to legal help for low-income and vulnerable Marylanders; support the Judiciary's efforts to enhance pro bono practice by coordinating with the Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Service, and identifying and supporting appropriate legal services innovations that enhance access to the courts; work to enhance the resources necessary to aid the courts in their efforts to remain accessible to persons without counsel and those of limited means; explore and create collaborative programs with State, local and specialty bar associations and community organizations to educate the public on legal representation resources available for low-income and vulnerable persons; survey and evaluate the extent to which persons who are incarcerated or for whom actual physical appearance in court would pose a hardship are able to participate in proceedings by alternative means and make appropriate recommendations on the basis of the evaluation; and review special challenges related to accessing certain Court records by self-represented litigants and communication to self-represented litigants standards that are understood by attorneys.

### WORK PRODUCT

It is anticipated the Subcommittee will produce: a comprehensive strategy for responding to self-represented litigants; print, digital and multimedia tools to aid the self-represented; resources to aid courts in serving the self-represented; a statewide network of self-help centers; surveys and other evaluation tools

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## Court Operations Committee

Hon. Mark F. Scurti, Chair  
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### Case Management Subcommittee

Hon. Kathleen Beckstead, Chair  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

### Forms Subcommittee

Hon. Norman R. Stone, III, Chair  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

### Jury Use and Management Subcommittee

Hon. Brenda Sexton, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Circuit Court Forms  
Workgroup  
Hon. William H. Jones,  
Chair

Civil Forms  
Workgroup

Criminal and Traffic  
Forms Workgroup  
Hon. Eileen Reilly,  
Chair

Court Notices  
Workgroup  
Hon. Robert Thompson,  
Chair

Expungement  
Workgroup  
Hon. Clayton Aarons,  
Chair

Form Consistency  
Workgroup  
Hon. Catherine Chen,  
Chair

Guide and File Review  
and Testing Workgroup

Legislative Review  
Workgroup  
Hon. Clayton Aarons,  
Chair

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## Court Operations Committee

Hon. Mark F. Scurti, Chair  
Baltimore City  
District Court

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Hon. Clayton A. Aarons  
Prince George's County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Matthew Barrett  
Court Administrator  
Cecil County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kathleen L. Beckstead  
Wicomico County  
Circuit Court

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Hon. Charles M. Blomquist  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

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Magistrate Kevin Hill  
St. Mary's County  
Circuit Court

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Greg Hilton  
Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kimberly Hurd  
Administrative Clerk  
Washington County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. C. Lynn Knight  
Queen Anne's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Stephanie Medina  
Court Administrator  
Baltimore County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Erica Payne-Santiago  
Deputy Court Administrator  
Prince George's County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Brenda A. Sexton  
Cecil County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Norman R. Stone, III  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Robert J. Thompson  
Anne Arundel County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Cathleen H. Vitale  
Anne Arundel County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kimberly Wagner  
Chief Deputy Clerk  
Harford County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Alan M. Wilner  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**STAFF:** DOMINIQUE JOHNIGAN SIMMONS, JAMIE WALTER

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Court Operations Committee will address matters related to the efficient operations of the courts and assist in the development of consistent statewide operations policies and best practices.

### WORK PRODUCT

The Committee's activities will encompass a wide variety of operations within the court system, utilizing a number of focused subcommittees and, as necessary, workgroups. The Committee will oversee and approve the work of the subcommittees and workgroups. Various workgroups will meet on an *ad hoc* basis and report directly to the Committee. The workgroups will address such issues as: grants, expungements, court reporters, record retention and other issues deemed appropriate. The Committee, its subcommittees and workgroups will collaborate with other Judicial Council committees as necessary. One of the Committee's goals is to establish better communication between the different levels of the court system to achieve an enhanced coordination of policies and procedures within the judiciary.

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## Case Management Subcommittee

Hon. Kathleen L. Beckstead, Chair  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Debra J. Burch  
Clerk of Court  
St. Mary's County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Erin M. Danz  
Carroll County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Rachel Dombrowski  
Clerk of Court  
Appellate Court

Ex Officio

Nancy Faulkner  
Deputy State Court  
Administrator

Ex Officio

Mary Katherine Fowler  
Chief Deputy Clerk  
Anne Arundel County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kathryn Glenn  
Administrative Clerk  
Anne Arundel County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Greg Hilton  
Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court

Ex Officio

Kimberly Hurd  
Administrative Clerk  
Washington County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Jennifer Keiser  
Court Administrator  
Howard County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. John P. Morrissey  
Chief Judge  
District Court

Ex Officio

Judy Rupp  
State Court Administrator

Ex Officio

Tim Sheridan  
Court Administrator  
Montgomery County

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Hon. Kathy P. Smith  
Clerk of Court  
Calvert County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Roberta Warnken  
Chief Clerk  
District Court

Ex Officio

Hon. Brett R. Wilson  
Washington County  
Circuit Court

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**STAFF:** DOMINIQUE JOHNIGAN SIMMONS

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee will review and offer recommendations to the Committee and others deemed necessary and appropriate regarding issues arising from the implementation of Differentiated Case Management (DCM), including what events effect case time standards. The subcommittee will review and examine proposed changes to the trial and appellate courts' case time standards, as identified by individual courts and/or jurisdictions or on the subcommittee's own initiative. The subcommittee will forward recommendations for change to the appellate and trial courts' case time standards to the Judicial Council for further consideration. The subcommittee also will review the extent to which specialty courts and/or dockets impact the ability to achieve established case time standards. The subcommittee may offer recommendations regarding compliance with DCM policies, soliciting input from court administrators and other pertinent court staff. The subcommittee will develop best practices in case management for distribution to the courts.

### WORK PRODUCT

The subcommittee will recommend guidelines for monitoring compliance with DCM across the various levels of the Judiciary. The subcommittee will monitor the performance of the trial and appellate courts against applicable case time standards. The subcommittee will review how to optimize utilization of the various case management systems to obtain reports and other tools that will assist judges, magistrates and other court staff to manage cases effectively. The subcommittee will develop best practices in case management.

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## Forms Subcommittee

Hon. Norman R. Stone, III, Chair  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Catherine Chen, Vice Chair  
Baltimore City  
District Court

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Abigail Cohen  
Baltimore County  
Family Case Law Manager

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Paul J. Cucuzzella  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Michael A. DiPietro  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

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Nancy Faulkner  
Deputy State Court Administrator

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Robert W. Heffron  
Prince George's County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025

Hon. Cara Lewis  
Carroll County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

Hon. Abigail Marsh  
Wicomico County  
District Court

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Chris Merrill  
Howard County  
Court Operations Manager

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Thomas Miller  
Business Systems Analyst  
JIS

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Howard Neugebauer  
Managing Commissioner  
Anne Arundel County

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

Robert Prender  
Administrative Clerk  
District 5

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

David Shultie  
Policy Law Advisor  
AOC

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Hope Tipton  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kevin Tucker  
Washington County  
Clerk of Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Brittany West  
Public Policy Analyst  
AOC

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

**STAFF:** AMBER SPENCE

**CONSULTANT:** STEPHANE J. LATOUR

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The subcommittee will be tasked with reviewing and, if necessary, offering suggestions for modifying the various forms used in the District and Circuit Courts, as well as those created and modified by the various Judicial Council committees. It is hoped that the subcommittee will eliminate any inconsistencies between forms in the trial courts and promote standardization, where possible, throughout the jurisdictions. The subcommittee will collaborate with the Court Access and Community Relations Committee to evaluate the usefulness of certain forms being written in a language other than English (e.g. domestic violence forms). The subcommittee will hold an annual Forms Mark Up Day to review drafts of forms revised due to new legislation. Judicial Council committee representatives, Judiciary departments, and other interested parties are invited to participate.

### WORK PRODUCT

It is anticipated that the subcommittee will review modifications to existing and newly proposed forms, including electronic forms, and review and test Guide & File interviews. As necessary, the subcommittee will recommend new forms to improve operational efficiencies within the courts. The subcommittee will examine the current Forms Index available to court personnel and the public. The subcommittee develops uniform standards and policies for the creation and revision of forms, including waiver forms, emergency pleadings, domestic violence and peace order forms, judges' worksheets, and charging documents.

### DURATION

Indefinite.

Circuit Court Forms Workgroup

Hon. William H. Jones, Chair

Melissa Appleby

Hon. Susan Braniecki

Hon. Michael  
DiPietro

Nancy Faulkner

Joseph Kasper

Hon. Cathleen Vitale

**STAFF:** Autumn Garst

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**


In addition to the Forms Subcommittee members, there are ongoing referrals made to Subject Matter Expert Workgroups for the creation of new forms, the review of drafts, and for distribution of drafts to other interested parties. Referrals are made prior to the Forms Subcommittee final review and approval of Judiciary forms.

**WORK PRODUCT**

Responsible for the and review of circuit court and joint District and Circuit Court forms.

**EXPECTED DURATION**

Ongoing



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Civil Forms Workgroup

**STAFF:** LILLY SINGLETON

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

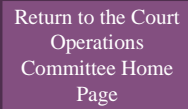

Responsible for the creation and/or review of District Court and joint civil forms. Refers drafts to other subject matter experts, compiles responses, and submits recommendations to the Forms Subcommittee.

**WORK PRODUCT**

Responsible for the creation and review of District Court and joint civil forms.

**EXPECTED DURATION**

Ongoing



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Criminal and Traffic Forms  
Workgroup

Hon. Eileen Reilly, Chair

**STAFF:** LILIAN HONECZY

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

Responsible for the creation and/or review of District Court and joint criminal forms. Refers drafts to other subject matter experts, compiles responses, and submits recommendations to the Forms Subcommittee.

**Work Product**

Responsible for the creation and review of circuit court and joint criminal forms.

**EXPECTED DURATION**

Ongoing

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Form Consistency  
Workgroup  
Hon. Catherine Chen, Chair

Jarrett Hendrix

Thomas Miller

Mimi Rauck

Michele Schriefer

**STAFF:** LINDSEY SULLIVAN

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

Responsible to review paper, online, and MDEC forms for currency and consistency. Compares forms and dockets to verify forms are current versions and revisions have been made correctly in all formats.

### **WORK PRODUCT**

Responsible to review paper, online, and MDEC forms for currency and consistency.

### **EXPECTED DURATION**

Ongoing

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## Guide and File Review and Testing Workgroup

Hon. David Carey

Nancy Faulkner

Lilian Honeczy

Joseph Kasper

Thomas Miller

Christian Noble

Pam Ortiz

Lisa Preston

Mimi Rauck

Hon. Cathleen Vitale

**STAFF:** LATOYA BURKE

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE:**

The Judiciary's Forms Subcommittee Guide & File Review and Testing Workgroup will review and test the interviews created by the Guide & File Workgroup to determine:

Does the interview result in a properly completed form?

Do the questions appear to be clear, concise, and easy for layperson to understand?

Are there any errors in logic that result in unintended loops, math errors, or other errors?

### **EXPECTED DURATION:**

Ongoing.

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## Jury Use and Management Subcommittee

Hon. Brenda A. Sexton, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Erik S. Atas  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Geno Frazier  
Business System Analyst  
JIS

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Kelly Mullins  
Jury Commissioner  
Cecil County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Debra J. Burch  
Clerk of Court  
St. Mary's County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Paul Ishak  
Harford County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Erica Payne-Santiago  
Deputy Court Administrator  
Prince George's County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Burgess Wood  
Court Administrator  
Calvert County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Sharon V. Burrell  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kevin Ledford  
Baltimore County  
Deputy Court Administrator

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Jamie Walter  
Director, Research & Analysis  
AOC

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Lisa Yates  
Clerk of Court  
Charles County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Melissa K. Copeland  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Gloria Lewis  
Chief Deputy Clerk  
Calvert County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Brett W. Wilson  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**STAFF:** REBECCA RIEMER

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee will focus on examining the policies and procedures used in the various circuit courts. Among other things, it will continually update the Judiciary's Jury Manual, which was adopted by the Judicial Council as a best practice guide for judges and jury commissioners from each circuit. The subcommittee will also examine such topics as: updates to jury management software, creating and updating communications and videos to aid the public in its understanding of the jury selection process, addressing accessibility and nondiscrimination issues, reviewing financial practices including juror *per diem* payment and the generous juror program and reviewing jury policy and procedure recommendations from the Jury Operations Roundtable.

### WORK PRODUCT

The subcommittee will consider updating the petit and grand juror orientation videos, the grand jury handbook, jury brochures, and other manuals and publications. The subcommittee will consider the implementation of electronic notifications for jurors. The subcommittee may be called on to make specific recommendations to the Judicial Council about the best use of judicial and financial resources. The Manual for Maryland Jury Commissioners and Jury Officers, a comprehensive manual to ensure uniformity throughout the state, will be maintained.

### DURATION

Indefinite.

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## Expungement Workgroup

Hon. Clayton Aarons, Chair

Angela Adams

Amy Bosley

Elizabeth Bova

Brian Campbell

Tammy Clementson

Kristen Filleti

Kathryn Glenn

Markisha Gross

Roberta Grubb

Sarah Kaplan

Debbie Kiel

Stephanie Kim

Emily Matthews

Ashley McNeal

Charlene Notarcola

Anita Robertson

Regina Sargent

Aisha Simmons

Iris Somerville

Amanda Vincenzes

**STAFF:** DOMINIQUE JOHNIGAN SIMMONS, MIMI RAUCK

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

This workgroup will review current policies, as well as legislative and rules changes regarding expungements and continue to make recommendations to the Committee regarding future policies. It might be advisable for this workgroup to work with State's Attorney's Offices and Court Clerk's Offices throughout the State to establish consistent expungement policies.

### **WORK PRODUCT**

It is anticipated that this workgroup will develop a set of guidelines to establish a uniform expungement policy and occasionally review the courts' compliance with the same. The workgroup will update the Expungement manual as needed.

### **EXPECTED DURATION**

Yearly, as needed if there are statutory or rules changes.



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Court Notices Workgroup  
Hon. Robert Thompson, Chair

Mary Katharine  
Fowler

Kathryn Glenn

Olya  
Jerschowsky

Jennifer  
Northcraft

Hon. Marina  
Sabett

Amber Spence

**STAFF:** LEIGHANN GARCIA, ASHLEY GREELY

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The primary objective of the workgroup is to develop a comprehensive website and database system to facilitate the provision of court notices online and make them easily accessible to the public. The system aims to streamline the dissemination of court-related information, enhance transparency, and improve public access to judicial proceedings.

**WORK PRODUCT**

Develop a robust online platform that revolutionizes the accessibility of court notices, improves public engagement with the legal system, and enhances the overall efficiency and transparency of court proceedings.

**EXPECTED DURATION**

Fall 2025

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### Legislative Review Workgroup

Hon. Clayton Aarons, Chair

Hon. Clayton A. Aarons

Hon. Shannon Avery

Hon. Mark F. Scurti

#### **STAFF:** ANDREW ORTIZ

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

This workgroup provides commentary, input, and testimony as needed to assist the Legislative Committee in its review of legislative initiatives in areas affecting the operations of the courts that are under the purview of the Court Operations Committee.

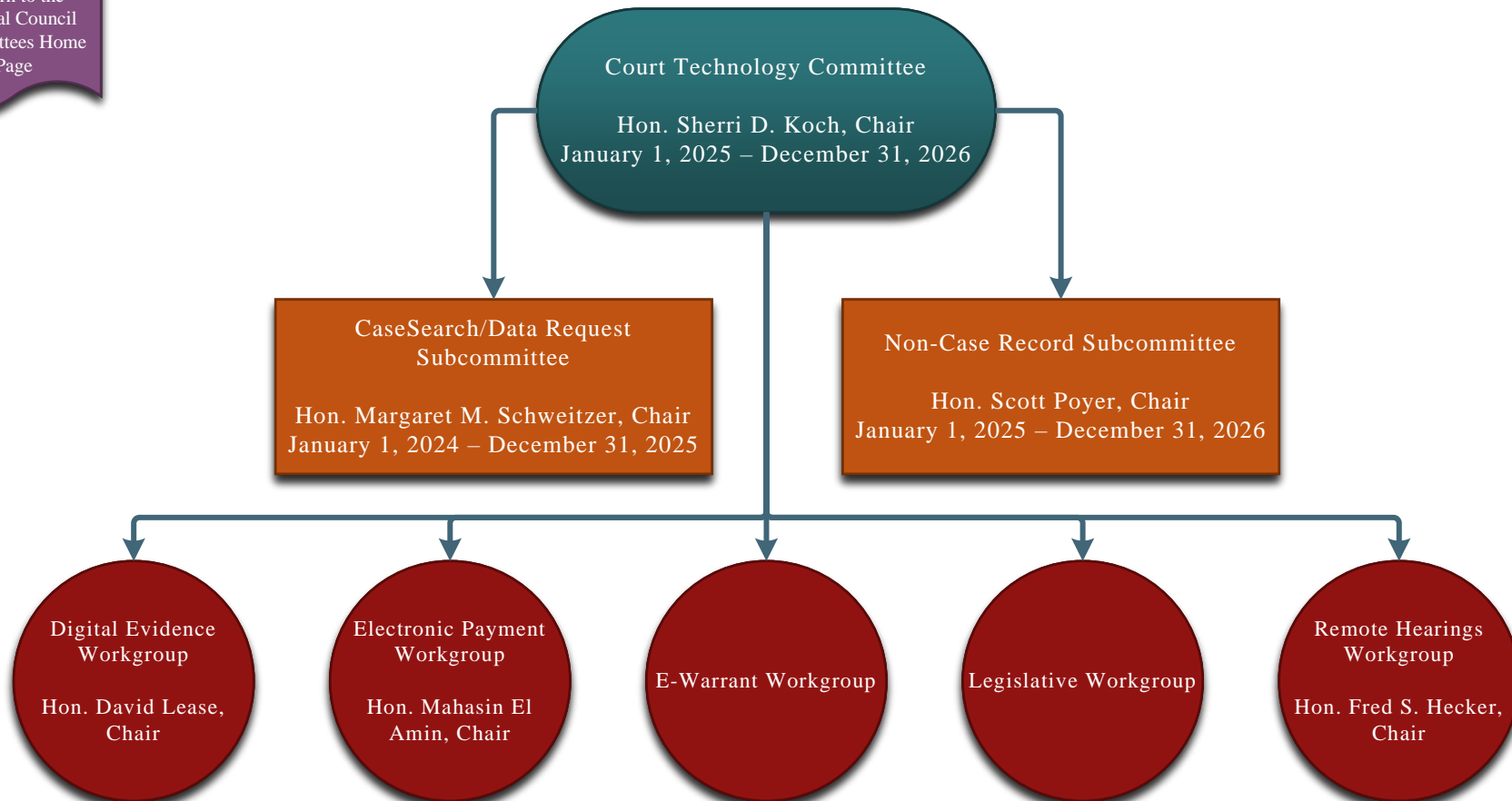
#### **WORK PRODUCT**

This workgroup will provide input to the Legislative Committee concerning proposed legislation in the court operations arena. This group will also assist in providing testimony or commentary, upon request from the Legislative Committee, regarding the same.

