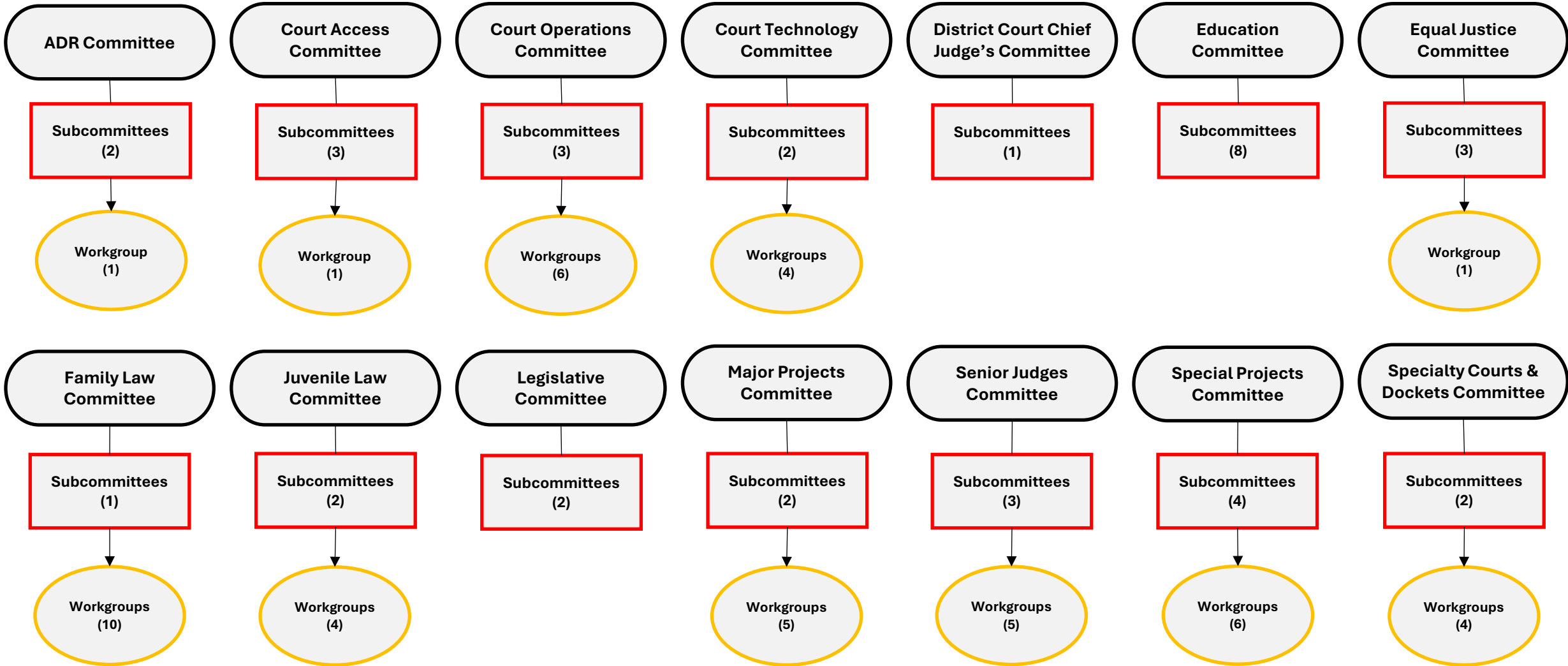




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Judicial Council 2026

Hon. Matthew J. Fader*
Chair
Supreme Court

Hon. Bibi M. Berry
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Wayne A. Brooks
District Court, Howard County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

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Conference of Circuit Court Clerks
Ex-Officio

Hon. Yolanda L. Curtin
Vice-Chair,
Conference of Circuit Judges
Ex-Officio

Nancy Faulkner, Secretary
Deputy State Court Administrator
Ex-Officio

Maria Fields
Administrative Clerk
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Fred S. Hecker*
Chair,
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Ex-Officio

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

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

Hon. Stacy A. Mayer
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. John P. Morrissey*
Chief Judge, District Court
Ex-Officio

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

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

Judy K. Rupp*
State Court Administrator
Ex-Officio

Mary K. Smith
Administrative Clerk
District Court, Howard County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Julee Snyder
Vice-Chair,
Conference of Circuit Court
Administrators
Ex-Officio

Hon. Shaem C.P. Spencer
District Court, Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Roberta Warnken
Chief Clerk, District Court
Ex-Officio

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



Judicial Council Committees 2026

**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**

**Education
Committee**

**Hon. Pamela K. Alban,
Chair**

**Equal Justice
Committee**

**Hon. Sharon V. Burrell,
Chair**

**Family Law
Committee**

**Hon. Cathy H. Serrette,
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 K. Rupp,
Co-Chairs**

**Senior Judges
Committee**

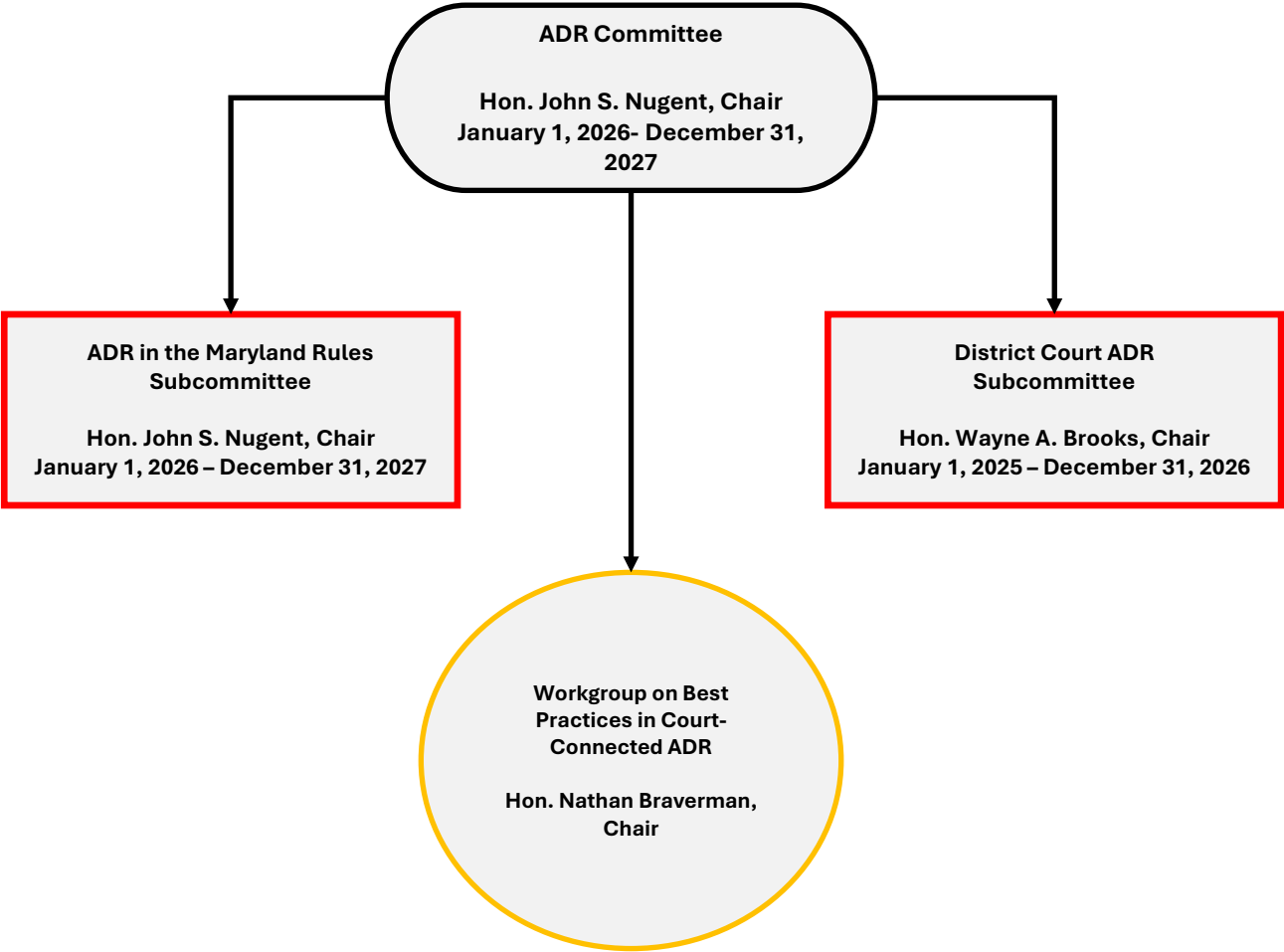
**Hon. James A. Kenney III,
Chair**

**Special Projects
Committee**

**Hon. Matthew J. Fader,
Chair**

**Specialty Courts and
Dockets Committee**

**Hon. Thomas J. Pryal,
Chair**



Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
Hon. John S. Nugent, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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
Judge
District Court, Howard County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Donine Carrington Martin
Judge
Circuit Court for Charles County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Claire Constantino
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Michael J. Finifter
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Stephen H. Kehoe
Appellate Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Carrie Polley
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Timothy Sheridan
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Dennis M. Sweeney
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Richard R. Titus
Judge
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Richard R. Trunnell
Judge
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Mark Tyler
Judge
Circuit Court for Somerset County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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