#### **EXPECTED DURATION**

90 days (January – April), yearly

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## Court Technology Committee

Hon. Sherri D. Koch, Chair  
Montgomery County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer,  
Vice-Chair  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Matthew Barrett  
Court Administrator  
Cecil County  
January 28, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Hon. Charles M. Blomquist  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Matthew Bonner  
Director of Technical Services  
Montgomery County  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Rose Day  
Assistant Chief Clerk  
District Court Headquarters  
Ex Officio

Hon. Heather DeWees  
Clerk of Court  
Carroll County  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Nancy Faulkner  
Deputy State Court Administrator  
AOC  
Ex Officio

Kimberly Hurd  
Administrative Clerk  
Washington County  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

John Kiruri  
Information Systems Auditor  
AOC  
Ex Officio

Hon. David W. Lease  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. John P. Morrissey  
Chief Judge  
District Court  
Ex Officio

Craig Moskovitz  
Chief Deputy Clerk  
Baltimore County  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Scott Poyer  
Clerk of Court  
Anne Arundel County  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Judy Rupp  
State Court Administrator  
AOC  
Ex Officio

Hon. Marina L. Sabett  
Montgomery County  
District Court  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Richard Titus  
Carroll County  
Circuit Court  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**STAFF:** RENEE ABBOTT, ROBERT BRUCHALSKI, JEFF HUDDLESTON

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Court Technology Committee will ensure the technology operations of the Judiciary are efficient and effective. It will provide advice and guidance regarding the implementation of technology and its effect on judicial operations/functions.

### WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will solicit advice from the technology experts within the Judiciary regarding all major information technology projects. It will direct the evaluation of major information technology projects. The Committee will make recommendations regarding technology and assist in setting priorities. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

### DURATION

Indefinite.

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## Digital Evidence Workgroup

Hon. David Lease, Chair

Matthew Barrett

Joshua Boswell

Jennifer Hopkins

Stephanie Medina

Kashia Stinson

**STAFF:** ROB HANNON, GREG HILTON, LISA PRESTON, JASON THOMAS

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The Digital Evidence workgroup will research and report on the opportunities and challenges surrounding use of digital evidence in the courtroom. The group will make recommendations regarding policies relative to submission, acceptance, display, and storage of digital evidence.

### **DURATION**

December 31, 2025

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## Electronic Payment Workgroup

Hon. Mahasin El Amin, Chair

Amy Bosley

Rose Day

Kristy Hutzell

Laura Jones

Cheryl Miller

**STAFF:** MAHENDER BHANDARI, ERICA PETERS, JASON THOMAS

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The E-payment workgroup will identify the needs within the Judiciary relative to electronic payments of all fines, costs, and fees. The group will make recommendations pertaining to the structure and solution requirements for electronic payments throughout the Judiciary.

### **DURATION**

December 31, 2025

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## E-Warrant Workgroup

Hon. Fred Hecker

Hon. Margaret Schweitzer

**STAFF:** DAN SMITH, JASON THOMAS

**PURPOSE**

The E-warrant workgroup will test and provide feedback relative to processing warrants electronically.

**WORK PRODUCT**

Guidelines and procedures for using eWarrant system.

**DURATION**

Indefinite.

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## Legislative Workgroup

Hon. Mahasin El Amin

Nancy Faulkner  
Ex Officio

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Hon. Sherri Koch

Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer

**STAFF:** JEFF HUDDLESTON

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

This workgroup provides commentary, input, and testimony as needed to assist the Legislative Committee in its review of legislative initiatives.

### **DURATION**

Ninety Days (January to April)



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## Remote Hearings Workgroup

Hon. Fred S. Hecker, Chair

Mary Katharine Fowler

Hon. Katherine Hager

Hon. Sherri Koch

Hon. David Lease

Hon. Michael Pearson

Hon. Marina Sabett

Hon. Margaret Schweitzer

**STAFF:** RENEE ABBOTT, ROBERT BRUCHALSKI, ROSE DAY, NOAH PARKER, LISA PRESTON, JASON THOMAS

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

Cross-organizational group consisting of variety of judges, clerks, and support staff members. Chaired by Judge Fred Hecker. The work group will identify, develop, publish and promote solutions and best practices to support hearings where one or more of the parties are not in the same location.

### **WORK PRODUCT**

Reports, recommendations, educational materials, websites and other technical and business process solutions documentation to support and direct the process of holding a remote hearing.

### **DURATION**

Ongoing

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### CaseSearch/Data Request Subcommittee

Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**STAFF:** KAREN LISTA

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

This subcommittee would initially consider all issues relating to CaseSearch and data requests. Any issues that cannot be resolved based on established precedent would be referred to the full committee with a recommendation and reasons therefore. If the full committee is not able to resolve the issue based on established precedent, the matter would, in like manner, be referred to the Chair of the Judicial Council for further instruction. The referral would include the committee's findings and recommendations.

#### **WORK PRODUCT**

The work product is anticipated to be the resolution of the majority of case search issues and data requests. Additionally, the Subcommittee will recommend to the full committee guidelines for addressing inquiries.

#### **DURATION**

Indefinite.

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## Non-Case Record Subcommittee

Hon. Scott Poyer, Chair  
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Doug Arnold  
Deputy Clerk  
Queen Anne's County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Heather DeWees  
Clerk of Court  
Carroll County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Mahasin El Amin  
Clerk of Court  
Prince George's County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Dawne Lindsey  
Clerk of Court  
Allegany County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. James "Bo" McAllister  
Clerk of Court  
Wicomico County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kathy P. Smith  
Clerk of Court  
Calvert County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Lisa Yates  
Clerk of Court  
Charles County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**STAFF:** NATHAN SMITH

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Non-case Record technology Subcommittee will convene as necessary and will make findings and recommendation regarding the use of technology to preserve and maintain the non-case record of the Judicial Branch that are not managed as part of another case management system.

### WORK PRODUCT

One key objective of the subcommittee is the unification and standardization of non-case record technology.

### DURATION

Indefinite

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District Court Chief Judge's  
Committee

Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chair



Chief Clerk's Subcommittee

Roberta Warnken, Chair



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Region 3  
  
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VACANT  
Region 2  
  
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District Court Chief Judge’s  
Committee

Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chair

Hon. Erich M. Bean District 12  Ex Officio	Hon. Wayne A. Brooks District 10  Ex Officio	Hon. Hon. David E. Carey Region 8  January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Christy H. Chesser District 4  Ex Officio	Hon. Stacey M. Cobb Smith Region 4  January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Rand L. Gelber Region 5  January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Lisa A. Hall Johnson District 5  Ex Officio	Hon. Geoffrey G. Hengerer District 1  Ex Officio	Kimberly Hurd Administrative Clerk District 11 January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Melvin J. Jews District 2  Ex Officio
Hon. Sherri D. Koch District 6  Ex Officio	Hon. Kerwin A. Miller, Sr. District 9  Ex Officio	Hon. Stephan M. Moylan Region 9  January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. John E. Nunn, III District 3  Ex Officio	Hon. Paula A. Price Region 2  January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Krystin J. Richardson Region 7  January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Laura M. Robinson Region 6  January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Michelle R. Saunders Region 3  January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Eric W. Schaffer District 11  Ex Officio	Hon. Nancy Shuger Senior Judge  Ex Officio
<div>Hon. Shaem Spencer District 7  Ex Officio</div> <div>Hon. Nicole Taylor Region 1  January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024</div> <div>Roberta Warnken Chief Clerk District Court  Ex Officio</div> <div>Hon. Dorothy J. Wilson District 8  Ex Officio</div>				

**STAFF:** JENNY HENDERSON

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**  
The District Court’s Chief Judge’s Committee will advise the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals on the operation of the Court in all its locations and aid the Chief Judge of the District Court in the administration, operation, and maintenance of the Court statewide.

**WORK PRODUCT**  
The Committee will meet quarterly to advise the Chief Judge on issues regarding administration, operation, and maintenance of the Court statewide. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

**DURATION**  
Indefinite.

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## Chief Clerk's Subcommittee

Roberta Warnken, Chair

Mary Abrams  
Administrative Clerk  
District 1  
  
Ex Officio

Amy Bosley  
Administrative Clerk  
District 12  
  
Ex Officio

Rose Day  
Assistant Chief Clerk of  
Operations  
  
Ex Officio

Maureen Denihan  
Director of ADR  
Programs  
  
Ex Officio

Maria Fields  
Administrative Clerk  
District 8  
  
Ex Officio

Kathryn Glenn  
Administrative Clerk  
District 7  
  
Ex Officio

Markisha Gross  
Administrative Clerk  
District 4  
  
Ex Officio

Timothy Haven  
Commissioner Activity  
Coordinator  
  
Ex Officio

Kathy Hefner  
Administrative Clerk  
District 6  
  
Ex Officio

Kimberly Hurd  
Administrative Clerk,  
District 11  
  
Ex Officio

Connie Hurley  
Administrative Clerk  
District 2  
  
Ex Officio

Laura Jones  
Assistant Chief Clerk of  
Finance  
  
Ex Officio

Robert Prender  
Administrative Clerk  
District 5  
  
Ex Officio

Lisa Ritter  
Assistant Chief Clerk of  
Engineering & Central  
Services  
  
Ex Officio

Rebecca Sloane  
Administrative Clerk  
District 3  
  
Ex Officio

Mary K. Smith  
Administrative Clerk  
District 10  
  
Ex Officio

Amber Spence  
Assistant Chief Clerk of  
Administrative Services  
  
Ex Officio

Lara Stone  
Administrative Clerk  
District 9  
  
Ex Officio

**STAFF:** MARCELLA REEVES

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee assists and advises the Chief Judge with respect to clerk operations of the Court in all its locations and aids the Chief Clerk in the administration, operation and maintenance of the Court statewide.

### SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

The Committee will meet quarterly to advise the Chief Judge and Chief Clerk on issues regarding clerk operations and the administration, operation, and maintenance of the Court statewide.

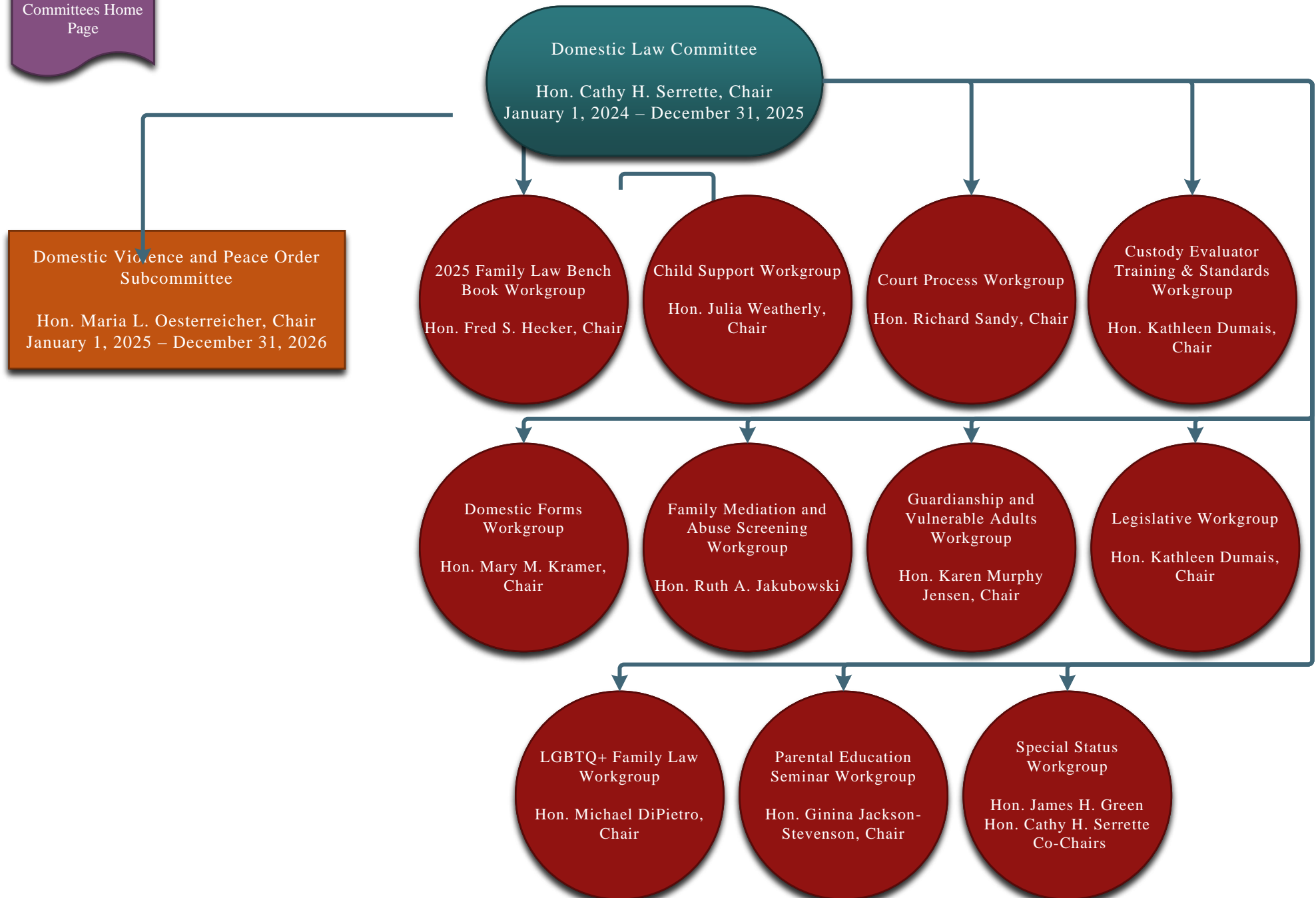
### WORK PRODUCT

The District Court's Chief's Clerk's Subcommittee is the primary vehicle used by the Chief Clerk for administration of the 12 Judicial Districts that comprise the District Court. The agenda for each meeting is derived collaboratively from issues raised by judges and clerks with respect to the effective operation of the District Court. The work product varies but the primary purpose is to advise Chief Judge and Chief Clerk on policy and administration issues.

### DURATION

Indefinite

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## Domestic Law Committee

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette, Chair  
Prince George's County  
Circuit Court  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Joanmarie R. Brubaker  
Frederick County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Hon. Michael A. DiPietro  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. Wendy S. Epstein  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Magistrate Alisia Ferguson  
Prince George's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. Julie L. Glass-Becker  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Magistrate Carin Golze  
Frederick County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. M. Margaret Kent  
Worcester County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Magistrate Lili Khozeimeh  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. C. Lynn Knight  
Queen Anne's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. Myshala E. Middleton  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Lisa Mohink  
Howard County  
Deputy Court Administrator

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Magistrate Mary O'Donnell  
Dorchester County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. Maria L. Oesterreicher  
Carroll County  
Circuit Court

Ex Officio

Magistrate Sara Schwartzman  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Magistrate Sara D. Walsh  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. E. Greg Wells  
Appellate Court of Maryland

March 27, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Hon. Judy L. Woodall  
Prince George's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

**STAFF:** RICHARD ABBOTT, NISA C. SUBASINGHE

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Domestic Law Committee will provide guidance and direction regarding policies, rules, and legislation surrounding family domestic law, including domestic violence. The Committee will recommend policies, rules, and legislation that improve the effective administration of domestic law.

### WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will review all policies, rules and legislation regarding family domestic matters to include areas such as adult guardianship, domestic violence, custody, and child support. It will make recommendations regarding the same. The Committee will review systemic issues regarding domestic law and make recommendations for improvement. It also will collaborate with justice partners to ensure a holistic approach to the development, implementation and evaluation of initiatives involving domestic matters. The Committee will oversee the review and update of the Domestic Violence Manual and other Judiciary publications and forms related to domestic law. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

### DURATION

Indefinite



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2025 Family Law Bench Book  
Workgroup

Hon. Fred S. Hecker, Chair

Hon. Jennifer Fairfax

Hon. Julia Minner

Magistrate Sara  
Schwartzman

Magistrate James Speis

**STAFF:** NISA C. SUBASINGHE

**CONSULTANTS:** JENNA FORMAN CLOTHIER, ESQ., FORMAN CLOTHIER GROUP, LLC  
JAMES D. MILKO, ESQ., TRAINOR, BILLMAN, BENNETT & MILKO LLP  
CHRISTOPHER W. NICHOLSON, ESQ., TURNBULL, NICHOLSON, AND SANDERS, P.A.  
CATELYN SLATTERY, ESQ., MODERN FAMILY FORMATION LAW OFFICES  
SAMANTHA Z. SMITH, ESQ., TIMCHULA & SMITH, P.A.  
VINCENT M. WILLS, ESQ., MEISELMAN, HELFANT & WILLS, LLC

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

This workgroup will update the Maryland Trial Judge Family Law Bench Book.

**ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT**

This workgroup will make regular updates to the Maryland Trial Judge Family Law Bench Book on legislative, caselaw, and practice changes.

**EXPECTED DURATION**

November 2025

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**Child Support Workgroup**  
Hon. Julia Weatherly, Chair

Cathy Boyer

Hon. Joanmarie R.  
Brubaker

Hon. Yvette M. Bryant

Magistrate Maurice C.  
Frazier

Magistrate Tracey Henline

Magistrate Kevin Hill

Hon. Darren Johnson

Magistrate Andrea Khoury

Magistrate Lili Khozeimeh

Magistrate Connie Marvel

Hon. Julia A. Minner

Hon. Maria L.  
Oesterreicher

Hon. Stephanie Porter

Magistrate Timothy Thurtle

Magistrate Mark Tyler

Magistrate Laura Walker

**STAFF:** RICHARD ABBOTT, SARAH KAPLAN

**CONSULTANT:** JARNICE JOHNSON, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION  
JENNIFER CAFFREY, ESQ., ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

This workgroup will identify issues concerning child support law, policy, and court practices that require attention and response by the Domestic Law Committee and Judiciary. In its work, the work group will be attentive to the possible disparate impact that child support practices and laws can have on people across the State.

**ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT**

The workgroup will submit a report on its activities and recommendations to the Domestic Law Committee, including any recommended changes to the work group itself.

**EXPECTED DURATION**

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Court Process Workgroup  
Hon. Richard Sandy, Chair

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais

Magistrate Alisia Ferguson

Hon. Mary M. Kramer

**STAFF:** NISA C. SUBASINGHE

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

This workgroup will explore how states employ parenting plans and address expedited hearings, both emergency and non-emergency.

**WORK PRODUCT**

The workgroup will work to implement the recommendations for a parenting plan process.

**EXPECTED DURATION**

Spring 2025

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Custody Evaluator Training &  
Standards Workgroup

Hon. Kathleen Dumais, Chair

Richard Abbott

Nancy Faulkner

Lawrence Heller

Angela Lane

Hon. Julia A. Minner

Hon. Judy L. Woodall

**STAFF:** NISA C. SUBASINGHE

**CONSULTANTS:** COLLEEN BOKMAN, LCSW-C, LICSW, LCSW

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GINA SANTORO, PH.D., NCSP, SANTORO PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

REBECCA SNYDER, PSY.D., REBECCA SNYDER LLC

MARY MCNEISH STENGEL, LCSW-C

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The workgroup will review the custody evaluation rule (Md. Rule 9-205.3) to ensure the rule provides sufficient guidance to custody evaluators for legally, effectively and ethically conducting custody evaluations. The workgroup will review model standards and guidelines developed by national organizations for conducting custody evaluations and determine whether the Maryland Judiciary should adopt any standard guidelines or best practices for conducting court-ordered custody evaluations. The workgroup will determine whether it will be necessary to provide any training to custody evaluators and judicial officers on the best practices and/or standard guidelines.

**ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT**

The workgroup will issue a report on the best practices and, if necessary, standard guidelines for court-ordered custody evaluations. If necessary, make recommendations for any rule changes. Assist in the development and provision of any necessary trainings and/or training materials related to the best practices and/or standard guidelines for conducting custody evaluations.

**EXPECTED DURATION**

December 2025

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Domestic Forms Workgroup  
Hon. Mary M. Kramer, Chair

Richard Abbott

Hon. Karen A. Bushell

Nancy Faulkner

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Lisa Mohink

Magistrate Mary O'Donnell

Magistrate Sara  
Schwartzman

Magistrate James Speis

Magistrate Catherine  
Woods

**STAFF:** NISA C. SUBASINGHE

**CONSULTANTS:** EMILY ANGEL, ESQ.

COREY M. RUDOLPH, ESQ., MARYLAND CENTER FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE, LLC

MARY SANDERS, ESQ., TURNBULL, NICHOLSON & SANDERS, P.A.

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The workgroup will review and revise domestic relations court forms to ensure legal sufficiency, consistency, and clarity.

#### **WORK PRODUCT**

The workgroup will overhaul the existing domestic forms (divorce, custody/visitation, child support, alimony, name change, etc.) and develop new forms as needed.

#### **EXPECTED DURATION**

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Family Mediation and Abuse  
Screening Workgroup

Hon. Ruth A. Jakubowski, Chair

Richard Abbott

Hon. Angela M. Eaves

Lou Gieszl

Anne Hurwitz

Cynthia M. Jurrius

Hon. Hope Tipton

AnnaMaria Walsh

Hon. Judy L. Woodall

**STAFF:** DAVID SHULTIE

**CONSULTANTS:** REBECCA FLEMING, ESQ., TURNBULL, NICHOLSON, & SANDERS, P.A.

TRACEE FORD, COMMUNITY MEDIATION MARYLAND

DEENA HAUSER, ESQ., HOUSE OF RUTH

JENNIFER RANKIN, ESQ., JENNIFER LEIGH RANKIN, LLC

JEANNE YEAGER, ESQ., MID-SHORE COUNCIL ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

**NATURE AND PURPOSE:**

The workgroup will review the Mediation of Child Custody and Visitation Disputes rule (Md. Rule 9-205) to ensure it sufficiently guides courts in (1) screening custody and visitation cases for abuse of a party or child; and (2) referring appropriate cases for mediation. The workgroup will review nationally recognized best practices and protocols for properly screening cases for abuse and for determining which cases are appropriate for mediation. The workgroup will analyze the various screening tools developed by national organizations to screen parties for abuse in potential mediation cases and determine whether one of those tools, or possibly a customized tool, should be recommended for Statewide use. The workgroup will determine whether it will be necessary to provide any training to mediators, judicial officers, and court staff on screening and recognizing abuse in custody and visitation cases, both before referral to mediation and throughout the mediation process.

**WORK PRODUCT:**

The workgroup will issue a report on the best practices and, if necessary, standard protocol for screening and referring custody and visitation cases for mediation. The recommendations may include a recommended screening tool and the policies for its application. If necessary, the workgroup will make recommendations for any rule changes. Finally, the workgroup will assist in the development and provision of any necessary trainings and/or training materials related to the best practices and/or standard protocol for screening and referring custody and visitation cases for mediation.

**EXPECTED DURATION:**

December 2025

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## Guardianship and Vulnerable Adults Workgroup

Hon. Karen M. Jensen, Chair

Hon. Alison L. Asti

Hon. Louis Becker

Sharon Christmas-  
Deberry

Hon. DaNeeka V. Cotton

Hon. Wendy Epstein

Magistrate Lili  
Khozeimeh

Hon. Mary M. Kramer

Hon. Amy Lorenzini

Hon. Matthew Maciarelo

Magistrate Sara Walsh

Hon. Patrick L.  
Woodward

**STAFF:** NISA C. SUBASINGHE

**CONSULTANTS:** RANDI AMES, ESQ., DISABILITY RIGHTS MARYLAND

PATRICIA BROWN, MA, HARFORD COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING

JANET FEDDER, ESQ., MARYLAND VOLUNTEER LAWYERS SERVICE

ANGELA GRAU, ESQ., DAVIS, AGNOR, RAPAPORT, AND SKALNY, LLC

BARRETT KING, ESQ., KING, HALL LLC

GREG SESEK, MSW, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF ADULT SERVICES

LESLIE SMITH-RAY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGING

JENNIFER M. SULLUM, ESQ., OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

This workgroup has been tasked with implementing best practices in guardianship matters to ensure the safety and well-being of those subject to guardianship and the effective management and accounting for guardianship assets. It will also address emerging issues that impact persons under guardianship and other vulnerable adults.

### WORK PRODUCT

This workgroup will implement its 25 recommendations for improving guardianship court practices across the state and promote best practices in the monitoring of guardianships. This workgroup will also address other issues (civil and criminal) that affect vulnerable adults.

### EXPECTED DURATION

December 2026

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Legislative Workgroup  
Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais, Chair

Hon. Ada Clark-Edwards

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Hon. Karen M. Jensen

Hon. Douglas R. M.  
Nazarian

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette

Magistrate James Speis

**STAFF:** DAVID R SHULTIE, NISA C. SUBASINGHE

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

This workgroup provides commentary, input, and testimony as needed to assist the Legislative Committee in its review of legislative initiatives in the domestic law arena.

#### **WORK PRODUCT**

This workgroup will provide input to the Legislative Committee concerning proposed legislation in the domestic law arena. This group will also assist in providing testimony or commentary, upon request from the Legislative Committee, for legislative matters in the domestic law area.

#### **EXPECTED DURATION**

This workgroup will meet throughout the legislative session, subject to extension if there are study groups or commissions that require legislative input outside the legislative session. This workgroup will likely be re-formed in December each year, in anticipation of the legislative session.



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LGBTQ+ Family Law  
Workgroup  
Hon. Michael DiPietro, Chair

Hon. Jennifer Fairfax

Hon. Douglas R. M.  
Nazarian

Magistrate Mary  
O'Donnell

Hon. Scott Poyer

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette

Magistrate Sara Walsh

**STAFF:** NISA C. SUBASINGHE

**CONSULTANTS:** LEE BLINDER, TRANS MARYLAND  
C.P. HOFFMAN, ESQ., NATIONAL CENTER ON TRANSGENDER EQUALITY  
ELIZABETH PINOLINI, ESQ., WHITMAN-WALKER HEALTH

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The workgroup will examine how circuit courts handle issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community.

**Anticipated Work Product**

The workgroup will review name change, gender change, adoption, and other court processes and make recommendations to ensure these processes are handled fairly and efficiently.

**Expected Duration**

December 2025

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Parental Education Seminar  
Workgroup

Hon. Ginina Jackson-Stevenson,  
Chair

Suzanne Bannister

Melissa Buskirk

Alisha Dicus

Hon. Michael DiPietro

Terri Harger

Anne Hurwitz

Hon. Stenise Rolle

Magistrate Sara  
Schwartzman

Annamaria Walsh

**STAFF:** RICHARD ABBOTT, KELLY FRANKS

**CONSULTANTS:** NICOLE BRISCOE, LCSW-C, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

STACIE GOLD, YWCA OF ANNAPOLIS

SAMANTHA L. SCOTT, PH. D., THE CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER

NAEEMAH STAGGS, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

SMITA VARIA, FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

**NATURE AND PURPOSE:**

The workgroup will review Maryland Rule 9-204 on co-parenting classes in child access cases to ensure that the content requirements in the Rule continue to meet the needs of Maryland families. The workgroup will also review the content of courses offered in Maryland to ensure the content complies with Maryland Rule 9-204 and that the courses effectively deliver the seminars so that the overall goal of the Rule – to minimize the disruptive effects of separation and divorce on the lives of children – is achieved.

**WORK PRODUCT:**

The workgroup will issue a report on what the educational seminars need to require, as well as the best practices on how providers should deliver the seminars in order to achieve the goal of minimizing the disruptive effects of separation and divorce on the lives of children. If necessary, the workgroup will make recommendations for any rule changes.

**EXPECTED DURATION:**

December 2025

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#### Special Status Workgroup

Hon. James H. Green  
Hon. Cathy H. Serrette,  
Co-Chairs

Hon. Carlos Acosta

Hon. Kendra Ausby

Hon. Monise Brown

Hon. Ada Clarke-  
Edwards

Hon. Fred Hecker

Abigail Hill

Hon. Richard Sandy

David R. Shultie

**STAFF:** NISA SUBASINGHE

**CONSULTANTS:** VAN T. DOAN, ESQ., LAW OFFICE OF VAN T. DOAN, LLC

JONATHAN GREENE, ESQ., THE GREENE LAW FIRM

MICHELLE MENDEZ, ESQ., NATIONAL IMMIGRATION PROJECT, NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

LESLYE ORLOFF, ESQ., NATIONAL IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

CATE SCENNA, ESQ., MARYLAND IMMIGRANT LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT, PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTER

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The workgroup will develop guidance for the Judiciary on U-Visa certifications, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) cases, and other matters involving foreign-born litigants.

#### **WORK PRODUCT**

The workgroup will develop recommendations on best practices and, if necessary, assist in the development of proposal for rule changes, training programs, and resources.

#### **EXPECTED DURATION**

DECEMBER 2025

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## Domestic Violence and Peace Order Subcommittee

Hon. Maria L. Oesterreicher, Chair  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Ada E. Clark-Edwards  
Prince George's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. Tracy Delp  
Harford County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Hon. Barbara K. Howe  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Hon. Donnaka V. Lewis  
Prince George's County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Lisa Mohink  
Howard County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. Lisa A. Phelps  
Baltimore County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Hon. Karen Pilarski  
Baltimore County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Hon. Paula A. Price  
Somerset County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. Krystin J. Richardson  
Baltimore County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. Robyn S. Riddle  
Calvert County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. Allison M. Sayers  
Howard County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Magistrate Gwendolyn Tate  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Hon. Kevin Y.T. Wiggins  
Baltimore County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Hon. Ricardo D. Zwaig  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

**STAFF:** DAVID R. SHULTIE

**CONSULTANTS:** ROSE DAY, MARKISHA GROSS, TIMOTHY HAVEN, ROBERTA WARNKEN

### Nature and Purpose

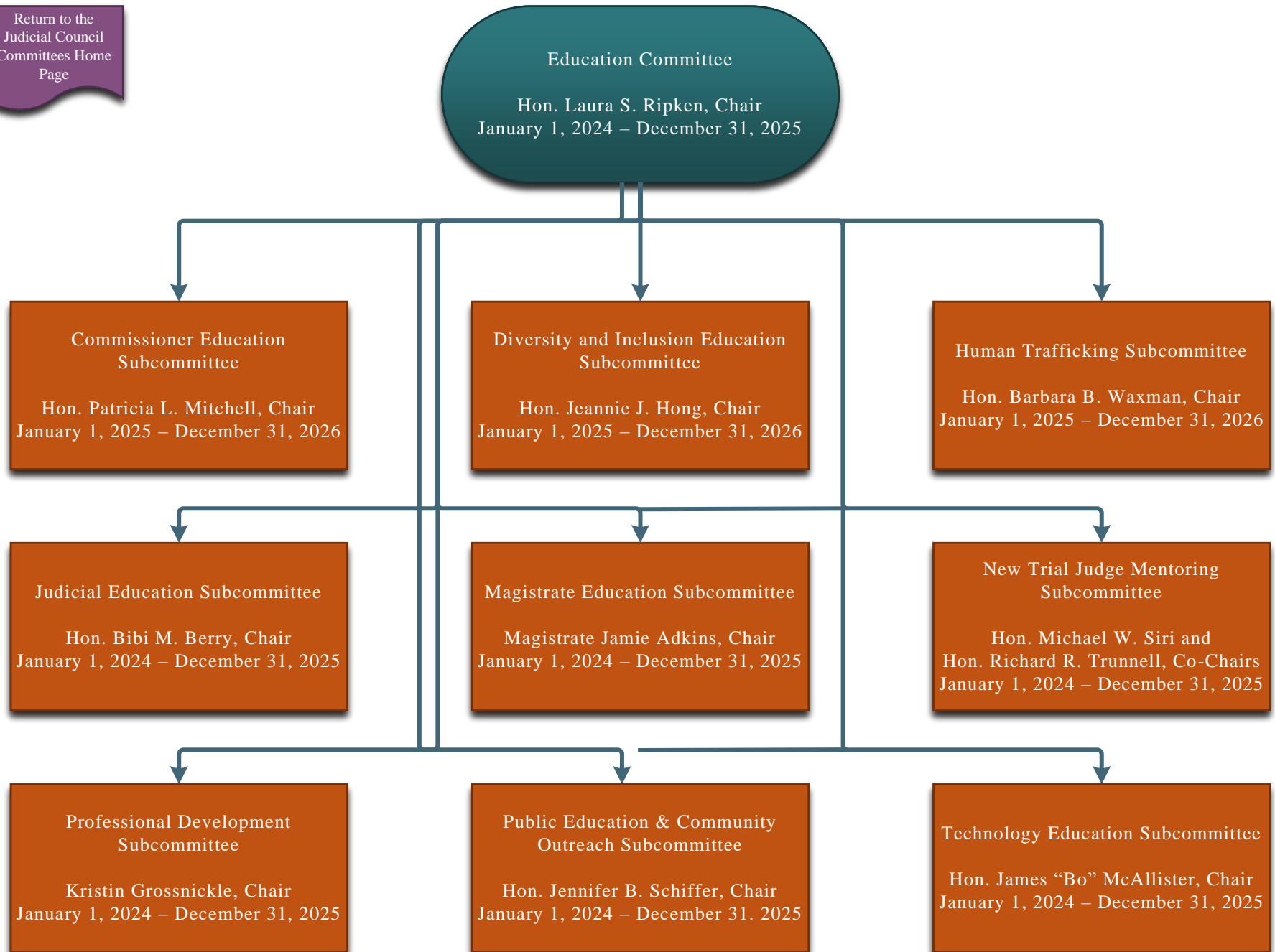
The Domestic Violence and Peace Order Subcommittee will provide guidance and direction regarding policies, rules, and legislation that relate to domestic violence and peace orders. The Subcommittee will recommend policies, rules, and legislation that improve the effective management of domestic violence and peace order proceedings. The Subcommittee will also review and update the Domestic Violence Manual, together with the Domestic Violence and Peace Order forms in use in the Circuit and District Courts.

### Work Product

This subcommittee will prepare an annual update to the Domestic Violence Manual, and update on line Judiciary forms for Peace Order and Domestic Violence cases to ensure compliance with periodic statutory revisions. The Subcommittee also will assist in preparing trainings, in addition to those offered through the Judicial College, for commissioners and other court staff on issues related to domestic violence. The Subcommittee will screen and comment on legislative initiatives referred to the Domestic Law Committee that relate specifically to domestic violence and peace order matters.

### Duration

Indefinite



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## Education Committee

Hon. Laura S. Ripken, Chair  
Appellate Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Jamie Adkins Talbot County Circuit Court Ex Officio	Hon. Pamela K. Alban Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Shannon E. Avery Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Bibi M. Berry Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Sharon V. Burrell Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Yolanda L. Curtin Harford County Circuit Court Ex Officio
Hon. Kimberly M. Davis Baltimore County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Heather DeWees Clerk of Court Carroll County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Kristin Grossnickle Court Administrator Washington County Ex Officio	Hon. Troy K. Hill Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Jeannie J. Hong Baltimore City Circuit Court Ex Officio	Hon. Dawne Lindsey Clerk of Court Allegany County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Amy D. Lorenzini St. Mary's County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. James "Bo" McAllister Clerk of Court Wicomico County Ex Officio	Hon. Julia A. Minner Frederick County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Patricia L. Mitchell Senior Judge Ex Officio	Hon. Danielle M. Mosley Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Valerie Pompey Chief Deputy Clerk Supreme Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Jennifer B. Schiffer Baltimore City Circuit Court Ex Officio	Hon. Stephen J. Sfekas Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Michael W. Siri Baltimore County District Court Ex Officio	Hon. Kathy P. Smith Clerk of Court Calvert County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Lara Stone Administrative Clerk Harford County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Richard R. Trunnell Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Cathleen M. Vitale Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026		Hon. Barbara Waxman Senior Judge Ex Officio		Hon. Judy L. Woodall Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	

**STAFF:** SHAMIKA DENT-WILLIAMS

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Education Committee guides, promotes, and encourages the education, training, and professional development of all Judiciary judges and employees. The Committee's goal is a quality workforce that is well prepared to assist the public in every capacity. The Education Committee oversees continuing legal education for the Judiciary, including all judges, family magistrates, Orphans' Court judges, and judicial officers. The Committee will ensure ample training opportunities for professional staff development and encourage participation, support the mission of the Maryland Professionalism Center, and report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

### WORK PRODUCT

The committee will work with other committees, departments, and justice partners to coordinate and communicate training opportunities to all. It will seek new technologies and innovative delivery methods. It will facilitate mentoring and peer support relationships throughout the Judiciary.