ADR in the Maryland Rules Subcommittee
Hon John S. Nugent, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Mark S. Carmean
Judge
Circuit Court for Calvert County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Maureen Denihan
ADR Program Director
District Court Headquarters
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Michael J. Finifter
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Cynthia Jurrius
MACRO Program Director
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Annamaria Walsh
ADR Program Director
Appellate Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Staff:
Lisa Mannisi

Nature and 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.

Duration:
Indefinite

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District Court ADR Subcommittee
Hon. Wayne A. Brooks, Chair
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Byron S. Bereano
Judge
District Court, Prince George's County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Mimi R. Cooper
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Eric J. Nee
Judge
District Court, Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Lara Stone
Administrative Clerk
District Court, 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.

Duration:

Indefinite

Workgroup on Best Practices in Court-Connected ADR
Hon. Nathan Braverman, Chair

Grant Bacon ADR Program Manager Circuit Court for Cecil County	Ryan Diepold ADR Program Manager Circuit Court for Baltimore County	Steve Forrer Mediator	Douglas Furlong Mediator
John Greer Mediator	Toby Guerin Center for Dispute Resolution	Cynthia Jurrius MACRO Program Director Administrative Office of the Courts	Kim Klein Director of Court Operations Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
Lisa Mannisi Sr. Program Manager Administrative Office of the Courts	Hon. John S. Nugent Judge Circuit Court for Baltimore City	Hon. W. Michel Pierson Senior Judge	Jeff Truman Mediator

Staff:

Jenn Williams

Nature and Purpose:

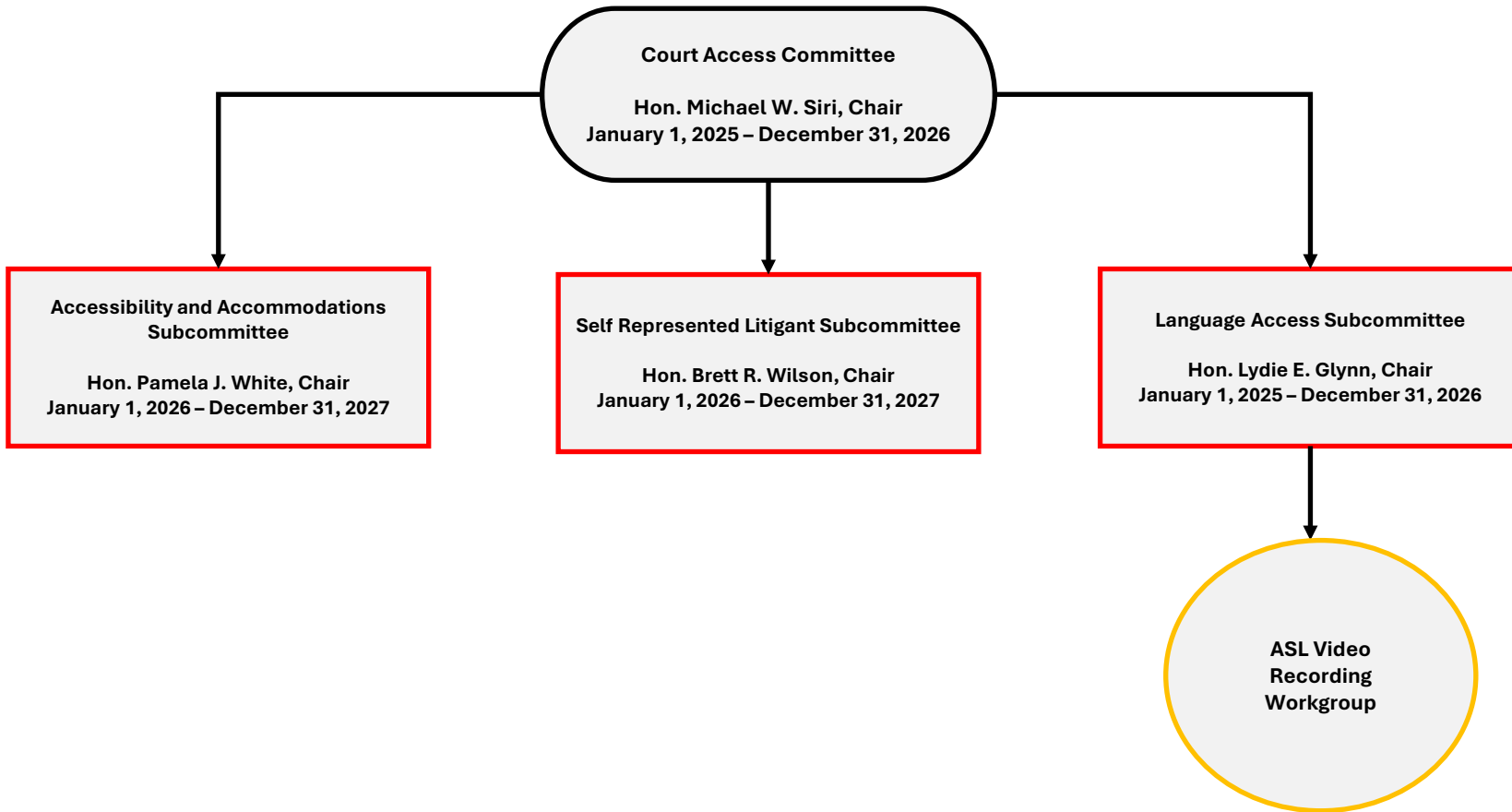
To review best practices for court-based ADR programs in Maryland.

Work Product:

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

Duration:

December 31, 2026



Court Access Committee
Hon. Michael W. Siri, Chair
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

William Bittinger
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Garrett County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Erin M. Danz
Judge
District Court, Carroll County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Rachel Dombrowski
Clerk of Court
Appellate Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Maria Fields
Administrative Clerk
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Shelly Fitzgerald
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Wicomico County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Julie Glass-Becker
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Lydie E. Glynn
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Ana D. Hernandez
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Megan Howell
Administrative Commissioner
District Court, Wicomico County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

Hon. Hossein Parvizian
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025–December 31, 2026

Hon. Pamela J. White
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Brett R. Wilson
Judge
Circuit Court for Washington County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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

Accessibility & Accommodations Subcommittee

Hon. Pamela J. White, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Karen Bushell
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026-December 31, 2027

Ebonye Caldwell
Assistant State Court Administrator,
Human Resources
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2025 -December 31, 2026

Hon. Charles H. Dorsey, III
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 -December 31, 2026

Warren Hedges
Manager, Legal Affairs & Fair Practices
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2025 -December 31, 2026

Hon. Ana D. Hernandez
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Alison Jones
Deputy Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2026 -December 31, 2027

Hon. Marina L. Sabett
Judge
District Court, Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 -December 31, 2027

Hon. Michael W. Siri
Judge
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 -December 31, 2026

Hon. Julie S. Solt
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 -December 31, 2026

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.

Duration:

Indefinite

Language Access Subcommittee

Hon. Lydie E. Glynn, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Sherrie R. Bailey
Judge
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Erin M. Danz
Judge
District Court, Carroll County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Angela M. Eaves
Justice
Supreme Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Suzanne Farace
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Shelly Fitzgerald
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Wicomico County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Ana D. Hernandez
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Megan Howell
Administrative Commissioner
District Court, Wicomico County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Darren Johnson
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Cheri N. Simpkins
Judge
District Court, Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Michael W. Siri
Judge
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Pamela J. White
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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. The 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.

Duration:

Indefinite

Self-Represented Litigant Subcommittee

Hon. Brett R. Wilson, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Joan Bellistri
Law Librarian
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Jessica Charles
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Lindsey Erdmann
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Robert Goldman
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Greg Hilton
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Dawne Lindsey
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Allegany County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Andrew S. Rappaport
Judge
Circuit Court for Calvert County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Michael W. Siri
Judge
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Julee Snyder
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Charles County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Kimberly Wagner
Chief Deputy Clerk
Circuit Court for Harford County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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. The 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

Duration:

Indefinite

ASL Video Recording Workgroup



Staff:

Ksenia Boitsova

Nature and Purpose:

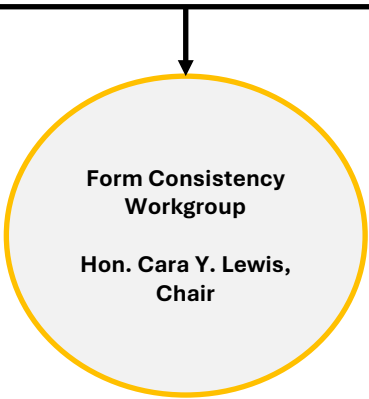
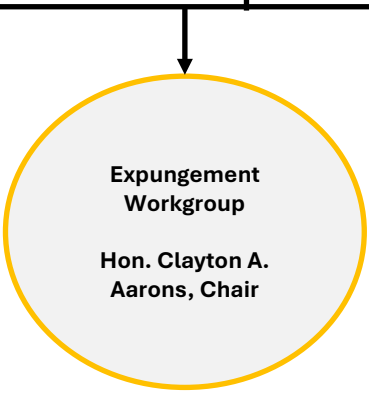
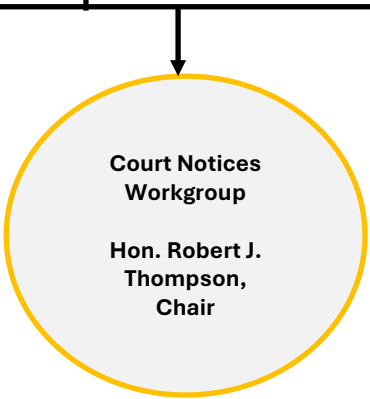
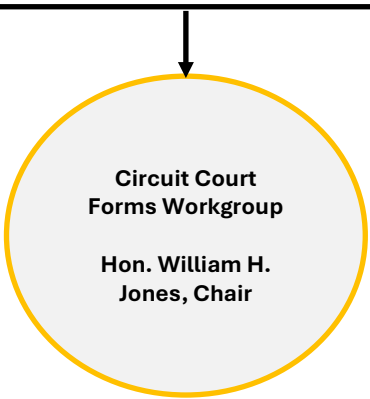
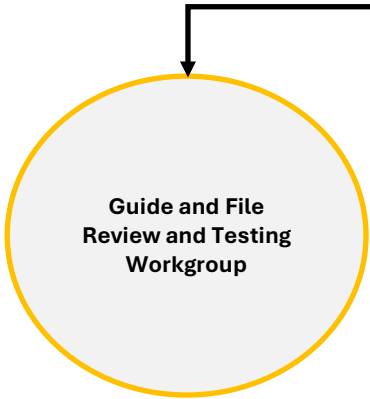
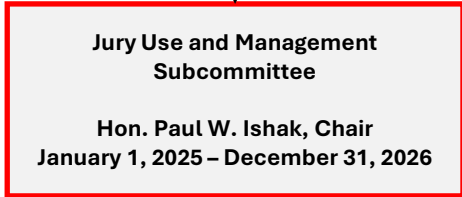
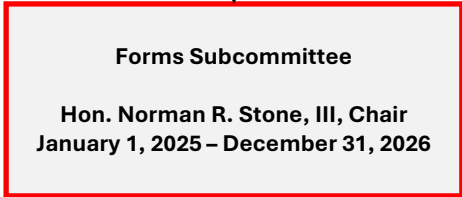
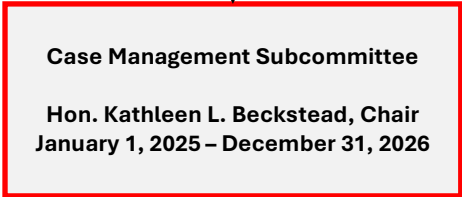
The Workgroup will study the proposed initiative to video record ASL interpreted court proceedings for interpreter evaluation purposes. It will review the current draft proposal, examine operational, legal, ethical, and technological considerations, and develop clear processes and safeguards to ensure that the process of video recording the sign language testimony and interpretation in the courtroom aligns with Judiciary policies, court rules, and best practices for language access.

Work Product:

A revised draft proposal that will contain proposed final guidelines governing the video recording of ASL interpreted proceedings for interpreter evaluation purposes. Identify additional technology tools available to the Judiciary to video record sign language testimony and interpretation in courtrooms.

Duration:

August 2026



Court Operations Committee
Hon. Mark F. Scurti, Chair
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Clayton A. Aarons
Judge
District Court, Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Matthew Barrett
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Cecil County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Kathleen L. Beckstead
Judge
Circuit Court for Wicomico County
Ex Officio

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

Hon. Lawrence R. Daniels
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Kevin Hill
Magistrate
Circuit Court for St. Mary’s County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Greg Hilton
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

Hon. Paul W. Ishak
Judge
Circuit Court for Harford County
Ex Officio

Hon. Darren L. Kadish
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Stephanie Kim
Chief Deputy Clerk
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. C. Lynn Knight
Judge
Circuit Court for Queen Anne’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Stephanie Medina
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Erica Payne-Santiago
Deputy Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Norman R. Stone III
Senior Judge
Ex Officio

Hon. Cathleen H. Vitale
Judge
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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.

Duration:
Indefinite

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

Hon. Wennesa Bell Snood
Judge
District Court, Prince George’s County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Debra Burch
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for St. Mary’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Erin M. Danz
Judge
District Court, Carroll County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Rachel Dombrowski
Clerk of Court
Appellate Court
Ex Officio

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Mary Katherine Fowler
Chief Deputy Clerk
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Greg Hilton
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court
Ex Officio

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

Jennifer Keiser
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Howard County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

Judy Rupp
State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Hon. Brenda A. Sexton
Judge
Circuit Court for Cecil County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Timothy Sheridan
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kathy P. Smith
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Calvert County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Roberta Warnken
Chief Clerk
District Court
Ex Officio

Hon. Brett R. Wilson
Judge
Circuit Court for Washington County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff:
Dominique Johnigan Simmons, Andrew Ortiz

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.

Duration:
Indefinite

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

Hon. Catherine Chen, Vice Chair
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Abigail Cohen
Family Case Law Manager
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Paul J. Cucuzzella
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Michael A. DiPietro
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Cara Y. Lewis
Judge
District Court, Carroll County
January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

Hon. Abigail H. Marsh
Judge
District Court, Wicomico County
January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

Chris Merrill
Court Operations Manager
Circuit Court for Harford County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Howard Neugebauer
Managing Commissioner
District Court, Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

Michael Nicolarakis
Operations Analyst
District Court Headquarters
January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

David Shultie
Policy Law Advisor
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Hope Tipton
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kevin Tucker
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Washington County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Brittany West
Public Policy Analyst
Administrative Office of the Courts
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

Jury Use and Management Subcommittee
Hon. Paul W. Ishak, Chair
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Debra Burch
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for St. Mary's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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

Hon. Melissa K. Copeland
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Geno Frazier
Business System Analyst
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Kevin Ledford
Deputy Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Erica Payne-Santiago
Deputy Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Robert K. Taylor, Jr.
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Jamie Walter
Director, Research and Analysis
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Lisa Yates
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Charles County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

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

Melissa Appleby
Land Records Supervisor
Circuit Court for Harford County

Susan Braniecki
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Worcester County

Hon. Michael A. DiPietro
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts

Joseph Kasper
Circuit Court Forms Coordinator
District Court Headquarters

Hon. Cathleen M. Vitale
Judge
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

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.