### DURATION

Indefinite

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## Commissioner Education Subcommittee

Hon. Patricia L. Mitchell, Chair  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

David Marsh  
Commissioner  
Kent County  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Sarah Hamil  
Commissioner  
Anne Arundel County  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Susan H. Hazlett  
Senior Judge  
April 10, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Robert W. Heffron  
Prince George's County  
District Court  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Leslie Perry  
Commissioner  
Baltimore City  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Brian Seipp  
Commissioner  
Baltimore County  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Diana E. Smith  
Baltimore City  
District Court  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

**STAFF:** RACHEL BOWEN, RAUL GALINDO, TIM HAVEN

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

This Subcommittee (the CEC) provides education oversight and courses and provides advice to the 260+ District Court Commissioners working throughout the State of Maryland.

### WORK PRODUCT

Commissioner Academy program and courses, Annual Commissioner Conference, Proficiency-Based education.

### DURATION

Indefinite

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## Diversity and Inclusion Education Subcommittee

Hon. Jeannie J. Hong  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Karen Bushell  
Clerk of Court  
Montgomery County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Charleston Carter  
Court Administrator  
Prince George's County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Ada E. Clark-Edwards  
Prince George's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Maurice Frazier  
Howard County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Kathryn Glenn  
Administrative Clerk  
Anne Arundel County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Llamilet Gutierrez  
Prince George's County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Troy K. Hill  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Donnaka V. Lewis  
Prince George's County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Dilip Paliath  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Hossein Parvizian  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Ronika Sumlin  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

**STAFF:** SHAMIKA DENT-WILLIAMS, LYNN EMERSON, KELLY HAYNES

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Diversity and Inclusion Education Subcommittee will create a mandatory program at all levels of the Judiciary, including Judicial Units and where appropriate external stakeholders, to promote inclusiveness and develop a greater understanding of and appreciation for diversity through education.

### WORK PRODUCT

The subcommittee will:

1. Determine how best to assess which topics should be addressed through training and education, and which target groups will receive the training and education.
2. Build training or programming modules for each target group (i.e., videos, podcasts, bench books, and other resources developed by or procured through the Judicial College).
3. Enhance new employee training/orientation to include diversity and inclusion to establish expectations.
4. Examine implementation of implicit bias testing as a tool for the Judiciary and the use of a facilitator to assist with follow-up discussions.
  - a. Ensure the testing is not used in human resources evaluations, and the results of individual tests are not captured by the Judiciary.
  - b. Provide resources and support for personnel to work through the topics and to assist those who would like to improve their outlook.
5. Include diversity and inclusion topics in retreats, conferences, and meetings.
6. Examine and implement tools to assess the effectiveness of diversity and inclusion training and education.

### DURATION

Indefinite



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### Human Trafficking Subcommittee

Hon. Barbara B. Waxman  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Stacey M. Cobb Smith  
Prince George's County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Mark W. Crooks  
Anne Arundel County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Lou Gieszl  
Programs  
AOC

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Lili Khozeimeh  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Patrick J. Mays  
Montgomery County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Karen A. Pilarski  
Baltimore County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Dana M. Wright  
Washington County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**STAFF:** ABIGAIL HILL

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE:**

The workgroup is charged with developing and implementing plans to educate judges, magistrates, appropriate judiciary staff, and justice partners on issues related to human trafficking. In addition, the workgroup may identify other resources and best practices for helping victims of human trafficking who come into contact with the court system. The workgroup will review information about programs in Maryland, as well as in other states, and will make recommendations to the Judicial Council accordingly. The workgroup will work in coordination with the Judicial Council's committees on Education, Family Law, Juvenile Law, and Specialty Courts and Dockets. The chairs of each of the above-mentioned committees will identify at least two people from within their membership to serve on the workgroup and to communicate information back to their respective committees.

#### **EXPECTED DURATION**

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## Judicial Education Subcommittee

Hon. Bibi M. Berry, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Pamela Alban Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Krystal Alves Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Kendra Y. Ausby Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Shannon E. Avery Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Vicki Ballou Watts Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Lynne Battaglia Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Brynja Booth Supreme Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Nathan Braverman Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Pamila Brown Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Jeannie R. Brubaker Frederick County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Christine Celeste Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Ada Clark-Edwards Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Paul Cucuzzella Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Wytonja L. Curry Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025	Hon. Herman C. Dawson Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Brian L. DeLeonardo Carroll County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Barbara K. Howe Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. James Kenney III Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Matthew Maciarelo Wicomico County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Sarah Malik Montgomery County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Karen A. Pilarski Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Stephen I. Platt Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Mark F. Scurti Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Stephen J. Sfekas Supreme Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Terrence Zic Appellate Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**STAFF:** PETER SAQUELLA

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Judges' Education Subcommittee oversees the development of in-house judicial education and training to over 500 judges and magistrates annually, including all of Maryland's District Court, Circuit Court, Appellate Court and Orphans' Court judges, as well as retired recalled judges and magistrates. The Subcommittee is also responsible for all of the educational programming for the Annual Maryland Judicial Conference.

### WORK PRODUCT

The Subcommittee assists in developing a comprehensive and innovative curriculum each year to enhance the ability of Maryland's judges and magistrates to hear the cases that come before them, culminating in 40-45 in-person courses and special trainings, including the 6 day residential New Trial Judge Orientation (NTJO) program and the 2 day NTJO Refresher.

### DURATION

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### Magistrate Education Subcommittee

Magistrate Jamie Adkins, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Paul Eason Prince George's County Circuit Court  January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Lindsey Erdmann Prince George's County Circuit Court  January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Magistrate Sidney Francois Baltimore County Circuit Court  January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Magistrate Maurice Frazier Howard County Circuit Court  January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Magistrate Carin Golze Frederick County Circuit Court  January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Magistrate Kevin Hill St. Mary's County Circuit Court  January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Lili Khozeimeh Montgomery County Circuit Court  January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Sarah Malik Montgomery County Circuit Court  January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Magistrate Carrie Polley Baltimore County Circuit Court  January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Desiree Reetz Cecil County Circuit Court  January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Danielle Sartwell Montgomery County Circuit Court  January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate James Speis Allegany County Circuit Court  January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**STAFF:** BENJAMIN CHARLICK

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

To identify specific course curriculum, communication venues and professional development opportunities to enhance the skills of magistrates.

### WORK PRODUCT

The Magistrate Subcommittee oversees the identification and development of in-house magistrate education and training to over 85 magistrates specializing in Juvenile and Family law.

This subcommittee will identify and submit to the Judicial Education Committee a minimum of six courses annually to be part of Judicial Education programming including identification of course, faculty and resource specific information. The subcommittee goals are to have magistrate specific courses to enhance the growth and quality of a magistrate's working knowledge.

### DURATION

Indefinite

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### New Trial Judge Mentoring Subcommittee

Hon. Michael W. Siri and  
Hon. Richard R. Trunnell, Co-Chairs  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Donine M. Carrington Martin  
Charles County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Melissa K. Copeland  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Leo E. Green, Jr.  
Prince George's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kemp W. Hammond  
Anne Arundel County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Geoffrey G. Hengerer  
Baltimore City  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Jonas D. Legum  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. J. Michael Wachs  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Barbara B. Waxman  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**STAFF:** PETER SAQUELLA, ZIPPORAH WILLIAMS

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The Trial Judge and Magistrate Mentoring program contributes to the preparation and future success of Maryland's judges and magistrates through the integration and maintenance of a formal, structured and rigorous mentoring program for new trial judges and magistrates. Further, the program will support the effective execution of judicial duties by offering a coaching experience for judges and magistrates who have served their roles more than one year.

#### **WORK PRODUCT**

The Trial Judge and Magistrate Mentoring Subcommittee will: develop and oversee the program, create all necessary materials to support the program, and create an evaluation process to follow the mentees through their mentoring experience.

#### **DURATION**

Indefinite.

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### Professional Development Subcommittee

Kristin Grossnickle, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Debra J. Burch  
Clerk of Court  
St. Mary's County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Heather DeWees  
Clerk of Court  
Carroll County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Kathryn Glenn  
Administrative Clerk  
Anne Arundel County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Greg Hilton  
Clerk of Court  
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Megan Howell  
Administrative Commissioner  
Wicomico County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Dawne Lindsey  
Clerk of Court  
Allegany County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Stephanie Medina  
Court Administrator  
Baltimore County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Valerie Pompey  
Chief Deputy Clerk  
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Joseph A. Riley  
Caroline County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Rebecca Sloane  
Administrative Clerk  
Cecil County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kathy P. Smith  
Clerk of Court  
Calvert County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

**STAFF:** ALLISON GINGELL

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Sub-Committee works closely with the Education Division: Office of Professional Development to conduct annual training needs assessments and, using new technologies and delivery methods, will develop proficiency based training programs and classes that address gaps in knowledge, skill and abilities that enhances mission-critical performance.

The Professional Development Sub-Committee oversees the selection and evaluation of faculty members and administers the selection of candidates for the Court Professional Certificate, Court Supervisor Manager, and Institute for Court Management programs.

### WORK PRODUCT

The Professional Development Sub-Committee serves as a vehicle for the development of educational programs that identify and develop future leaders, encourage succession planning, coaching, mentoring, and participation in training throughout the Judiciary in furtherance of the strategic plans and goals of the Education Committee.

### DURATION

Indefinite

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## Public Education and Community Outreach Subcommittee

Hon. Jennifer B. Schiffer, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Carlos F. Acosta Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Jennifer M. Alexander Anne Arundel County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Alex M. Allman Harford County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Nicole K. Barmore Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Sharon V. Burrell Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Sidney Butcher Anne Arundel County District Court June 4, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Ada E. Clark-Edwards Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Shamika Dent-Williams Judicial College AOC January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. William M. Dunn Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Tameika M. Lunn Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Kerwin A. Miller, Sr. Harford County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Kelley O'Connor Government Relations & Public Affairs January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Krystin J. Richardson Baltimore County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Laura S. Ripken Appellate Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Anthony F. Vittoria Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

**STAFF:** DIANA KEAN

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The focus of this workgroup is to ensure that meaningful opportunities exist for the Judiciary, stakeholders, and the public to exchange views and remain current as to the operations of the Judiciary. It will develop initiatives to educate the public with respect to the form and function of the third branch of government; why the Judiciary is a critical component of democracy; and, how the courts fit into their lives and communities. The workgroup's focus will include:

- Enhancing communication within the Judiciary among all members and employees.
- Identifying educational opportunities to mitigate misinformation and disinformation to multiple target audiences.
- Working to ensure consistent and active messaging within the Judiciary and from the Judiciary to the public and other stakeholders are delivered.
- Identifying stakeholders for the purpose of such messaging, marketing and branding, public education, joint bench-bar programs, and other collaborative projects.
- Developing creative outreach programs, which may include replication of successful, existing programs and projects.
- Developing strategies for various communication channels and web presences for educating and interacting with the public including, electronic/social media, newsletter, public relations, website and printed collateral.
- Developing a robust speakers bureau program that permits organizations and agencies to easily access members of the Judiciary for speaking engagements and to understand necessary parameters, as well as to ensure that speakers have information that will be responsive to nature of a speaker engagement.
- Creating materials for judges to better market and brand the Judiciary, as well as increase public education efforts.
- Developing and implementing strategies for partnership with state, local and specialty bar associations in educating the public about the law and the Judiciary, including joint efforts as an element of the speaker's bureau.

### WORK PRODUCT

It is anticipated that the workgroup will produce and execute a comprehensive public education plan to include a robust speakers bureau program, resources for speaking engagements, and a plethora of program, communication and messaging tools.

### EXPECTED DURATION

Indefinite

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## Technology Education Subcommittee

Hon. James “Bo” McAllister, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Alex M. Allman  
Harford County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Shirley Anthony  
Operations Analyst  
DCHQ

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Douglas Arnold  
Queen Anne’s County  
Chief Deputy Clerk

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Mark W. Carmean  
Calvert County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Melissa K. Copeland  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Shanna Erdman  
Information Security Manager  
JIS

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Sarah Parks  
Business Analysis Manager  
JIS

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Susan Patrick  
Montgomery County  
Civil Division Chief

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

**STAFF:** NOAH PARKER

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

To provide informed advocacy for the development, implementation, and delivery of technology education throughout the Maryland Judiciary. The mission of the Technology Training Subcommittee will be advanced through activities that continuously educate the subcommittee members at a high level as it pertains to ongoing technology education project planning and implementation. This education includes, but is not limited to, formal and informal presentations, attendance at regularly scheduled meetings, and serving as a sounding board and/or sample audience as necessary. The members of the subcommittee will undertake other activities as a group or individually when called upon to do so.

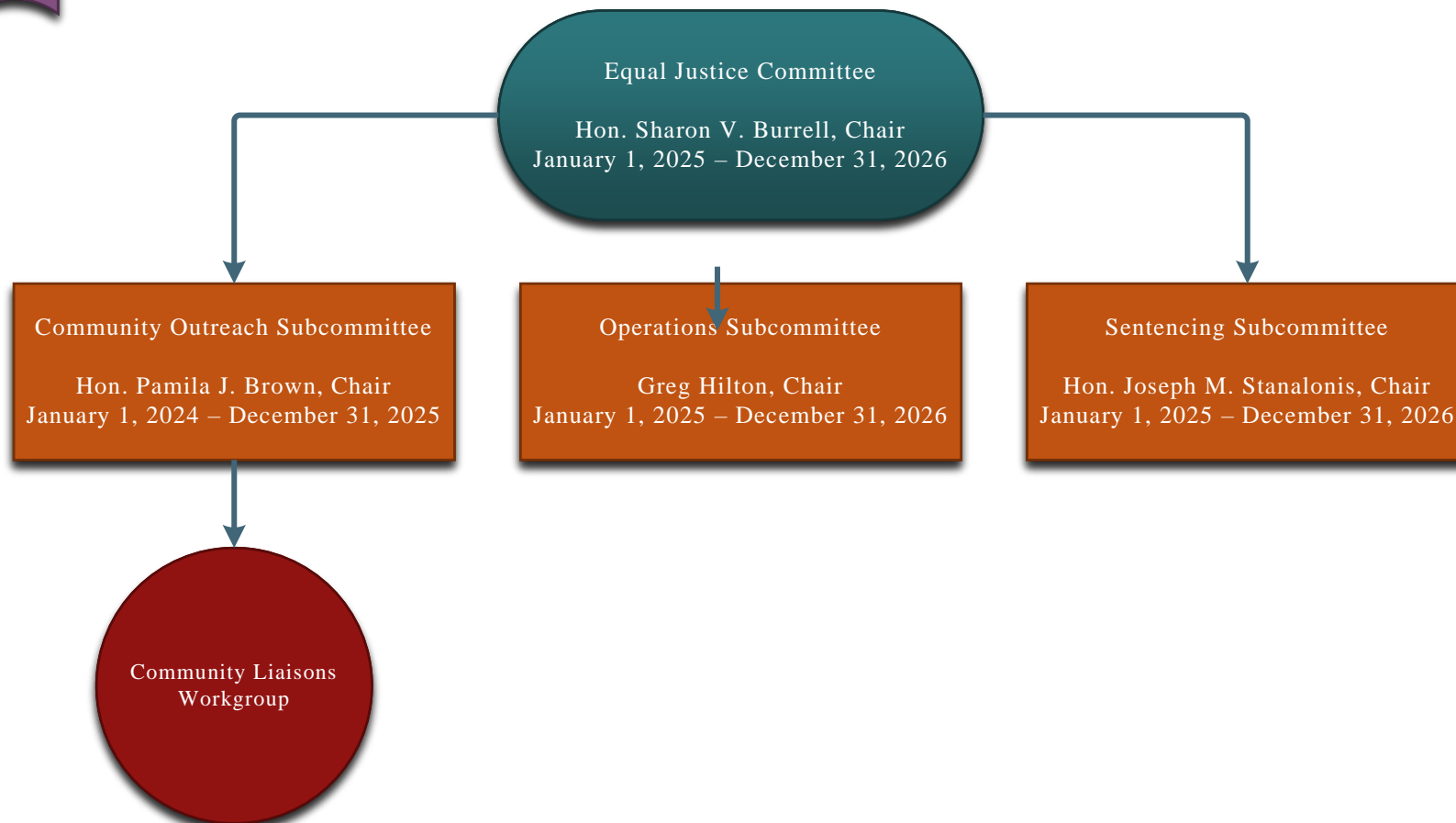
### WORK PRODUCT

Oversight of technology education for the Judiciary, thinking partner for the Manager of the school of technology Education and the Assistant Administrator of the Judicial College of Maryland.

### DURATION

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## Equal Justice Committee

Hon. Sharon V. Burrell, Chair  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Clayton A. Aarons Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Shannon Avery Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Vicki Ballou-Watts Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Pamila J. Brown Senior Judge Ex Officio	Hon. Angela M. Eaves Supreme Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator Ex Officio	Hon. Lisa Hall Johnson Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Greg Hilton Clerk of Court Supreme Court Ex Officio	Magistrate Lena Kim Montgomery County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Frank M. Kratovil Queen Anne's County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Donnaka V. Lewis Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Amy D. Lorenzini St. Mary's County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Stephanie Medina Court Administrator Baltimore County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. John P. Morrissey Chief Judge District Court Ex Officio	Hon. Douglas Nazarian Appellate Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Magistrate Dilip Paliath Baltimore County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Magistrate Hossein Parvizia Baltimore County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Judy Rupp State Court Administrator Ex Officio	Hon. Cathy H. Serrette Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Joseph Stanalonis St. Mary's County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
		Magistrate Ronika Sumlin Baltimore City January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Larry Tucker Finance DCHQ January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. E. Greg Wells Appellate Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

**STAFF:** LOU GIESZL, WARREN HEDGES, PAMELA ORTIZ

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Equal Justice Committee will build the knowledge and proficiencies of judges and judiciary personnel to strengthen the judiciary's commitment to equal justice under law for all.

### WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will ensure the increased knowledge and understanding of judges and judiciary personnel regarding ethnic disparities, discrimination and systemic racism, including implicit bias (both conscious and unconscious), micro-inequities, and micro-aggressions. The Committee will make recommendations on strategies to educate and dismantle any discriminatory behaviors toward others in all aspects of the judiciary's functions. The Committee will suggest areas of improvement, resources, support services, educational opportunities, and develop training curriculum for on-going judiciary-wide engagement in the pursuit of equality, fair and impartial justice for all.

**DURATION:** Indefinite

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## Community Liaisons Workgroup

Stephanie Medina, Chair

Karen Bushell

Xavier Conaway

Amy Craig

Heather DeWees

Markisha Gross

Sherise Kennard

Melissa Lahey

Lionel Moore

Erica Payne-Santiago

Burgess Wood

**STAFF:** WARREN HEDGES, DIANA KEAN

### **WORK PRODUCT**

The workgroup will make recommendations to address the feasibility of developing advisory boards in each jurisdiction with rotating memberships and establishing a community advisory officer in each jurisdiction to serve as the community liaison/point of contact for the community.

### **DURATION**

December 31, 2024

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## Community Outreach Subcommittee

Hon. Pamila J. Brown  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Krystal Q. Alves  
Prince George's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Nicole K. Barmore  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Ana D. Hernandez  
Baltimore City  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Lena Kim  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. Frank M. Kratovil  
Queen Anne's County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Cara Y. Lewis  
Carroll County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Sarah Malik  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Stephanie Medina  
Court Administrator  
Baltimore County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Dilip Paliath  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

STAFF: NICK CAVEY, TERRI CHARLES, LOU GIESZL

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC TO INTERACT WITH THE JUDICIARY THROUGH ONGOING DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ENABLE THE JUDICIARY TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITIES IT SERVES. THROUGH THIS CONTINUING DIALOGUE, THE JUDICIARY ALSO HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF COURT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, WHICH WILL IN TURN, PROMOTE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

### WORK PRODUCT

THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL:

1. HOLD FORUMS IN EACH JURISDICTION, FACILITATED BY A THIRD PARTY NEUTRAL, TO LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THEIR NEEDS AND THE WAYS THE COURTS CAN BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY.
2. DEVELOP ADVISORY BOARDS, WITH ROTATING MEMBERSHIP, IN EACH JURISDICTION, ENSURING DIVERSITY OF VOICES.
3. WORK WITH THE COURTS TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY ADVISORY OFFICER IN EACH COURT TO SERVE AS THE COMMUNITY LIAISON/POINT OF CONTACT FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

### DURATION

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## Operations Subcommittee

Greg Hilton, Chair  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Clayton A. Aarons  
Prince George's County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Nancy Faulkner  
Deputy State Court Administrator  
AOC

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Markisha Gross  
Administrative Clerk  
Calvert County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Lisa Hall Johnson  
Prince George's County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Stacy W. McCormack  
Anne Arundel County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. John P. Morrissey  
Chief Judge  
District Court

Ex Officio

Magistrate Hossein Parvizian  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Erica Payne-Santiago  
Deputy Court Administrator  
Prince George's County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Ronika J. Sumlin  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Larry Tucker  
Deputy Director of Finance  
District Court Headquarters

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Roberta Warnken  
Chief Clerk  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

**STAFF:** WARREN HEDGES, JAMIE WALTER, LAUREN WEIRAUCH

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Operations Subcommittee will formulate recommendations regarding policies and procedures to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all who work within, utilize the services of, or do business with the Judiciary.

### WORK PRODUCT

The subcommittee will:

1. Examine internal and external relationships to determine where and if implicit bias exists.
2. Develop a framework to allow individuals to comment without retaliation.
3. Review hiring, retention, and disciplinary practices.
4. Review Judiciary, both courthouse and administrative, policies, procedures, and practices to ensure equitable treatment of all.

### DURATION

Indefinite

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### Sentencing Subcommittee

Hon. Joseph M. Stanalonis, Chair  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Shannon E. Avery  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Stacy W. McCormack  
Anne Arundel County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Danielle M. Mosley  
Anne Arundel County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Krystin J. Richardson  
Baltimore County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Robyn S. Riddle  
Calvert County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Allison M. Sayers  
Howard County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Ronald Silkworth  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

**STAFF:** AIMEE PEREZ, DOMINIQUE JOHNIGAN SIMMONS

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Sentencing Subcommittee will consider sentencing improvements to ensure equal justice.

### WORK PRODUCT

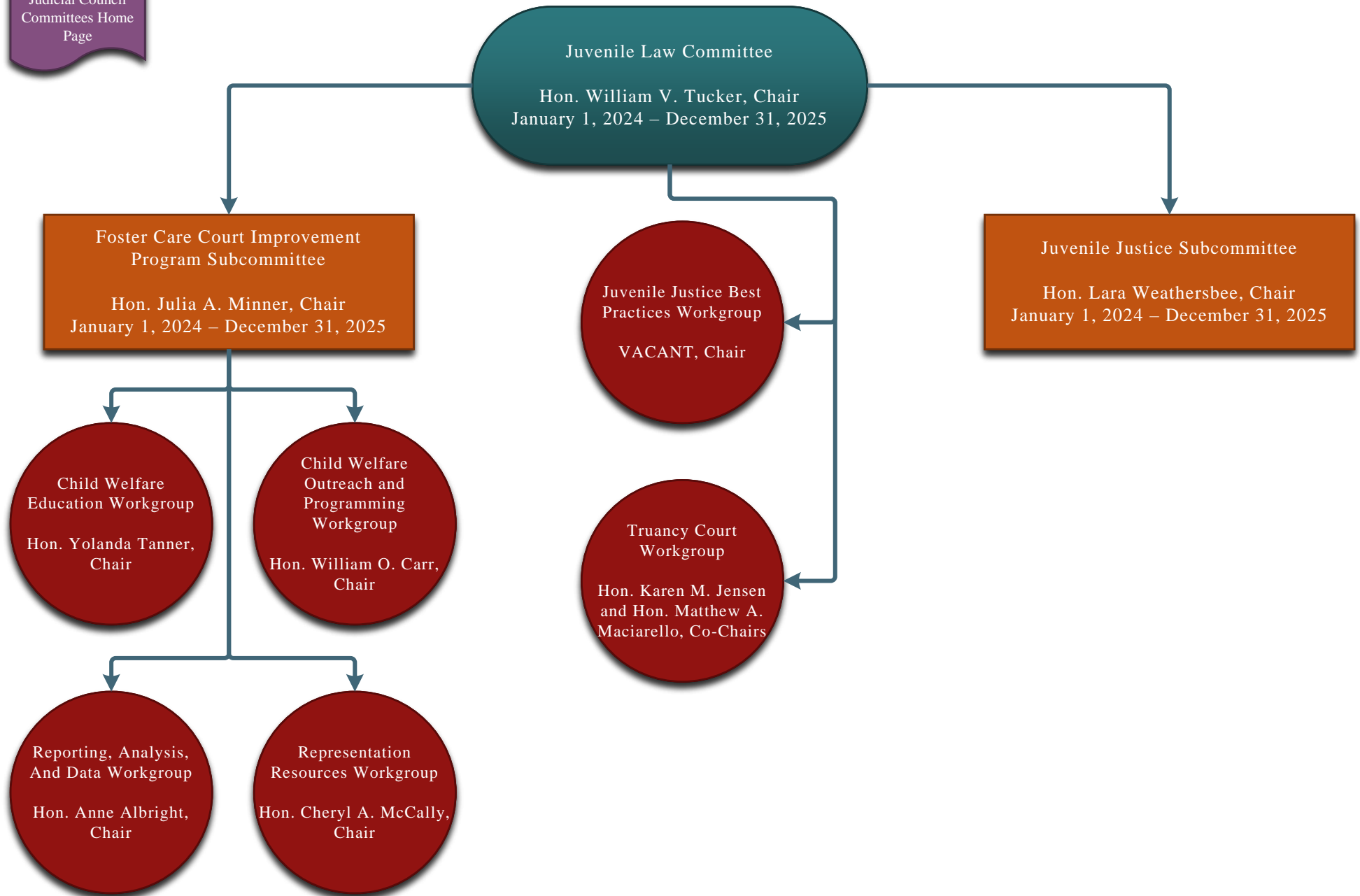
The subcommittee will:

1. Review Rules to determine if there are ways to achieve more equity in sentencing.
2. Compile data to understand trends and potential bias.
3. Distinguish judicial from legislative functions.
4. Explore if disproportionality is present before the matter gets to the Judiciary, i.e., charging decisions.
5. Examine Rules changes for sentence reconsideration.

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## Juvenile Law Committee

Hon. William V. Tucker, Chair  
Howard County  
Circuit Court  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Charles M. Blomquist  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026

Hon. Wytonja L. Curry  
Prince George's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Wendy S. Epstein  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026

Magistrate Sidney Francois  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026

Hon. Julie L. Glass-Becker  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026

Hon. Darren S. Johnson  
Prince George's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026

Hon. Matthew A. Maciarelo  
Wicomico County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Julia A. Minner  
Frederick County  
Circuit Court

Ex Officio

Magistrate Jeffrey D. Moffat  
Carroll County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Mary O'Donnell  
Dorchester County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Stephanie P. Porter  
Howard County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Lara C. Weathersbee  
Howard County  
Circuit Court

Ex Officio

Magistrate Erica Wolfe  
Anne Arundel County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Dana M. Wright  
Washington County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

**STAFF:** HOPE GARY, ABIGAIL HILL, SARAH KAPLAN

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Juvenile Law Committee will provide guidance and direction regarding policies, rules, and legislation surrounding juvenile law, including juvenile justice and child welfare. It will recommend policies, rules, and legislation that improve the effective administration of juvenile law.

### WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will review all policies, rules and legislation regarding juvenile matters. It will make recommendations regarding the same. The Committee will review systemic issues regarding juvenile law and make recommendations for improvement. It also will collaborate with justice partners to ensure a holistic approach to the development, implementation and evaluation of initiatives involving juvenile matters. The Committee will oversee the review and update of all Judiciary publications and forms related to juvenile law. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

### DURATION

Indefinite.

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### Juvenile Justice Best Practices Workgroup

Hon. Michael J. Stamm, Chair

Hon. Theresa Adams

Hon. Robert Kershaw

Hon. Matthew A. Maciarelo

Magistrate Jeffrey Moffatt

Hon. William V. Tucker

Hon. Dana M. Wright

**STAFF:** ABIGAIL HILL, SARAH KAPLAN

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The Juvenile Justice Best Practices Workgroup is established by the Juvenile Law Committee to identify best practices in the implementation of 2022 legislation and rules creating substantial changes in court practices in juvenile justice. The Workgroup will advise the Committee concerning: (1) recommended best practice standards to implement the aforementioned legislation and rules; (2) recommended training for judges, magistrates, and court staff; (3) recommended materials for judges, magistrates, and court staff, such as bench cards; and (4) whether any additional changes to statute or rule are recommended to effectuate their implementation. With the approval of the Committee, the Workgroup will take steps to develop, implement, and refine trainings and material.

#### **ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT**

The Workgroup will report regularly to the Committee and will submit a final report and recommendations to the Committee by December 31, 2023, summarizing its work and including draft materials and outlines of any proposed statute or rule changes.

#### **DURATION**

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#### Truancy Court Workgroup

Hon. Karen M. Jensen and  
Hon. Matthew A. Maciareello,  
Co-Chairs

Hon. William W. Davis, Jr.

Magistrate Ted Hart

Hon. Joanie Raymond

Sally Reed

Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth

Magistrate Althea Stewart  
Jones

Kendall E. Timmons

**STAFF:** GRAY BARTON, SARAH KAPLAN

#### **Nature and Purpose**

The Truancy Court Workgroup is established jointly by the Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee and the Juvenile Law Committee, with the purpose of advising both Committees concerning: (1) the various court-related programs within the State which address truancy, including Truancy Reduction Pilot Program courts, truancy reduction efforts in District Courts, and the University of Baltimore Truancy Court Program; and (2) whether changes to statute, rule, policy, or practice are recommended to support court-related truancy reduction efforts, including changes to addressing the Truancy Reduction Pilot Program, and Maryland Rules, Rule 16-207, addressing problem-solving court programs, or Title 11, addressing the juvenile court. The Workgroup also will continue efforts towards passage of the previously proposed amendments to CJP Title 3, Subtitle 8C.

#### **Work Product**

The Workgroup will submit a report and recommendations to both Committees, summarizing its work and including the proposed language of any recommended amendments to the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article or the Maryland Rules.

#### **Duration**

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## Foster Care Court Improvement Program Subcommittee

Hon. Julia A. Minner, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Anne K. Albright  
Appellate Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. William O. Carr  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Wendy S. Epstein  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Althea R. Stewart Jones  
Prince Georges County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Yolanda A. Tanner  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Neeta Kataria  
Magistrate  
Baltimore City

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Dr. Alger Studstill  
Executive Director  
DHR

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

### **STAFF: HOPE GARY**

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The scope of activity for the Foster Care Court Improvement Program Subcommittee would be all matters related to juveniles and young adults involved in Child in Need of Assistance (CINA), termination of parental rights, and adoption and will provide oversight of the Federal Court Improvement Program grant awarded to the Court. The subcommittee review all of these matters, make recommendations to the Juvenile Law Committee, to include, but not be limited to, recommendations as to possible legislative matters, update of foster care and neglect related petitions, Maryland Rules, recommend and identify new program initiatives, review and recommend all grant awards related to foster care and corroborate with the Department of Social Services as to ongoing and possible issues affecting juveniles in the Court system.

This subcommittee, through its Chairperson, will present its recommendations to the Juvenile Law Committee for discussion, review and possible recommendation to the Chief Judge and the Judicial Council.

### **DURATION**

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Child Welfare Education Workgroup

Hon. Yolanda Tanner, Chair

Hon. William Davis

Magistrate Neeta Kataria

Magistrate Erica Wolfe

**STAFF:** HOPE GARY, JOANNE KERR

**CONSULTANT:** Janet Hartge, Esq.

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The Child Welfare Education Workgroup will plan, host and conduct post training assessment of CANDO.

**ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT**

The workgroup will develop training materials and review, revise and update the current Child Welfare Benchbook.

**DURATION**

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Child Welfare Outreach and  
Programming Workgroup

Hon. William O. Carr, Chair

Magistrate David Addison

Magistrate Althea Stewart  
Jones

**STAFF:** HOPE GARY

**CONSULTANTS:** Jim Becker, Shawna Johnson, Erica LeMon, John McGinnis, Brandi Stocksdales

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The Child Welfare Outreach and Programming Workgroup focuses on enhancing the availability and understanding of court programs and initiatives designed to improve permanency outcomes for families involved in child welfare matters.

**ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT**

Expand access to CASA to every youth in foster care; enhance relative/kin caregiver engagement with the courts; develop a pilot program using an educational liaison to solely focused on monitoring/implementation of IEPs for youth in a jurisdiction; and continue efforts to establish border agreements with Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Virginia.

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## Reporting, Analysis, and Data (RAD) Workgroup

Hon. Anne Albright, Chair

Richard Abbott

April Andrade

Grant Bacon

Laurie Baker

Cathy Boyer

Staci Cook

Deborah Elms

Hope Gary

Wendy Hawkins

Austin Phaire

Corey Shdaimah

Debbie Simpson

Dominique Johnigan  
Simmons

Calvin Tribbitt

Kelly Uhas

Mark Vitale

Geneva Warren

Lisa Wyckoff

Hisashi Yamagata

**STAFF:** JOANNE KERR

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The workgroup is responsible for child welfare data continuous quality improvement (CQI) and reviewing the accuracy of statewide child welfare data reports. The workgroup meets quarterly to review the child welfare data reports and conducts a frontline analysis of the statewide data. RAD primarily reviews the Foster Care Court Improvement Program Timeliness Statistics and Court Performance Measures reports. These reports provide our federal partners court data that reflect our progress towards achieving safety, permanency, and well-being goals for children, youth, and families. The workgroup will develop recommendations and best practice tools to assist jurisdictions with handling child welfare data. The workgroup is responsible for hosting a biennial child welfare data workshop.

The work group composition includes judiciary information systems staff, court researchers, permanency planning liaisons, and Department of Social Services Administration representatives.

### DURATION

Six Months

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## Representation Resources Workgroup

Hon. Cheryl McCally, Chair

Hon. Julia Minner

Magistrate Kathryn Brewer  
Poole

**STAFF:** HOPE GARY, ABIGAIL HILL

**CONSULTANTS:** Audra Davis, Carol Ann Smith, David Wagner and Karolyn Bowe

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The Representation Resources Workgroup will develop a plan to ensure that all parties involved in child welfare system have quality legal representation. The workgroup will expand resources and provide training opportunities to enhance legal representation in CINA and related TPR matters.

### **ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT**

The workgroup would like to create a Dependency 101 video and accompanying handbook to educate, support, and assist parents in navigating through the court process and also to develop a parent peer/mentor program.