Duration:

Indefinite

Form Consistency Workgroup
Hon. Cara Y. Lewis, Chair

Hon. Catherine Chen
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Thomas Miller
Business Analyst
Administrative Office of the Courts

Michael Nicolarakis
Operations Analyst
District Court Headquarters

Michele Schriefer
Manager, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Worcester County

Hon. Hope Tipton
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

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.

Duration:

Indefinite

Guide and File Review and Testing Workgroup

Hon. Paul J. Cucuzzella
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts

Autumn Garst
District Court Administrative Services
District Court Headquarters

Lilian Honecny
District Court Administrative Services
District Court Headquarters

Thomas Miller
Business Analyst
Administrative Office of the Courts

Michael Nicalarakis
Operations Analyst
District Court Headquarters

Christian Noble
Special Counsel, Access to Justice
Administrative Office of the Courts

Pam Ortiz
Program Director, Access to Justice
Administrative Office of the Courts

Lisa Preston
Sr. Mgr., Case Management Systems
Administrative Office of the Courts

Amber Spence
District Court Administrative Services
District Court Headquarters

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:
Indefinite

Expungement Workgroup
Hon. Clayton A. Aarons, Chair

Angela Adams
Manager, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Charles County

Brian Campbell
Courtroom Clerk
Circuit Court for Harford County

Alicia Aybar
Sr. Manager, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Amy Bosley
Administrative Clerk
District Court, Allegany County

Tammy Clementson
Lead Courtroom Clerk
Circuit Court for Dorchester County

Markisha Gross
Administrative Clerk
District Four

Roberta Grubb
Expungement Clerk
Circuit Court for Dorchester County

Sarah Kaplan
Policy Law Advisor
Administrative Office of the Courts

Debbie Kiel
Administrative Clerk
District Court, Queen Anne's County

Stephanie Kim
Chief Deputy Clerk
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Emily Matthews
Senior Supervisor, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Ashley McNeal
Commissioner
District Court, Baltimore County

Joanne Musgrove
Asst. Manager, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Howard County

Charlene Notarcola
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Cecil County

Anita Robertson
Lead Judiciary Clerk
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Regina Sargent
Judiciary Clerk
District Court, Harford County

Aisha Simmons
Business Systems Analyst
Administrative Office of the Courts

Iris Somerville
Business Systems Analyst
Administrative Office of the Courts

Amanda Vincenzes
Lead Courtroom Clerk
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Staff:
Dominique Johnigan Simmons, Mary 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.

Duration:
Indefinite

Court Notices Workgroup
Hon. Robert J. Thompson, Chair

Mary Katharine Fowler
Chief Deputy Clerk
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Ellie Haight
Business Systems Analyst
Administrative Office of the Courts

Hon. John P. McKenna, Jr.
Senior Judge

Terry Morgan
Unit Supervisor, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Michael Nicolarakis
District Court Operations Analyst
District Court Headquarters

Jennifer Northcraft
Administrative Clerk
District Court, Allegany County

Raymond Tekin
Supervisor, Webmaster
Administrative Office of the Courts

Amber Spence
Assistant Chief Clerk
District Court

Staff:
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.

Duration:
Fall 2026

Legislative Review Workgroup
Hon. Clayton A. Aarons, Chair

Hon. Shannon Avery
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

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

Hon. Carlos F. Acosta
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Staff: Andrew Ortiz

Nature and Purpose:

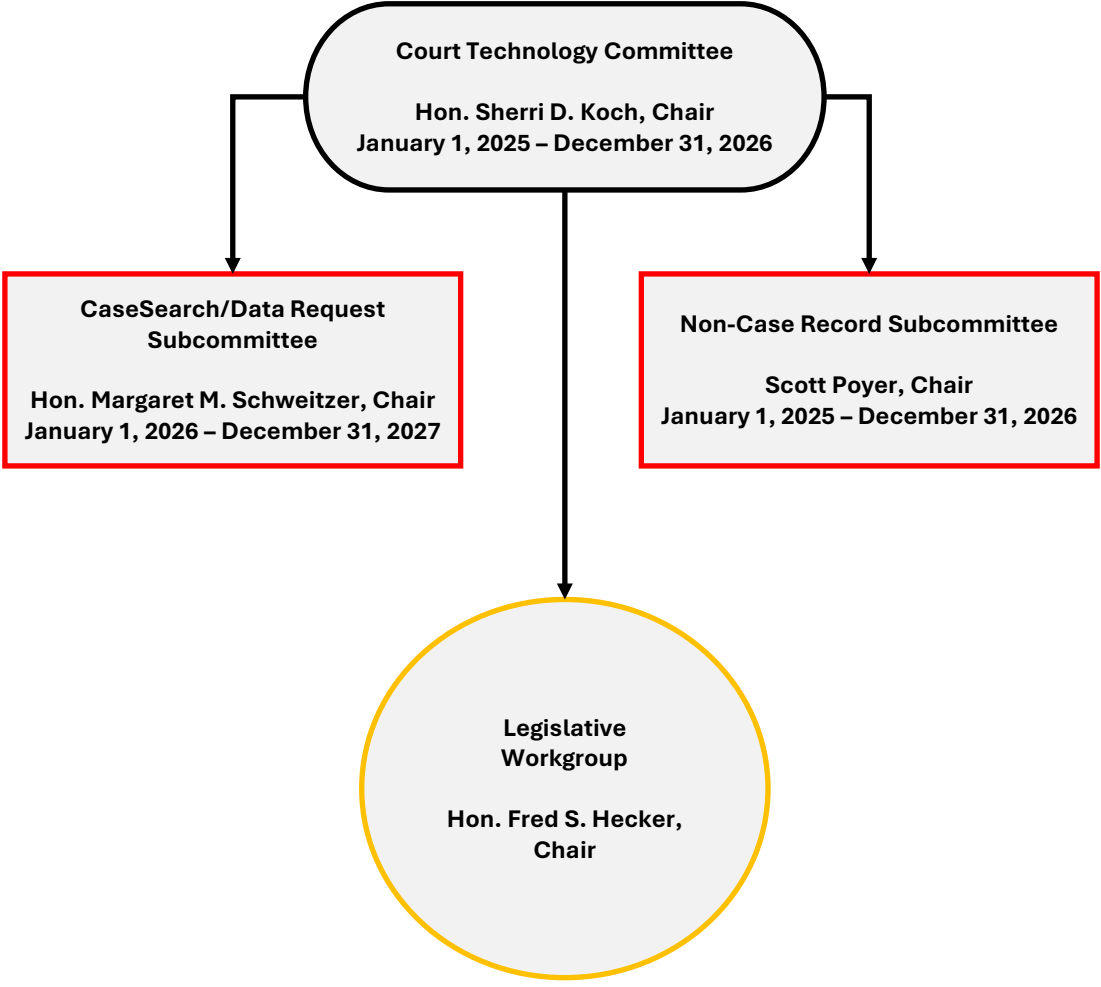
This Workgroup provides commentary, input, and testimony as needed to assist the Legislative Committee in its review of legislative initiatives in areas affecting the operations of the courts that are under the purview of the Court Operations Committee.

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.

Duration:

Annually, January – April



Court Technology Committee
Hon. Sherri D. Koch, Chair
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Matthew Barrett
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Cecil County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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

Matthew Bonner
Director of Technical Services
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Rose Day
Assistant Chief Clerk
District Court Headquarters
Ex Officio

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Kristin Grossnickle
Program Director, JSIP
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Fred S. Hecker
Judge
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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

John Kiruri
Information Systems Auditor
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

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

James “Bo” McAllister
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Wicomico County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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

Scott Poyer
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
Ex Officio

Judy Rupp
State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

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

Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
Ex Officio

Hon. Richard R. Titus
Judge
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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

**CaseSearch/Data Request
Subcommittee**

Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Nicole E. Taylor
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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

Non-Case Record Subcommittee
Hon. Scott Poyer, Chair
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Doug Arnold
Chief Deputy Clerk
Circuit Court for Queen Anne’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Heather DeWees
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Katherine Hager
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Queen Anne’s County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

James “Bo” McAllister
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Wicomico County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Dawne Lindsey
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Allegany County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kathy P. Smith
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Calvert County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

Legislative Workgroup
Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts

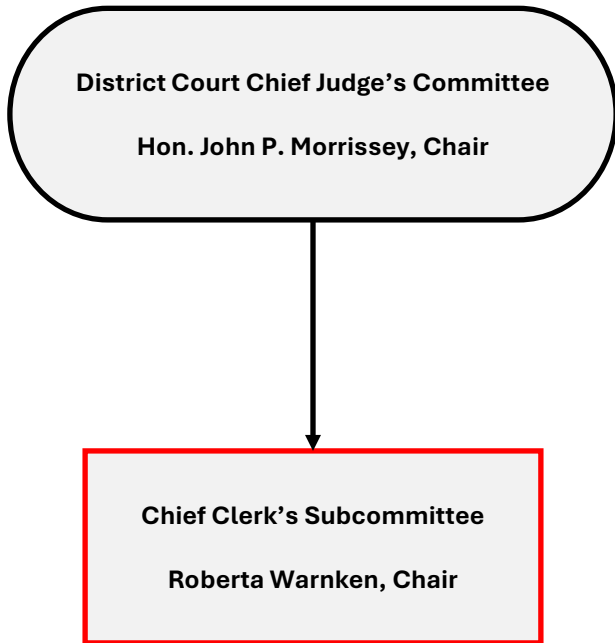
Hon. Sherri D. Koch
Judge
District Court, Montgomery County

Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

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:
Annually, January – April



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. David E. Carey
Region 8
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Rand L. Gelber
Region 5
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Llamilet Gutierrez
Region 4
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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 B. Shuger
Senior Judge
Ex Officio

Hon. Shaem C.P. Spencer
District 7
Ex Officio

Hon. Kenneth A. Talley
District 4
Ex Officio

Hon. Nicole E. Taylor
Region 1
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Roberta Warnken
Chief Clerk
District Court
Ex Officio

Hon. Dorothy J. Wilson
District 8
Ex Officio

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

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

Vacant
Administrative Clerk
District 7
Ex Officio

Markisha Gross
Administrative Clerk
District 4
Ex Officio

Timothy Haven
Coordinator of Commissioner Activity
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

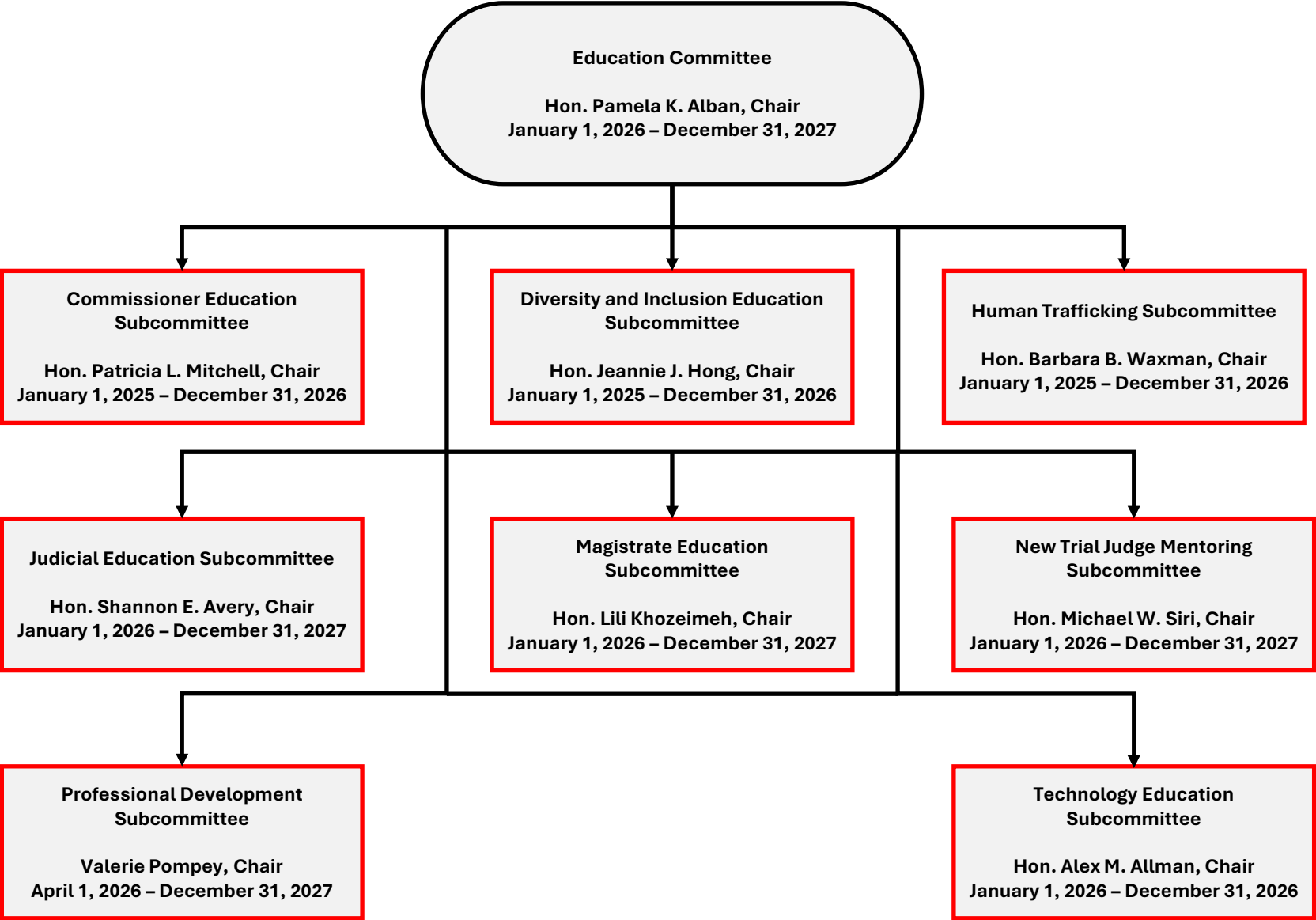
Lara Stone
Administrative Clerk
District 9
Ex Officio

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.

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



Education Committee
Hon. Pamela K. Alban, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Alex M. Allman
Judge
Circuit Court for Harford County
Ex Officio

Hon. Shannon E. Avery
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

Heather DeWees
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Jennifer S. Fairfax
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Robin D. Gill Bright
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Jeannie J. Hong
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
Ex Officio

Hon. Ginina A. Jackson-Stevenson
Judge
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Lili Khozeimeh
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
Ex Officio

Dawne Lindsey
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Allegany County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Amy D. Lorenzini
Judge
Circuit Court for St. Mary's County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Patricia L. Mitchell
Senior Judge
Ex Officio

Hon. Danielle M. Mosley
Judge
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Valerie Pompey
Chief Deputy Clerk
Supreme Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Nancy M. Purpura
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Michael W. Siri
Judge
District Court, Baltimore County
Ex Officio

Kathy P. Smith
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Calvert County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027

Lara Stone
Administrative Clerk
District Court, Harford County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Rosalyn Tang
Judge
Appellate Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Cathleen M. Vitale
Judge
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Barbara B. Waxman
Senior Judge
Ex Officio

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

Commissioner Education Subcommittee

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

Angela Blowe
Managing Commissioner
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

Hon. Susan H. Hazlett
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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

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

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

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

Staff:

Rachel Bowen, Tim Haven, Allison McConaghy

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

Diversity and Inclusion Education Subcommittee

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

Karen Bushell
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Charleston Carter
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Sidney Francois
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Maurice Frazier
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Howard County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Llamilet Gutierrez
Judge
District Court, Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Troy K. Hill
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Donnaka V. Lewis
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Dilip Paliath
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Hossein Parvizian
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Ronika Sumlin
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
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

Human Trafficking Subcommittee

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

Hon. Stacey M. Cobb Smith
Judge
District Court, Prince George’s County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Lou Gieszl
Assistant State Court Administrator,
Programs
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Robin D. Gill Bright
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Lili Khozeimeh
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Tameika M. Lunn
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Dana M. Wright
Judge
Circuit Court for Washington County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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.