### **DURATION**

December 31, 2024

## Juvenile Justice Subcommittee

Hon. Lara Weathersbee, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kathleen Dumais  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kathleen English  
Frederick County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Matthew A. Maciarelo  
Wicomico County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Matthew A Maciarelo  
Wicomico County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Jeffrey D. Moffatt  
Carroll County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Mary O'Donnell  
Dorchester County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Kristin Peacock  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Joanie Raymond  
Frederick County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Erica J. Wolfe  
Anne Arundel County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**STAFF:** ABIGAIL HILL, SARAH KAPLAN

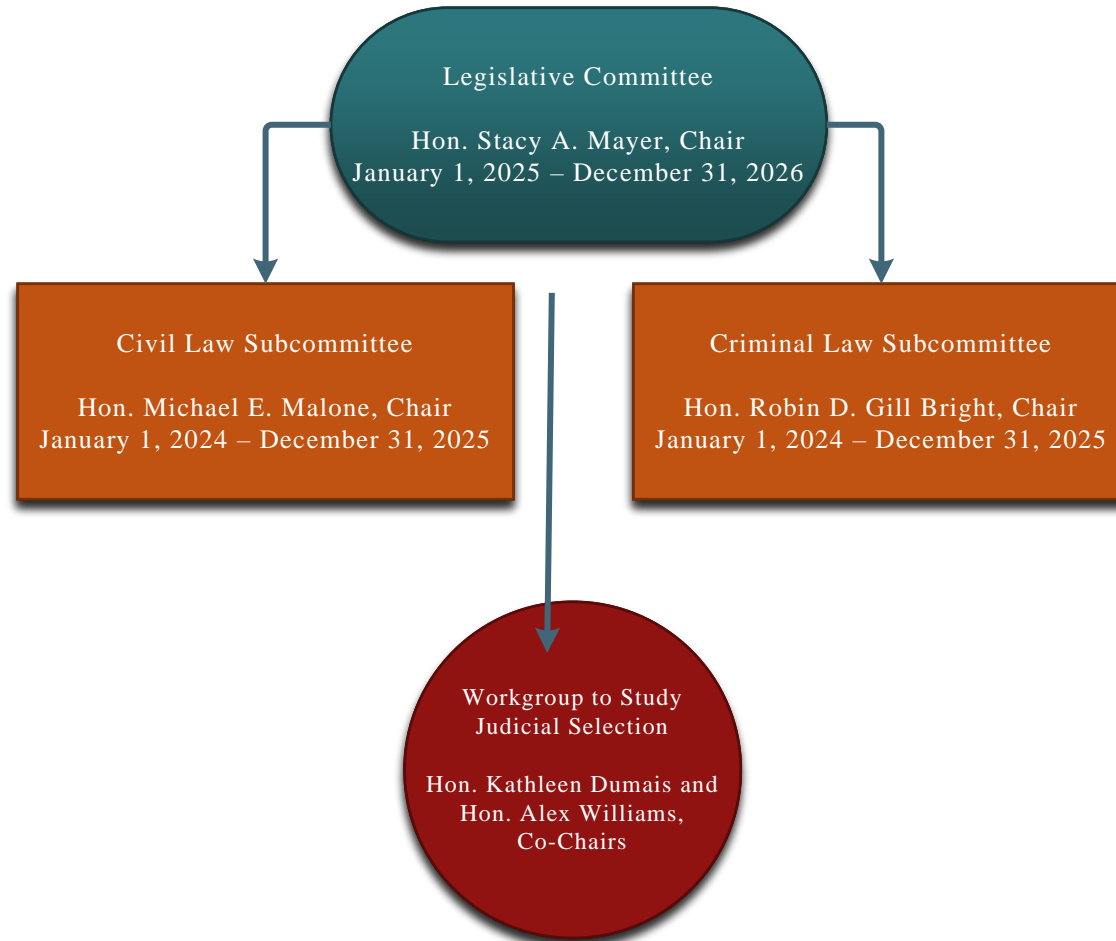
### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The scope of activity for the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee is all matters related to juveniles in delinquent related cases whether in the juvenile or adult courts. The subcommittee will review all of these matters, make recommendations to the Juvenile Law Committee, to include, but not be limited to, recommendations as to possible legislation, update of juvenile forms and Maryland Rules, and collaborate with the Department of Juvenile Services as to ongoing issues affecting juveniles in the court system.

This subcommittee, through its Chairperson, will present its recommendations to the Juvenile Committee for discussion, review and possible recommendation to the Chief Judge and the Judicial Council.

### EXPECTED DURATION

Indefinite.





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## Legislative Committee

Hon. Stacy A. Mayer, Chair  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Richard Sandy  
Vice-Chair  
Frederick County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. LaKeecia R. Allen  
Prince George's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Brynja M. Booth  
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Robin D. Gill Bright  
Prince George's County  
Circuit Court

Ex Officio

Hon. Yvette M. Bryant  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Mark S. Chandlee  
Calvert County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Joseph M. Getty  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. James H. Green  
Baltimore City  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. LaTina B. Greene  
Baltimore City  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Michael E. Malone  
Anne Arundel County  
Circuit Court

Ex Officio

Hon. John P. Morrissey  
Chief Judge  
District Court

Ex Officio

Hon. Aileen E. Oliver  
Montgomery County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Judy Rupp  
State Court Administrator

Ex Officio

Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

### STAFF: SUZANNE PELZ

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Legislative Committee will protect and promote the Judiciary's interests regarding new laws and initiatives. It will defend and/or advance the Judiciary's interests by determining and implementing the most effective strategy for doing so given the political climate and other factors impacting the current landscape. The Committee members rely on collective institutional knowledge, history, and political experience.

### WORK PRODUCT

The Legislative Committee will review and analyze legal and policy implications and how they affect the Judiciary. It also will serve as a clearinghouse for all legislation, advise the Chief Judges and Judicial Council on legislative issues, review pending legislation, and formulate a single, unified position for the Judiciary. The Committee reviews internally generated requests for new legislation and makes recommendations to the Judicial Council. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

### DURATION

Indefinite.

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### Workgroup to Study Judicial Selection

Hon. Kathleen Dumais, Co-Chair  
Hon. Alexander Williams, Jr., Co-Chair

Hon. Diane Adkins-  
Tobin

Hon. Mary Ellen  
Barbera

Ex Officio

Carville Collins, Esq.

Morgan Drayton

William Flowers

Ron Jarashow

Mary Kane

Hon. Stacy Mayer

William “Billy”  
Murphy, Esq.

Hon. Marie L.  
Oesterreicher

Hon. Stephen Platt

John (Jack) Quinn, Esq.

Hon. Kurt Schmoke

Hon. Sheila Tillerson  
Adams

Hon. Donald Tobin

Donna VanScoy

Ralph Watkins

Hon. Brett R. Wilson

**STAFF:** KELLEY O’CONNOR, SUZANNE PELZ

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

Perform a fair, balanced and exhaustive examination of the various methods of selecting and retaining trial judges throughout the country and make recommendations based on that study.

The Workgroup will:

1. Perform a study that will include, but not be limited to: a current academic literature and research review including sources such as the Brennan Center; the National Center for State Courts; the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System; the American Bar Association; academia; and, advocacy materials on all sides of the issue.
2. Review the current and historical judicial complement in Maryland based on gender, race, and ethnicity.
3. Hold public hearings for stakeholders and citizens on all sides of the issue and schedule meetings with subject matter experts.

### WORK PRODUCT

1. A report on the current state of judicial elections and the findings of the Workgroup based on academic examination, public testimony, and discussions with subject matter experts.
2. Recommendations for change or to retain the status quo to the Legislative Committee.

### EXPECTED DURATION

September 1, 2023 – September 1, 2024

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### Civil Law Subcommittee

Hon. Michael E. Malone, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Catherine Chen  
Baltimore City  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Paul J. Cucuzzella  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Angela M. Eaves  
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. H. Jack Price, Jr.  
Allegany & Garret Counties  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Richard R. Titus  
Carroll County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**STAFF:** RICHARD KEIDEL

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

To review legislation pertaining to civil law during the legislative session and make recommendations to the full Committee.

#### **ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT**

Make recommendations to the Committee pertaining to civil law during the legislative session.

#### **EXPECTED DURATION**

Ninety Days (January to April)

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### Criminal Law Subcommittee

Hon. Robin D. Gill Bright, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kent J. Boles, Jr.  
Baltimore City  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Hon. Garret P. Glennon  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Hon. Karen R. Kettermann  
Talbot County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31,  
2025

Hon. Kathleen C. Murphy  
Baltimore County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31,  
2026

Hon. Daniel W. Powell  
Somerset County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Michelle R. Saunders  
Calvert County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Robert K. Taylor  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

**STAFF:** RICHARD KEIDEL

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

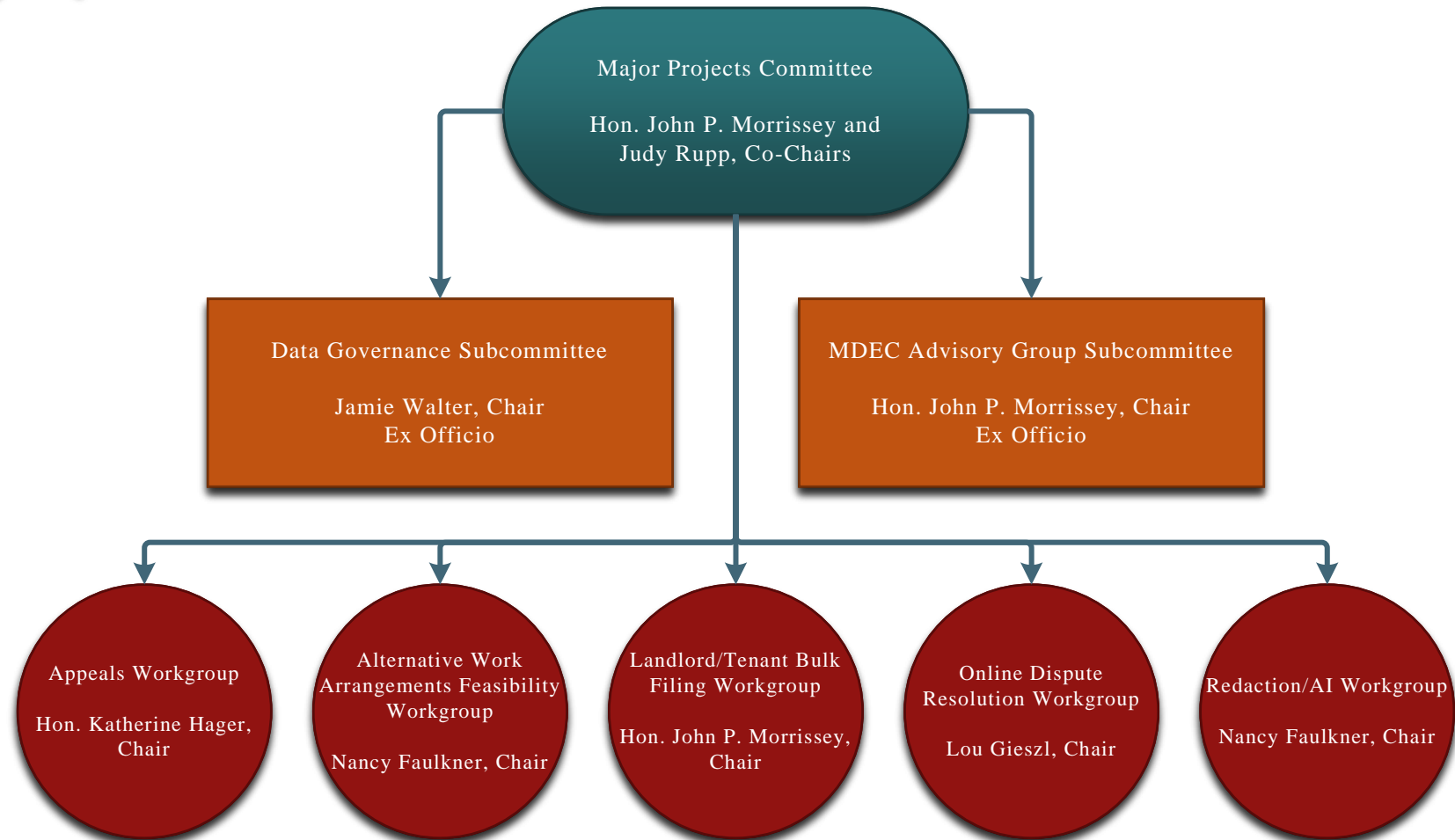
To review legislation pertaining to criminal law during the legislative session and make recommendations to the full committee.

#### **WORK PRODUCT**

Make recommendations to the Committee pertaining to civil law during the legislative session.

#### **EXPECTED DURATION**

Ninety Days (January to April)



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### Major Projects Committee

Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chief Judge  
District Court and  
Judy Rupp, State Court Administrator  
Co-Chairs

Ex Officio

Robert Bruchalski  
Information Technology  
JIS

Ex Officio

Hon. Yvette M. Bryant  
Chair, Rules Committee

Ex Officio

Hon. Heather DeWees  
Chair, Conference of Circuit  
Court Clerks

Ex Officio

Nancy Faulkner  
Deputy State Court Administrator  
AOC

Ex Officio

Lisa Preston  
Case Management Systems  
JIS

Ex Officio

Hon. S. James Sarbanes  
Wicomico County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Norman R. Stone, III  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Roberta Warnken  
Chief Clerk  
District Court

Ex Officio

**STAFF:** OLYA JERSCHKOWSKY

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Major Projects Committee addresses policy-related matters regarding the implementation and ongoing operation of new and existing technology projects, as well as the establishment of priorities for the implementation of those projects. The Committee works collaboratively with the Court Technology Committee and Judicial Information Systems.

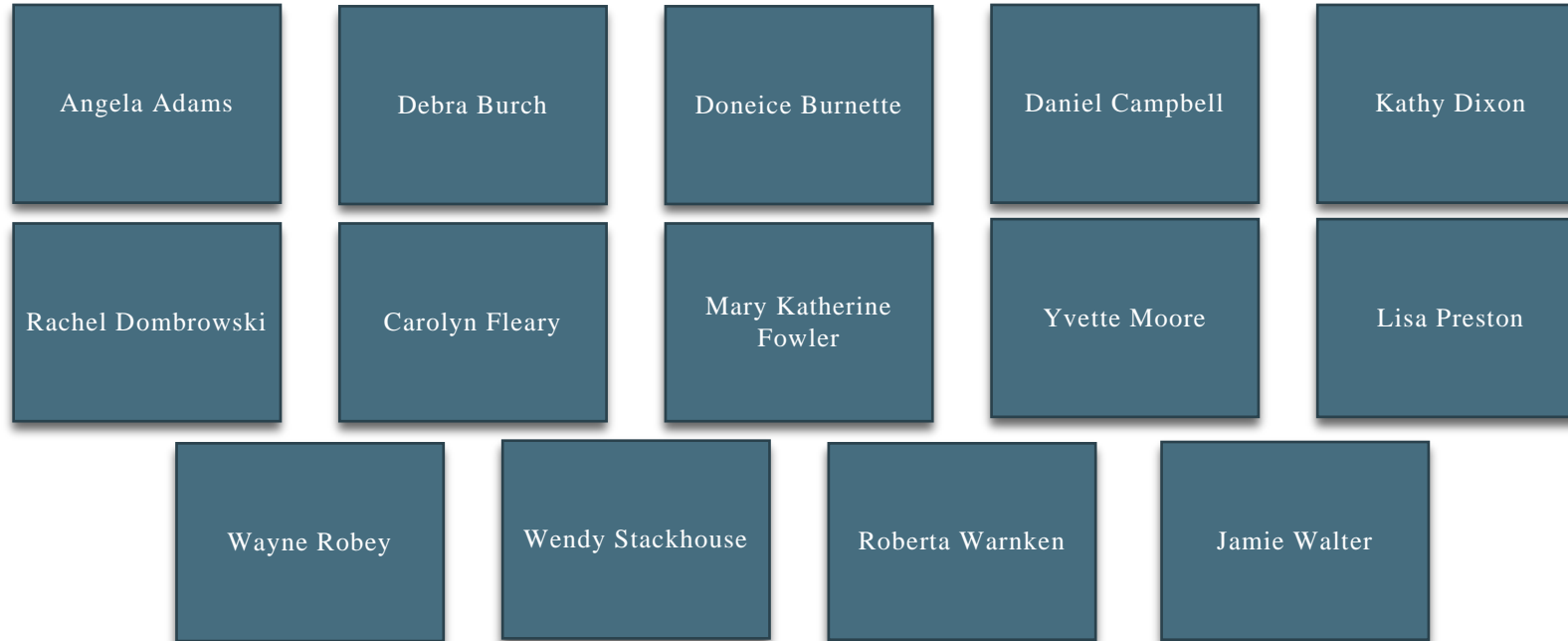
### WORK PRODUCT

The Committee is the final decision-making body for policy decisions regarding MDEC. The more complex and policy-related concerns of court users and justice partners are brought to the Committee for consideration. The Committee also addresses the functionality of the different components of MDEC by reviewing system change requests submitted by users or that result from changes in practice or process. This review includes weighing the time and cost of making changes against the overall benefit to operations. The Committee oversees the Government Agency Access process under Maryland Rule 20-109 which governs remote access to MDEC by authorized government entities. The Committee also oversees the administration of the contract with Tyler Technologies and is directly involved with making decisions regarding modifications and amendments. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

### DURATION

Indefinite.

Appeals Workgroup  
Hon. Greg Hilton, Chair



**STAFF:** MEGAN COLLIER

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The purpose of the workgroup is to review how the appeals process works in MDEC and make recommendations on business process changes.

**ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT**

The Workgroup plans to accomplish the following: (1) re-write QRGs for clerks in processing appeals in Odyssey to the Appellate Court of Maryland and one for the Supreme Court of Maryland, (2) work on proposed language to update Title 8 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure for Appellate Review in the Supreme Court and the Appellate Court, (3) update appeals manual created by Appellate Court and include the Supreme Court; (4) address exhibits and transcripts process, (5) update Research & Analysis Guide to Appeals to the Appellate Court, and (6) make recommendations for any possible MDEC changes if needed (remote access issues).

**EXPECTED DURATION**

December 2024

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Alternative Work  
Arrangements Feasibility  
Workgroup  
Nancy Faulkner, Chair

Doug Arnold

Robert Bruchalski

Ebonye Caldwell

Hon. Audrey J.S.  
Carrión

Danielle Fox

Hon. Steven  
Gould

Kristin  
Grossnickle

Greg Hilton

Doug Hofstedt

Daniel Mays

Hon. John P.  
Morrissey

Valerie Pompey

Hon. Scott Poyer

Judy Rupp

Tim Sheridan

Annamaria Walsh

Roberta Warnken

**STAFF:** MELISSA CANADA

### PURPOSE

The March 2022 Report of the Joint Subcommittee on Post-COVID Judicial Operations recommended that a workgroup be formed to study the prospect of alternative work arrangements. The workgroup will:

1. Perform a study guided by the principles set forth in the Report of the Joint Subcommittee on Post-COVID Judicial Operations that will evaluate:
  - Job functions that are suitable for telework, including but not limited to: law clerks, judicial assistants, clerks, IT, staff, AOC and District Court Headquarters staff, and supervisors/managers.
  - Whether certain job functions can be performed during non-standard hours.
  - Whether administrative heads should have the authority to implement other forms of alternative work arrangements.
  - Methods that should be employed to ensure the productivity of employees while teleworking.
2. Review current Maryland Judiciary data on telework, including: data from JIS' evaluation of telework monitoring software; results of telework surveys; and information from Human Resources and Payroll regarding the extent of current employee telework.
3. Utilize available data regarding productivity of teleworkers in multiple fields and positions, alternative work arrangements in other court systems, and best practices for telework policies.