Duration:

Indefinite

Judicial Education Subcommittee

Hon. Shannon E. Avery, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Krystal Q. Alves
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Vicki Ballou-Watts
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Michael S. Barranco
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Joanmarie R. Brubaker
Judge
Circuit Court for Frederick County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Christine M. Celeste
Judge
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Ada E. Clark-Edwards
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Melissa K. Copeland
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Wytonja L. Curry
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Brian L. DeLeonardo
Judge
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Paul W. Ishak
Judge
Circuit Court for Harford County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. James A. Kenney III
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Amy D. Lorenzini
Judge
Circuit Court for St. Mary's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Kathleen C. Murphy
Judge
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Stephen I. Platt
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Andrew S. Rappaport
Judge
Circuit Court for Calvert County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Mark F. Scurti
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Stephen J. Sfekas
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Norman R. Stone III
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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:

Indefinite

Magistrate Education Subcommittee

Hon. Lili Khozeimeh, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Claire Constantino
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Debra Cook
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Washington County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Mary Drawbaugh
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Frederick County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Paul Eason
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Lindsey Erdmann
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Suzanne France
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Sidney Francois
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Carin Golze
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Frederick County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kristin Hosseinzadeh
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Carrie Polley
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Danielle Sartwell
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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

New Trial Judge Mentoring Subcommittee

Hon. Michael W. Siri, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Wennesa Bell Snooddy
Judge
District Court, Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Melissa K. Copeland
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Kemp W. Hammond
Judge
District Court, Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Geoffrey G. Hengerer
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Paul W. Ishak
Judge
Circuit Court for Harford County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Jonas D. Legum
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Kimberly C. McBride
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Andrew S. Rappaport
Judge
Circuit Court for Calvert County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Michael S. Studdard
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Barbara B. Waxman
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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

Professional Development Subcommittee

Valerie Pompey, Chair
April 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Debra J. Burch
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for St. Mary's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Heather DeWees
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Greg Hilton
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Megan Howell
Administrative Commissioner
District Court, Wicomico County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Dawne Lindsey
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Allegany County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Stephanie Medina
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Joseph A. Riley
Judge
District Court, Caroline County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Rebecca Sloane
Administrative Clerk
District Court, Cecil County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Kathy P. Smith
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Calvert County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff:

Allison Gingell

Nature and Purpose:

The Subcommittee 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 Subcommittee 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 Subcommittee 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

Technology Education Subcommittee

Hon. Alex M. Allman, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Douglas Arnold
Chief Deputy Clerk
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Erik S. Atas
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Mark W. Carmean
Judge
Circuit Court for Calvert County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Jessica Charles
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Greg Hilton
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Sarah Parks
Business Analyst Manager
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Susan Patrick
Division Chief
District Court, Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Marina L. Sabett
Judge
District Court, Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Nathan Smith
Non-Case Systems Program Manager
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Nicole E. Taylor
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Staff:

Noah Parker

Nature and Purpose:

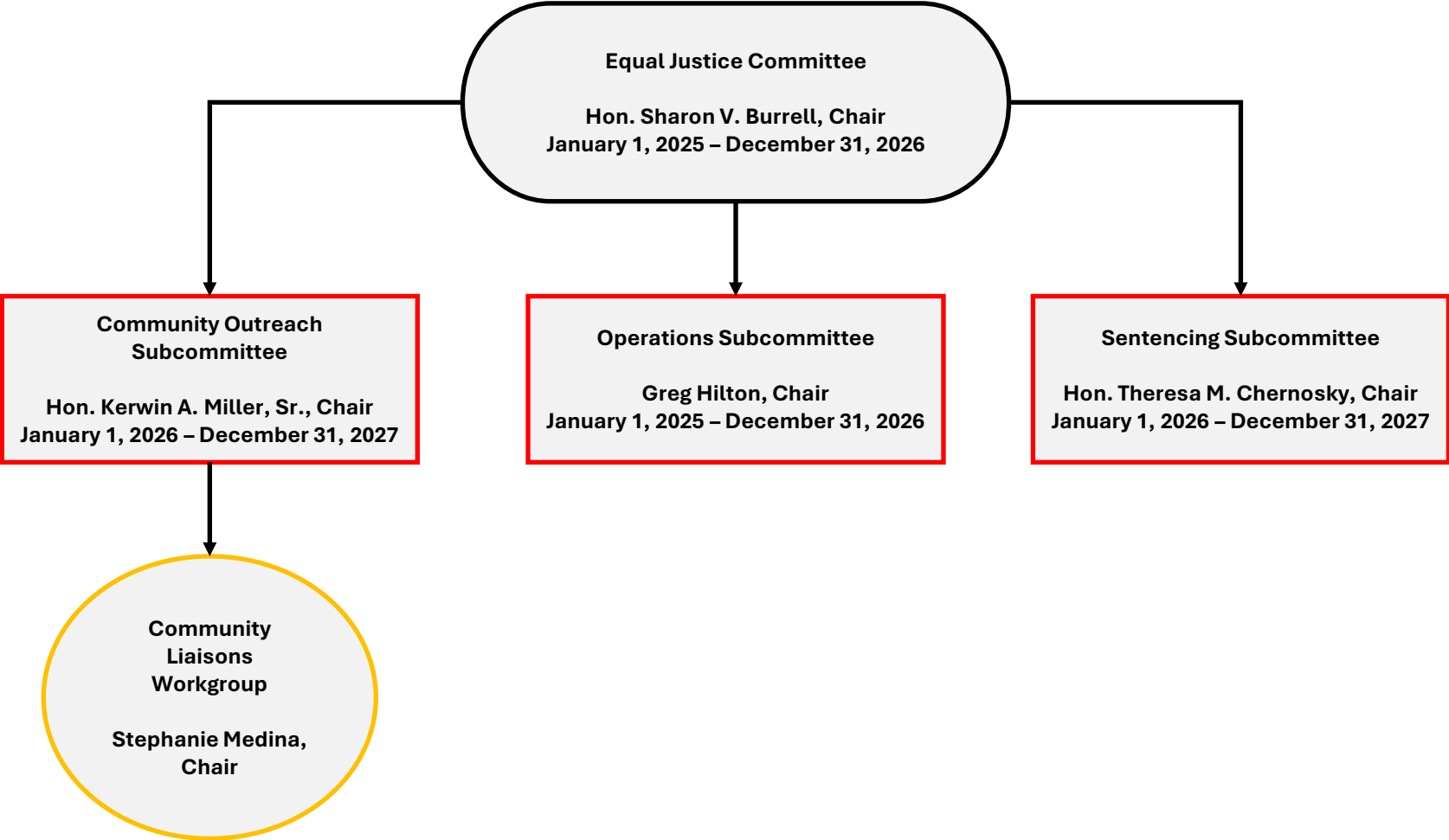
To provide informed advocacy for the development, implementation, and delivery of technology education throughout the Maryland Judiciary. The mission of the Technology Training Subcommittee will be advanced through activities that continuously educate the subcommittee members at a high level as it pertains 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:

Indefinite



Equal Justice Committee
Hon. Sharon V. Burrell, Chair
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Clayton A. Aarons
Judge
District Court, Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Shannon E. Avery
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Vicki Ballou-Watts
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Theresa M. Chernosky
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
Ex Officio

Hon. Angela M. Eaves
Justice
Supreme Court
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Hon. Lisa A. Hall Johnson
Judge
District Court, Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Greg Hilton
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court
Ex Officio

Hon. Lena Kim
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Frank M. Kratovil
Judge
District Court, Queen Anne’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Donnaka V. Lewis
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Amy D. Lorenzini
Judge
Circuit Court for St. Mary’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Stephanie Medina
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kerwin A. Miller, Sr.
Judge
District Court, Harford County
Ex Officio

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

Hon. Douglas R.M. Nazarian
Judge
Appellate Court
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Dilip Paliath
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Hossein Parvzian
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Judy Rupp
State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Hon. Ronika Sumlin
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Larry Tucker
Deputy Director of Finance
District Court Headquarters
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. E. Greg Wells
Chief Judge
Appellate Court
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

Community Outreach Subcommittee

Hon. Kerwin A. Miller, Sr., Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Stacey M. Cobb Smith
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Sidney Francois
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Ana D. Hernandez
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Lena Kim
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Frank M. Kratovil
Judge
District Court, Queen Anne's County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Cara Y. Lewis
Judge
District Court, Carroll County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Sarah Malik
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Stephanie Medina
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Dilip Paliath
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. William A. Snoddy
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kimberly Wagner
Chief Deputy Clerk
Circuit Court for Harford County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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:

Indefinite

Community Liaisons Workgroup

Stephanie Medina, Chair

Karen Bushell
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Xavier Conaway
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Amy Craig
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Dorchester County

Heather DeWees
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Carroll County

Markisha Gross
Administrative Clerk
District Court, District 4

Sherise Kennard
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Kent County

Lionel Moore
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

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

Staff:

Christian Noble, Diana Kean

Nature and Purpose:

The Community Liaisons Work Group advances the Community Outreach Subcommittee's efforts to provide opportunities for the public to interact with the Judiciary, increase public awareness of court programs and services, and promote trust and confidence in the judicial system through court-based liaisons and advisory boards.