### WORK PRODUCT

A report in compliance with the Report of the Joint Subcommittee on Post-COVID Judicial Operations. The report will provide recommendations on the feasibility of alternative work arrangements and include guidance on ensuring consistent and equitable supervision of employees and ensuring productivity of employees utilizing alternative work arrangements.

### DURATION

Summer 2024



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Landlord/Tenant E- Filing  
Project Workgroup

Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chair

Hon. Bryon Bereano	Rose Day	Nicole DiFonzo	Maria Fields	Carolyn Fleary	Jarrett Hendrix	Olya Jerschowsky
Laura Jones	Priscilda Menjares	Preena Patel	Robert Prender	Lisa Preston	Marquita Spriggs	Hon. Norman Stone
	Jason Thomas	John Todd	Ryan Villalpando	Roberta Warnken	Hon. Dorothy Wilson	

**STAFF:** TOBA OWONUBI

**NATURE/PURPOSE OF WORKGROUP:** The purpose of the Workgroup is to define and validate the work and business processes including producing the requirements needed by Tyler to produce the electronic filing system. Members of the Workgroup are also responsible performing User Acceptance Testing (UAT).

**WORK PRODUCT:** Tyler developed software solution using Baltimore County as the pilot jurisdiction. The work product is a system where bulk filers, single filers or Vendor Electronic Filer Service Providers (VEFSPs) may file the failure to pay rent action electronically. A filer may also use the Tyler created Odyssey File and Serve (OFS) intermediate User Interface (UI) for filing.

**DURATION:** December 2024

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Online Dispute Resolution  
Work Group

Lou Gieszl, Chair

Richard Abbott

Rose Day

Maureen Denihan

Cynthia Jurrius

Christian Noble

Theresa Nudell

Lisa Preston

Nick White

**STAFF:** SHANNON BAKER

**NATURE/PURPOSE OF WORKGROUP:** The Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) Work Group monitors the development of court-connected ODR initiatives and develops recommendations about possible ODR projects in the Maryland Judiciary.

**WORK PRODUCT:** The work group has been tasked with developing and analyzing options for ODR projects in the following areas, in order of priority: (1) non-incarcerable traffic cases, (2) small claims, and (3) child support enforcement. The workgroup will engage a technical consulting firm to assist in discovering and documenting ODR requirements and how ODR software can be adopted and incorporated into the Judiciary's existing case management practices. Tasks include defining the technical and business requirements, along with identifying the necessary policy and business process changes needed to implement an ODR solution.

**DURATION:** September 2024

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Redaction/AI Workgroup  
Nancy Faulkner, Chair

Charleston Carter

Amy Craig

Rose Day

Missy Gallagher

Roberta Grubb

Mallori Heely

Jeff Luoma

Theresa Nudell

Lisa Preston

Wayne Robey

Rakhi Sawhney

Dan Smith

Jason Thomas

Gillian Tonkin

Kevin Tucker

Roberta Warnken

Alex Yufest

#### **STAFF: THERESA NUDELL**

#### **PURPOSE**

The Major Projects Committee recommended that a workgroup be formed to oversee the implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) and redaction technologies within case management practices. The redaction software will integrate with Odyssey and File and Serve. The project will be accomplished with two vendors, CSI Intellidact Software and Tyler Technologies CSI Intellidact Redaction Integration Connector.

The immediate need is to define how to use this technology to assist with expungements and unit charge removals that are eligible under Criminal Law §§10-105 and 10-107. This law affects the offenses under Criminal Law §5-601 and became effective January 1, 2023.

The workgroup will:

- Formally identify pilot courts, both District and circuit courts.
- Review Maryland Judiciary case practices and determine how AI and redaction technologies can best serve the immediate needs imposed under Criminal Law §§10-105 and 10-107.
- Identify parameters to “teach” redaction software how to recognize terms associated with cannabis expungement.
- Identify and set future direction on the use of redaction technologies for the shielding of personally identifiable information (PII) within case documents. PII is data that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s identity, such as name, social security number, date of birth, etc.
- Identify and set future direction on the use of AI technologies to streamline the case document review process and case record updates within the MDEC system.
- Identify other areas that may benefit from redaction software, such as Human Resources, Procurement, JIS, and Legal Affairs.
- Identify Maryland rules and policies that may require changes with future AI and redaction use being considered for adoption.

#### **WORK PRODUCT**

The workgroup will spearhead the implementation and integration of AI and redaction technologies to support the cannabis reform law. The policies and practices defined for the pilot courts will serve as the model to leverage this technology across all other courts in the State of Maryland. After initial redaction/AI goals related to cannabis reform are implemented, the workgroup will assist with defining how redaction and AI can be utilized in other areas.

#### **DURATION**

March 2023 – July 2024

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## Data Governance Subcommittee

Jamie Walter, Chair  
Ex-Officio

Robert Bruchalski  
Information Technology  
JIS

Ex Officio

Nicholas Cavey  
Public Information Officer  
AOC

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Terri Charles  
Government Relations and Public  
Affairs

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Nancy Faulkner  
Deputy State Court Administrator  
AOC

Ex Officio

Leighann Garcia  
Data Governance Manager  
AOC

Ex Officio

Lou Gieszl  
Programs  
AOC

July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

Jeff Huddleston  
Deputy CIO  
JIS

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Craig Moskovitz  
Chief Deputy Clerk  
Circuit Court for Baltimore  
County

July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Andrew Ortiz  
Senior Researcher R&A  
AOC

July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Timothy Sheridan  
Court Administrator  
Montgomery County

July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Jason Thomas  
Chief Technology Officer  
JIS

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

Roberta Warnken  
Chief Clerk  
District Court

Ex Officio

**STAFF:** OSCAR VASQUEZ-FLORES

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Data Governance Subcommittee was formed to create a centralized structure for policies regarding the Judiciary's data. The Subcommittee meets on a quarterly basis or when needed.

### WORK PRODUCT

The Subcommittee will be divided into small groups to work on four different policy areas: (1) scope of data; (2) data ownership and retention; (3) data access; and (4) data usage.

### EXPECTED DURATION

Indefinite

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MDEC Advisory Subcommittee

Hon. John P. Morrissey, Co-Chair  
Ex Officio

Judy K. Rupp, Co-Chair  
Ex Officio

**STAFF:** OLYA JERSCHKOWSKY, GILLIAN TONKIN

**TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.:** JOHN TODD AND KEVIN KENNEDY

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The MDEC Advisory Subcommittee is a subcommittee with revolving membership of court leadership during the MDEC implementation process. The Subcommittee primarily focuses on operational concerns for courts in the process of going live on MDEC.

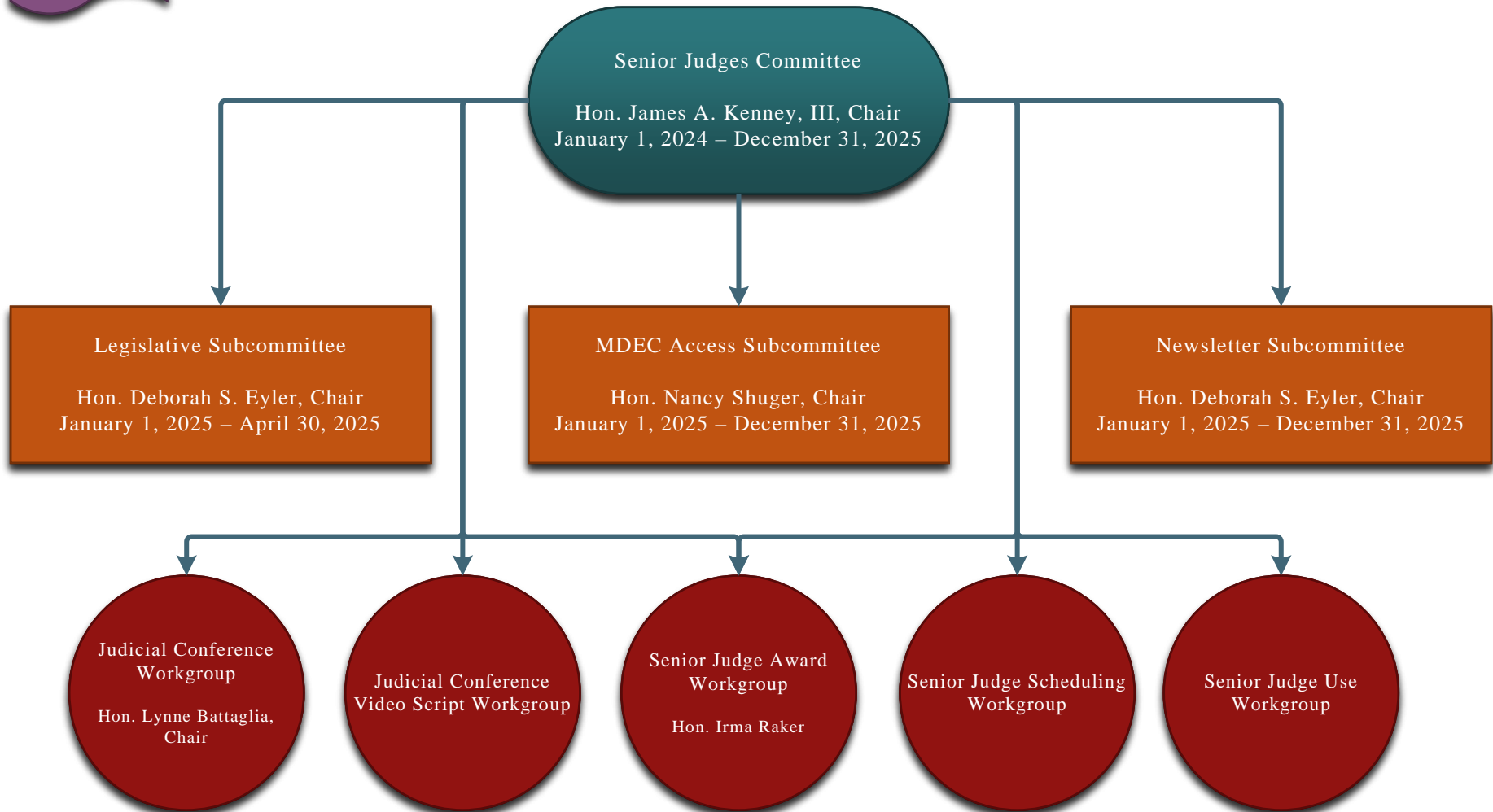
**WORK PRODUCT**

Throughout the year the Subcommittee will meet to address issues related to MDEC implementation.

**DURATION**

This subcommittee will end once MDEC is fully implemented.

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### Senior Judges Committee

Hon. James A. Kenney III, Chair  
Senior Judge  
Appellate Court  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Deborah S. Eyler  
Vice Chair  
Senior Judge  
Appellate Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Jean S. Baron  
Senior Judge  
Prince George's County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia  
Senior Judge  
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Lawrence R. Daniels  
Senior Judge  
Baltimore County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.  
Senior Judge  
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Michele D. Hotten  
Senior Judge  
Supreme Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Steven I. Platt  
Senior Judge  
Prince George's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Irma S. Raker  
Senior Judge  
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Sharon Reed  
Executive Aide to the Chief Judge  
District Court Headquarters

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Marcus Z. Shar  
Senior Judge  
Baltimore City  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Nancy B. Shuger  
Senior Judge  
Baltimore City  
District Court

Ex Officio

Hon. Norman R. Stone, III  
Senior Judge  
Baltimore County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Dennis M. Sweeney  
Senior Judge  
Howard County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Barbara B. Waxman  
Senior Judge  
Supreme Court

January 1, 2025-December 31, 2026

**STAFF:** ELIANA PANGELINAN

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Senior Judges Committee will advise the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Judicial Council on matters relevant to retired/recalled judges.

### ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will monitor changes to laws, rules, and policies that impact retired/recalled judges. It will ensure retired/recalled judges are apprised of those changes and that they receive the requisite training to effectively address the same. The Committee also will ensure retired/recalled judges receive the tools necessary to perform their duties. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

### Duration

Indefinite.

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Judicial Conference Workgroup  
Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia, Chair

Hon. Jean S. Baron

Hon. James A.  
Kenney, III

Sharon Reed

**STAFF:** ELIANA PANGELINAN

**CONSULTANTS:** THERESA COFFEY, PETER SAQUELLA

**NATURE AND PURPOSE:**

The Workgroup will plan the Senior Judges Meeting and Reception at the Judicial Conference.

**EXPECTED WORK PRODUCT:**

The Workgroup will select facilitators, invite guests to the meeting, and review materials provided to Retired Judges and Senior Judges at that meeting.

**EXPECTED DURATION:**

ANNUALLY, JANUARY – MAY



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Judicial Conference Video  
Script Workgroup

Hon. Jean S. Baron

Hon. Deborah S. Eyler

Hon. Glenn Harrell

Hon. Barbara K. Howe

Hon. Irma S. Raker

Hon. Thurman H. Rhodes

**STAFF:** SHARON REED

**NATURE AND PURPOSE:**

The Judicial Conference Video Script Workgroup will plan and be featured in the Senior Judges Committee's presentation at the Judicial Conference.

**EXPECTED WORK PRODUCT:**

Develop the Senior Judges Committee's presentation for the Judicial Conference.

**EXPECTED DURATION:**

ANNUALLY, JANUARY – MAY

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Senior Judge Award  
Workgroup

Hon. Irma S. Raker, Chair

Hon. Jean S. Baron

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia

Hon. Barbara K. Howe

**STAFF:** ELIANA PANGELINAN

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The Senior Judges Award Group will award a senior judge with the annual Senior Judge Award based on their work in the community.

**WORK PRODUCT**

Recommend a senior judge to receive the annual Senior Judge Award at the Judicial Conference.

**DURATION**

ANNUALLY, JANUARY – MAY

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## Senior Judge Scheduling Workgroup

Hon. Paul Bowman

Hon. Lawrence Daniels

Hon. Fred Hecker

Lisa Preston

Hon. Dennis Sweeney

**STAFF:** ELIANA PANGELINAN

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The mission will be to explore options to provide schedulers the ability to efficiently schedule circuit court-designated Senior Judges to preside over hearings at various court locations as approved.

### **WORK PRODUCT**

A centralized calendar where circuit court-designated Senior Judges will add their availability to preside over cases.

### **DURATION**

MAY 31, 2025

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## Senior Judge Use Workgroup

Hon. James Bonifant

Hon. Paul Bowman

Hon. Lawrence Daniels

Kristin Grossnickle

**STAFF:** ELIANA PANGELINAN

**NATURE AND PURPOSE:**

The Workgroup is a joint effort of the Court Operations and Senior Judges Committees. The mission will be to develop a guide that would standardize the ways in which senior judges are weaved into the everyday activities of the courts.

The topics of discussion will be:

1. Dissemination of advance docket information.
2. Assigning a specific courthouse contact for senior judges.
3. Law clerk and clerical support.
4. Technology concerns.
5. What court matters are best suited for senior judges.

**EXPECTED WORK PRODUCT:**

Best Practice Manual for Senior Judge Use

**EXPECTED DURATION:**

May 2025

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### Legislative Subcommittee

Hon. Deborah S. Eyler, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Kathleen G. Cox  
Vice Chair  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Lawrence R. Daniels  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Leo E. Green, Jr.  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. James A. Kenney, III  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Jonas D. Legum  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Brooke M. Murdock  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Emory Plitt  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Dennis M. Sweeney  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

**STAFF:** ELIANA PANGELINAN

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

Review and monitor legislation that affects retired judges generally and recalled judges in particular

#### **WORK PRODUCT**

Advice to the Judicial Legislative Committee.

#### **DURATION**

Operates during the legislative session.

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### MDEC Access Subcommittee

Hon. Nancy Shuger, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Deborah S. Eyler  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Sharon Reed  
District Court Headquarters

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

**STAFF:** ELIANA PANGELINAN

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The Subcommittee will review MDEC issues pertinent to all Senior Judges.

### **WORK PRODUCT**

Review of current MDEC protocol and creation of recommendations concerning MDEC access for Senior Judges.

### **DURATION**

Indefinite

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### Newsletter Subcommittee

Hon. Deborah S. Eyler, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Hon. James A. Kenney III  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Steven Platt  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 21, 2024

Sharon Reed  
District Court Headquarters

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

**STAFF:** ELIANA PANGELINAN

**CONSULTANTS:** EBONYE CALDWELL, SHAMIKA DENT-WILLIAMS, SHANNA EDWARDS, ALEX HOYLE, DANIEL MAYS

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The Newsletter Subcommittee will create a quarterly newsletter that could be used on an ongoing basis to provide timely and relevant information to the retired judges as a whole.

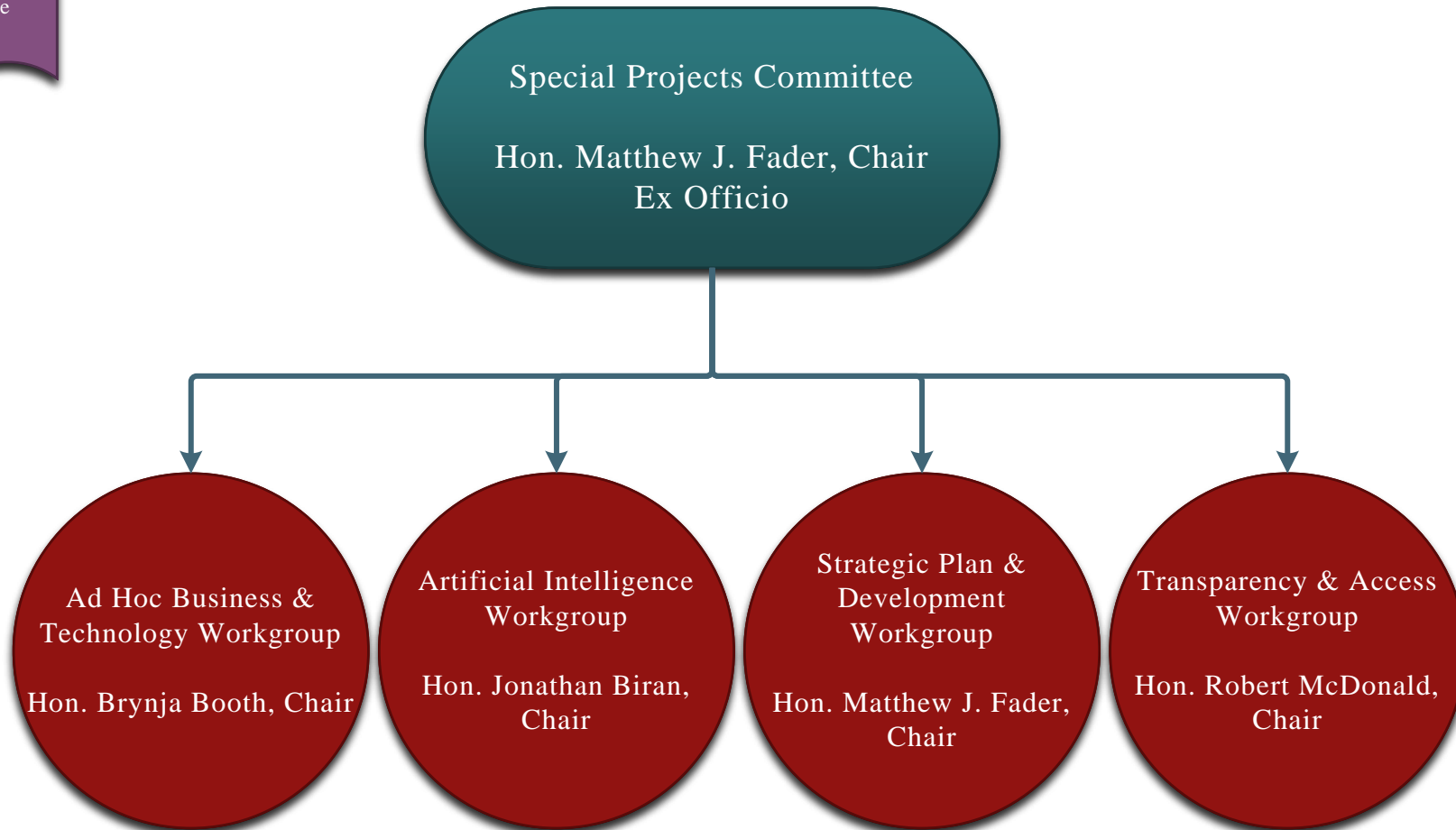
#### **WORK PRODUCT**

Quarterly newsletter to be distributed to retired judges.

#### **DURATION**

Indefinite

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### Special Projects Committee

Hon. Matthew J. Fader, Chair  
Ex Officio

Hon. Fred S. Hecker  
Chair  
Conference of Circuit Judges

Ex Officio

Hon. John P. Morrissey  
Chief Judge  
District Court

Ex Officio

Judy Rupp  
State Court Administrator  
Administrative Office of the Courts

Ex Officio

Hon. E. Greg Wells  
Chief Judge  
Appellate Court

Ex Officio

#### **STAFF: N/A**

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The Special Projects Committee will oversee the efforts of special-purpose, limited-term workgroups or task forces that are created to consider and make recommendations concerning issues that either do not fall within the scope of other Judicial Council committees or subcommittees, or that span the scope of multiple Judicial Council committees or subcommittees and are better addressed by a special-purpose, limited-term entity.

#### **ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT**

The Special Projects Committee will produce written or verbal annual reports to the Judicial Council to inform about the operations and recommendations of the workgroups and task forces that fall under the supervision of the Special Projects Committee.

#### **Duration**

Indefinite.

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Ad Hoc Business & Technology  
Workgroup

Hon. Brynja Booth, Chair

Hon. Kevin Arthur

Hon. Rosalyn Tang

**STAFF:** ANDREW NISSENSOHN, KRISTIN SEAL

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

To re-examine the work performed by an Ad Hoc Task Force that previously studied the effectiveness of the Maryland Business and Technology Case Management Program (BTCMP) in 2017. The workgroup will work alongside members of the circuit court Complex Litigation Committee (a committee under the umbrella of the Conference of Circuit Judges).

**WORK PRODUCT**

The workgroup is revisiting the recommendations that were made in 2017 and looking at current data to determine whether the BTCMP is accomplishing the key goals that were identified in 2017, including achieving consistency, uniformity, and predictability in the administrative process, particularly the selection and assignment of judges, assignment of cases to the Business & Technology docket, assignment of judicial resources to the BTCMP, and facilitation of more written opinions being published by Business and Technology judges.

**DURATION**

Spring 2024

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## Artificial Intelligence Workgroup

Hon. Jonathan Biran,  
Chair

Hon. Kevin Arthur

David DelGaudio

Hon. Lydie Glynn

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Hon. Rachel McGuckian

Leland Sampson

Jason Thomas

**STAFF:** BRENDA IAZZETTA

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

Develop and make recommendations concerning the responsible use of AI in connection with Judiciary operations.

### **WORK PRODUCT**

Draft proposed guidelines for the use of AI tools and platforms by Judiciary employees; make other recommendations as necessary.

### **DURATION**

Indefinite

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## Strategic Plan Development Workgroup

Hon. Matthew J. Fader,  
Chair

Hon. Tiffany  
Anderson

Hon. Audrey J.S.  
Carrion

Hon. Yolanda Curtin

Hon. Kimberly Davis

Hon. Victor Del Pino

Lou Gieszl

Markisha Gross

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Hon. Melvin Jews

Hon. Michelle  
Karczeski

Jennifer Keiser

Hon. Stacy Mayer

Hon. John P.  
Morrissey

Hon. John Nugent

Judy Rupp

Hon. Shaem Spencer

Roberta Warnken

Hon. E. Greg Wells

**STAFF:** SHAMIKA DENT-WILLIAMS, BRADLEY TANNER, JAMIE WALTER

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

Create a strategic vision that engages members of the Maryland Judiciary, its justice partners and the public to identify initiatives aligned with the Judiciary's mission and vision.

### **WORK PRODUCT**

Judiciary members and stakeholder partners charged with oversight of the strategic vision roadmap initiative including the identification and documentation of project milestones and recommendations.

### **DURATION**

July 2025

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## Transparency & Access Workgroup

Hon. Robert McDonald, Chair

Hon. Peter Killough

Hon. Andrea Leahy

Hon. John P. Morrissey

Judy Rupp

Hon. Jennifer Schiffer

**STAFF:** DANIELLE FOX, ANN MACNEILLE, GILLIAN TONKIN

### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

Identify ways to make the Judiciary more transparent and to provide greater public access to data and other information that the Judiciary maintains while: (1) protecting legitimate privacy, confidentiality, and safety interests and (2) not imposing unreasonable burdens on Judiciary resources.

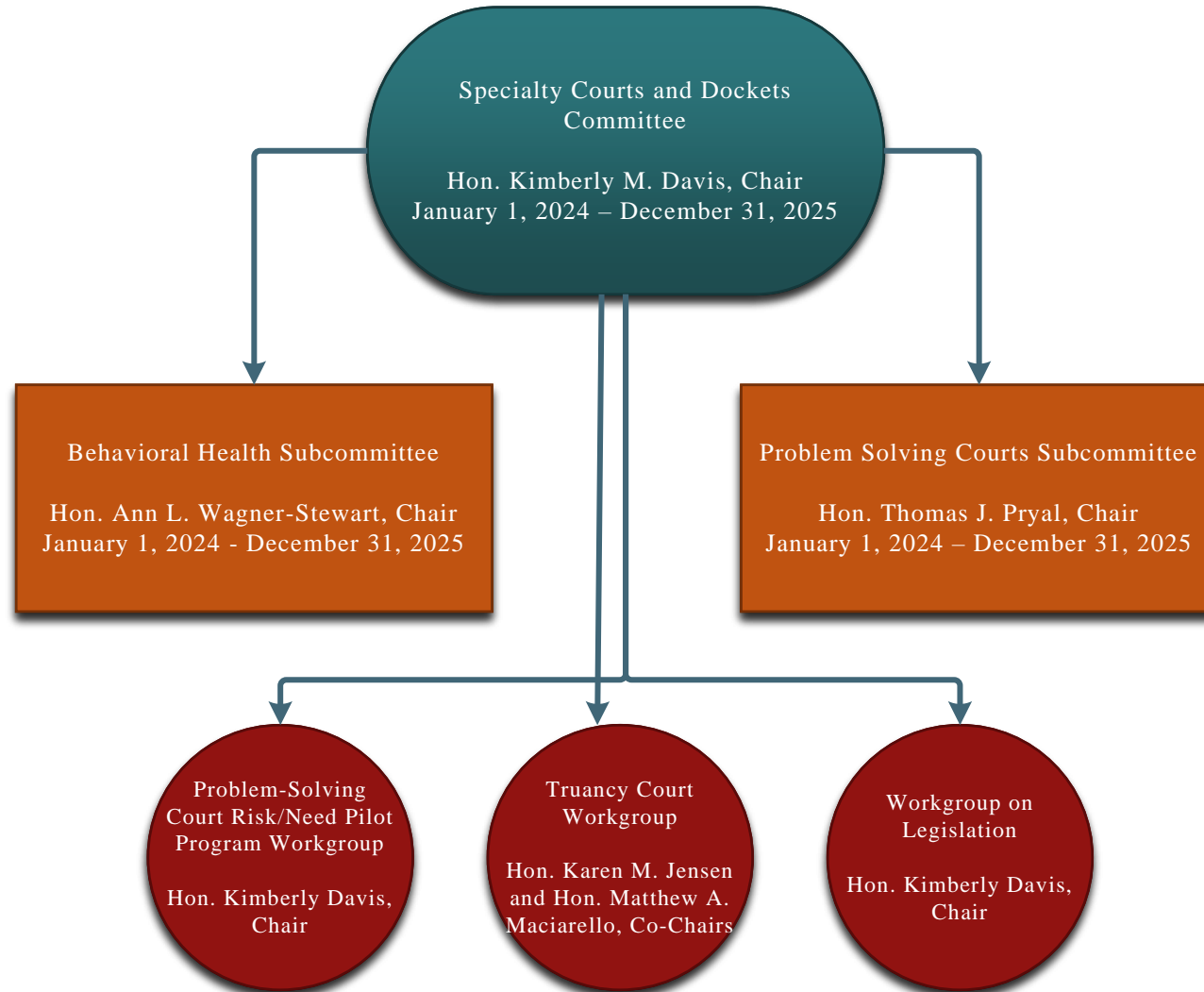
### **WORK PRODUCT**

TBD

### **DURATION**

TBD

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## Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee

Hon. Kimberly M. Davis, Chair  
Baltimore County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Louis A. Becker  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Makeba Gibbs  
Charles County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Kathryn Glenn  
Administrative Clerk  
Anne Arundel County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Lena Kim  
Montgomery County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Sherri D. Koch  
Montgomery County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Patrice E. Lewis  
Prince George's County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Tameika M. Lunn  
Baltimore City  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Thomas J. Pryal  
Anne Arundel County  
District Court

Ex Officio

Hon. Holly D. Reed, III  
Montgomery County  
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Michelle R. Saunders  
Calvert County  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth  
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Rachel E. Skolnik  
Baltimore City  
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Joseph M. Stanalonis  
St. Mary's County  
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Ann L. Wagner-Stewart  
Prince George's County  
District Court

Ex Officio

Burgess Wood  
Court Administrator  
Calvert County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

### STAFF: GRAY BARTON

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee will promote and oversee the development, implementation and evaluation of specialty courts and dockets in the courts.

### WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will ensure the utilization of best practices by specialty courts and special dockets, in areas such as substance abuse, mental health and alcoholism, business and technology, and science and technology. It will monitor and direct the evaluation of the delivery of evidence-based training, technical assistance, research, funding and support for specialty courts and special dockets. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

### DURATION

Indefinite.

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### Behavioral Health Subcommittee

Hon. Ann L. Wagner-Stewart, Chair  
January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025

Hon. Jennifer M. Alexander Anne Arundel County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Tracey J. Delp Harford County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. James H. Green Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Paul W. Ishak Harford County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Cara Y. Lewis Carroll County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. George M. Lipman Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Theresa C. Morse Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Gale E. Rasin Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Marina L. Sabett Montgomery County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Brett W. Wilson Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	

**STAFF:** GRAY BARTON, ROBERT POINTER

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee will explore trial court sentencing alternatives for the treatment and rehabilitation of the seriously mental ill and substance-addicted defendants who are not enrolled in the specialty courts. This subcommittee will work closely with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“DHMH”) and other governmental agencies to monitor and provide information regarding both community and residential based treatment. The subcommittee will emphasize reducing the delays in the placement of incompetent and addicted defendants (Rule 8-507) and work closely with their partners in the legislative and executive branches. One goal will be to ensure resources are readily available for more DHMH-compliant probation supervision for the mentally ill and substance-addicted defendants. This subcommittee will work with the Judicial Institute to provide training in this area.

### WORK PRODUCT

Provide a written report at least once a year to outline proposals and actions.

### DURATION

Indefinite.



## Problem Solving Courts Subcommittee

Hon. Thomas J. Pryal, Chair  
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Louis A. Becker Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Wayne A. Brooks Howard County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Mary Drawbaugh Frederick County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Peter K. Killough Supreme Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Lena Kim Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. C. Lynn Knight Queen Anne's County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Sherri D. Koch Montgomery County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Tameika M. Lunn Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Stacy W. McCormack Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Daniel W. Powell Somerset County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Andrew S. Rappaport Calvert County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Cheryl Rill Deputy Court Administrator Baltimore County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026			
Hon. Joseph M. Stalanonis St. Mary's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025			
Burgess Wood Court Administrator Calvert County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026			

**STAFF:** GRAY BARTON

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee encompasses: Adult Circuit Court Drug Court; Juvenile Drug Court; District Court Drug Court; Mental Health Court; Veterans' Court; Re-entry Court; and Truancy Court. The purpose of this subcommittee is to assist these courts in its purview and provide a comprehensive and collaborative approach to dealing with the issues that arise for the participants in these courts. This subcommittee will assist each county in employing best practices, including: providing evidence based training; technical assistance; research; and in identifying funding support to their courts. The subcommittee will be in constant contact with each of the counties and their respective courts to allow for sharing information concerning what works, but also what doesn't work. This subcommittee will maintain its current role of reviewing and commenting on all applications for the creation of new specialty courts in Maryland. This subcommittee will also assume the roles of the Drug Court Oversight Committee and the Mental Health Oversight Committee. The Problem Solving Courts Subcommittee will therefore be responsible for reviewing all statistics and reports from these particular courts to ensure they are remaining up-to-date with the recommended evidence based practices and maintaining proper records.

This subcommittee will also be responsible for providing training to members of the judiciary regarding the topics that fall under this subcommittee's purview. This subcommittee's training will be offered both in collaboration with the Judicial Institute and independent of it. This subcommittee will be well-positioned to administer this training not only to the judiciary, but also to the State's Attorneys' Offices, the Defense Bar, the Health Department, Community Supervision and Law Enforcement. I believe these updates should be provided on a yearly basis.

### WORK PRODUCT

Provide a written report at least once a year to outline proposals and actions.

### DURATION

Indefinite.

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Workgroup on Legislation  
Hon. Kimberly Davis, Chair

Hon. Patrice E. Lewis

Hon. Thomas J. Pryal

**STAFF:** GRAY BARTON

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

Provide feedback to the Legislative Committee on proposed legislation relevant to the Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee issue areas.

**WORK PRODUCT**

Provide feedback to the Legislative Committee on relevant legislation.

**EXPECTED DURATION**

Ninety days (January – April)

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Problem-Solving Court Risk/Need  
Pilot Program Workgroup

Hon. Kimberly Davis,  
Chair

Rachel Bowen

Christina Bowie-Simpson

Aisha Braveboy

Hon. David Carey

Rose Day

Paula Fish

Angela Schroyer

Tracy Simpson

Hon. Joseph Stanalonis

Hon. Nicole Taylor

Pete Washington

Kimberlee Watts

Whitney Wisniewski

Burgess Wood

**STAFF:** GRAY BARTON, KATE MAHER

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

The Problem-Solving Court Risk/Need Pilot Program Workgroup will identify and recommend selection criteria for courts seeking to participate in the risk/need pilot program. The Workgroup will provide guidance and recommendation pertaining to pre-adjudication risk/need assessment administration implementation and logistics. Considerations include existing court practice and infrastructure, relationships with justice partners, assessment administration location and timing, and staffing.

**WORK PRODUCT**

It is anticipated that the Workgroup will produce: a risk/need pilot program notice of funding availability (NOFA); frequent reports to the Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee pertaining to the implementation progress of selected pilot programs; and a final evaluation of pilot program outcomes, as they pertain to the objectives stated in the grant, to be provided to the Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee.

**DURATION**

December 2025

Truancy Court Workgroup

Hon. Karen M. Jensen and  
Hon. Matthew A. Maciarelo,  
Co-Chairs

Hon. William W. Davis, Jr.

Magistrate Ted Hart

Hon. Joanie Raymond

Sally Reed

Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth

Magistrate Althea Stewart  
Jones

Kendall E. Timmons

**STAFF:** GRAY BARTON, SARAH KAPLAN

**Nature and Purpose**

The Truancy Court Workgroup is established jointly by the Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee and the Juvenile Law Committee, with the purpose of advising both Committees concerning: (1) the various court-related programs within the State which address truancy, including Truancy Reduction Pilot Program courts, truancy reduction efforts in District Courts, and the University of Baltimore Truancy Court Program; and (2) whether changes to statute, rule, policy, or practice are recommended to support court-related truancy reduction efforts, including changes to addressing the Truancy Reduction Pilot Program, and Maryland Rules, Rule 16-207, addressing problem-solving court programs, or Title 11, addressing the juvenile court. The Workgroup also will continue efforts towards passage of the previously proposed amendments to CJP Title 3, Subtitle 8C.

**Work Product**

The Workgroup will submit a report and recommendations to both Committees, summarizing its work and including the proposed language of any recommended amendments to the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article or the Maryland Rules.

**Duration**

December 31, 2024

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Chief Judge\*  
Appellate Court of  
Maryland

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Conference of Circuit  
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Chief Judge\*  
District Court of  
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District Court

Chair  
Senior Judges  
Committee

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Circuit Court

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Circuit Court

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District Court

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District Court

Administrative Clerk

Administrative Clerk

\*Executive Committee Member

Secretary