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 2026

Operations Subcommittee

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

Hon. Clayton A. Aarons
Judge
District Court, Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Markisha Gross
Administrative Clerk
District Court, District 4
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Lisa A. Hall Johnson
Judge
District Court, Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Stacy W. McCormack
Judge
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

Hon. Hossein Parvizian
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Erica Payne-Santiago
Deputy Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Ronika J. Sumlin
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
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, Shannon McCartney-Colvin, Jamie Walter

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

Sentencing Subcommittee

Hon. Theresa M. Chernosky, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Shannon E. Avery
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Lena Kim
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Stacy W. McCormack
Judge
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Danielle M. Mosley
Judge
District Court, Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Krystin J. Richardson
Judge
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Robyn S. Riddle
Judge
District Court, Calvert County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Allison M. Sayers
Judge
District Court, Howard County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Ronald A. 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.

Duration:

Indefinite

Family Law Committee
Hon. Cathy H. Serrette, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Domestic Violence and Peace Order Subcommittee
Hon. Maria L. Oesterreicher, Chair
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Behavioral Health In Family Law Workgroup
Hon. Cathy H. Serrette, Chair

Child Support Workgroup
Hon. Julia B. Weatherly, Chair

Court Process Workgroup
Hon. Richard J. Sandy, Chair

Custody Evaluator Training & Standards Workgroup
Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais, Chair

Family Forms Workgroup
Hon. Mary M. Kramer, Co-Chair
Hon. Sara Schwartzman, Co-Chair

Family Law Bench Book Workgroup
Hon. Fred S. Hecker, Chair

Guardianship and Vulnerable Adults Workgroup
Hon. Karen M. Jensen, Chair

Legislative Workgroup
Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais, Chair

LGBTQIA+ Family Law Workgroup
Hon. Jennifer S. Fairfax, Chair

Parental Education Seminar Workgroup
Hon. Ginina A. Jackson-Stevenson, Chair

Family Law Committee
Hon. Cathy H. Serrette, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

<p>Hon. Debra Cook Magistrate Circuit Court for Washington County January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027</p>	<p>Hon. Michael A. DiPietro Judge Circuit Court for Baltimore City January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027</p>	<p>Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais Judge Circuit Court for Montgomery County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026</p>	<p>Hon. Wendy S. Epstein Judge Circuit Court for Baltimore County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026</p>	<p>Hon. Jennifer S. Fairfax Judge Circuit Court for Montgomery County January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027</p>
<p>Hon. Alisia Ferguson Magistrate Circuit Court for Prince George’s County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026</p>	<p>Hon. Carin Golze Magistrate Circuit Court for Frederick County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026</p>	<p>Hon. Lili Khozeimeh Magistrate Circuit Court for Montgomery County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026</p>	<p>Hon. C. Lynn Knight Judge Circuit Court for Queen Anne’s County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026</p>	<p>Hon. Catherine H. McQueen Judge Circuit Court for Montgomery County January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027</p>
<p>Hon. Myshala E. Middleton Judge Circuit Court for Baltimore City January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026</p>	<p>Lisa Mohink Deputy Court Administrator Circuit Court for Howard County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026</p>	<p>Hon. Mary O’Donnell Magistrate Circuit Court for Dorchester County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026</p>	<p>Hon. Maria L. Oesterreicher Judge Circuit Court for Carroll County Ex Officio</p>	<p>Hon. Sara Schwartzman Magistrate Circuit Court for Baltimore City January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026</p>
	<p>Hon. Brenda A. Sexton Judge Circuit Court for Cecil County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027</p>	<p>Hon. J. Michael Wachs Senior Judge January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027</p>	<p>Hon. Sara D. Walsh Magistrate Circuit Court for Baltimore City January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026</p>	

Staff:
Richard Abbott, Nisa Subasinghe

Nature and Purpose:
The Family 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

Domestic Violence and Peace Order Subcommittee

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

Hon. Catherine Chen
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Ada E. Clark-Edwards
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Lili Khozeimeh
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Donnaka V. Lewis
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kerwin A. Miller, Sr.
Judge
District Court, Harford County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Lisa Mohink
Deputy Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Howard County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Paula A. Price
Judge
District Court, Somerset County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Krystin J. Richardson
Judge
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Robyn S. Riddle
Judge
District Court, Calvert County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Allison M. Sayers
Judge
District Court, Howard County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. J. Michael Wachs
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Kevin Y.T. Wiggins
Judge
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Susan C. Zellweger
Judge
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff:

Richard Abbott, Christine Fedderson, David 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 online 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 Family Law Committee that relate specifically to domestic violence and peace order matters.

Duration:

Indefinite

Behavioral Health In Family Law Workgroup

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette, Chair

Richard Abbott
Director, Juvenile & Family Services
Administrative Office of the Courts

Maxine Curtis
Senior Program Manager
Administrative Office of the Courts

Althea M. Davenger
Family Services Coordinator
Circuit Court for Prince George's County

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Hon. Wendy S. Epstein
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Hon. Karen M. Jensen
Senior Judge

Hon. Margaret M. Kent
Judge
Circuit Court for Worcester County

Hon. Myshala E. Middleton
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Hon. Mary O'Donnell
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Dorchester County

Cory Pollock
Deputy Director, Medical Services
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Hon. Mark Tyler
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Somerset County

Hon. E. Gregory Wells
Chief Judge
Appellate Court

Staff:

Nisa C. Subasinghe

Consultants:

Risa Garon, Executive Director, National Family Resiliency Center

Syretta R. James, Ph.D., Respire Behavioral Health

Leslie Seid, Esq., Trainor, Disability Rights Maryland

Lenora Mihavetz, Esq., Law Office of Lenora F. Mihavetz

Nenutzka (Nena) Villamar, Office of the Public Defender

Amee Vora, Esq., Maryland Legal Aid

Nature and Purpose:

This Workgroup will examine the implications of behavioral health issues in family law matters and identify ways to serve families and reduce strife in the courtroom and community

Work Product:

This Workgroup will review court processes, laws, and family services and make recommendations for how courts can better serve individuals and families with behavioral health needs.

Duration:

December 2027

Child Support Workgroup

Hon. Julia B. Weatherly, Chair

Hon. Alisia Ferguson
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Prince George's County

Hon. John O. Hennegan
Senior Judge

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

Hon. Andrea Khoury
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Charles County

Hon. Lili Khozeimeh
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Hon. Connie Marvel
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Wicomico County

Hon. Timothy Thurtle
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Hon. Mark Tyler
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Somerset County

Hon. Laura Walker
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Harford County

Staff:

Richard Abbott, Sarah Kaplan

Consultants:

Jarnice Johnson, Department of Human Services, Child Support Administration
Jennifer Caffrey, Esq., Assistant Attorney General, Department of Human Services

Nature and Purpose:

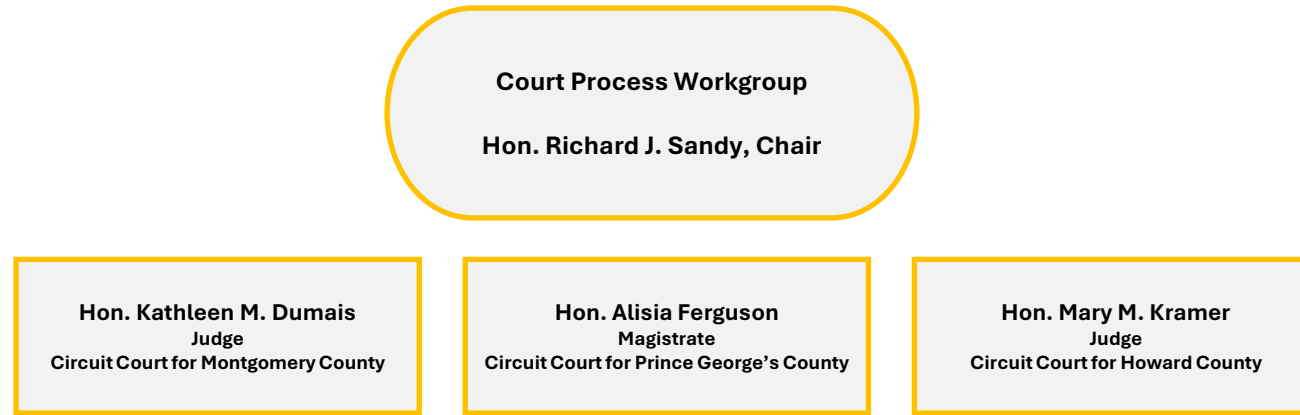
This Workgroup will identify issues concerning child support law, policy, and court practices that require attention and response by the Family Law Committee and Judiciary. In its work, the Workgroup will be attentive to the possible disparate impact that child support practices and laws can have on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

Work Product:

The Workgroup will submit a report on its activities and recommendations to the Family Law Committee, including any recommended changes to the Workgroup itself.

Duration:

December 2027



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.

Duration:

Spring 2026

Custody Evaluator Training & Standards Workgroup

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais, Chair

Richard Abbott

Director, Juvenile & Family Services
Administrative Office of the Courts

Nancy Faulkner

Deputy State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts

Angela Layne

Senior Court Evaluator
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Hon. Judy L. Woodall

Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George's County

Staff:

Nisa C. Subasinghe

Consultants:

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Emily E. Cunniff, ESQ.

Syretta James, Ph.D, Respire Behavioral Health

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.

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.

Duration:

December 2026

Family Forms Workgroup

Hon. Mary M. Kramer, Co-Chair
Hon. Sara Schwartzman, Co-Chair

Richard Abbott
Director, Juvenile & Family Services
Administrative Office of the Courts

Karen Bushell
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts

Hon. Fred S. Hecker
Judge
Circuit Court for Carroll County

Lisa Mohink
Deputy Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Howard County

Hon. Mary O'Donnell
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Dorchester County

Hon. James Speis
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Allegany County

Hon. Catherine Woods
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

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 family relations court forms to ensure legal sufficiency, consistency, and clarity.

Work Product:

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

Duration:

December 2026

Family Law Bench Book Workgroup

Hon. Fred S. Hecker, Chair

Hon. Jennifer S. Fairfax
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Hon. Sara Schwartzman
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Howard County

Hon. James Speis
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Allegany County

Staff:

Nisa C. Subasinghe

Consultants:

Jenna Forman Clothier, Forman Clothier Law Group, LLC
James D. Milko, Esq., Trainor, Billman, Bennett & Milko LLP
Christopher W. Nicholson, Turnbull, Nicholson, and Sanders, P.A.
Catelyn Slattery, Modern Family Formation Law Offices
Samantha Z. Smith, Timchula & Smith, P.A.
Vince M. Wills, Esq., BRP | Family Law

Nature and Purpose:

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

Work Product:

The Workgroup will update the Maryland Trial Judge Family Law Bench Book.

Duration:

December 2026

Guardianship and Vulnerable Adults Workgroup

Hon. Karen M. Jensen, Chair

Hon. Alison L. Asti
Senior Judge

Hon. Louis A. Becker III
Senior Judge

Sharon Christmas-DeBerry
Trust Attorney
Circuit Court for Prince George's County

Hon. DaNeeka V. Cotton
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George's County

Hon. Wendy S. Epstein
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Hon. Joseph M. Getty
Senior Judge

Hon. Mary M. Kramer
Judge
Circuit Court for Howard County

Hon. Amy D. Lorenzini
Judge
Circuit Court for St. Mary's County

Hon. Catherine H. McQueen
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Hon. Sara Walsh
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Hon. Patrick L. Woodward
Senior Judge

Staff:

Nisa C. Subasinghe

Consultants:

Randi Ames, Esq., Disability Rights Maryland

Janet Fedder, Esq., Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

Angela Grau, Esq., Davis, Agnor, Rapaport, and Skalny, LLC

Carole Giunta, Ph.D, Carole T. Giunta, Ph.D and Associates, LLC

Barrett King, Esq., King, Hall LLC

Greg Seseck, 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:

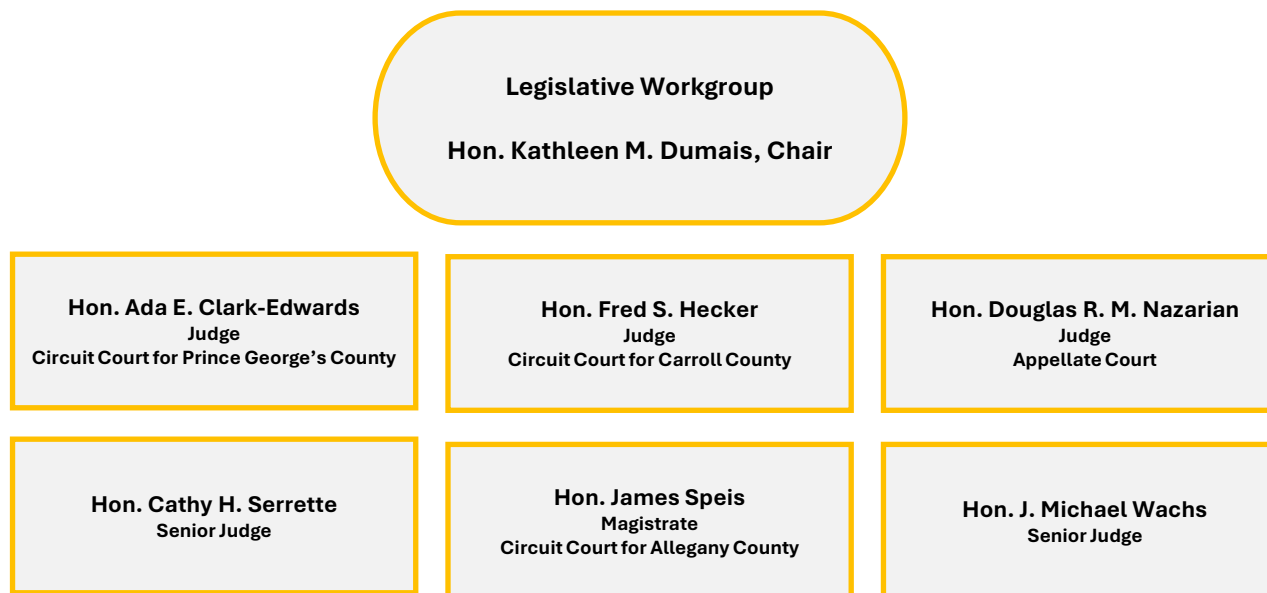
This Workgroup has been tasked with implementing best practices in guardianship matters to ensure the safety and well-being of those subject to guardianship and the effective management and accounting for guardianship assets. It will also address emerging issues that impact persons under guardianship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

Duration:

December 2027



Staff:

David 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.

Duration:

Annually, January – April

LGBTQIA+ Family Law Workgroup

Hon. Jennifer S. Fairfax, Chair

Karen Bushell
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Hon. Michael A. DiPietro
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Ever Hanna
Director, Access to Justice Resource Center
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Hon. Douglas R. M. Nazarian
Judge
Appellate Court

Hon. Mary O'Donnell
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Dorchester County

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette
Senior Judge

Hon. Sara Walsh
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Staff:

Nisa C. Subasinghe

Consultants:

Lee Blinder, Executive Director, Trans Maryland
Lauren Pruitt, Esq., Legal Director, FreeState Justice
Elizabeth J. Pinolini, Esq., Staff Attorney, Whitman-Walker Health

Nature and Purpose:

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

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.

Duration:

December 2026

Parental Education Seminar Workgroup
Hon. Ginina A. Jackson-Stevenson, Chair

R. Suzanne Bannister
Assoc. Administrator, Family Division
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Melissa Buskirk
Family Services Coordinator
Circuit Court for Garrett County

Alisha Dicus
Family Support Services Coordinator
Circuit Court for Talbot County

Hon. Michael A. DiPietro
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Hon. Lindsey Erdmann
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Prince George's County

Terri Harger
Custody Evaluator
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Anne Hurwitz
Family Division Coordinator
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Hon. Sara Schwartzman
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Howard County

Annamaria Walsh
Director, ADR Program
Appellate Court

Staff:

Richard Abbott

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:

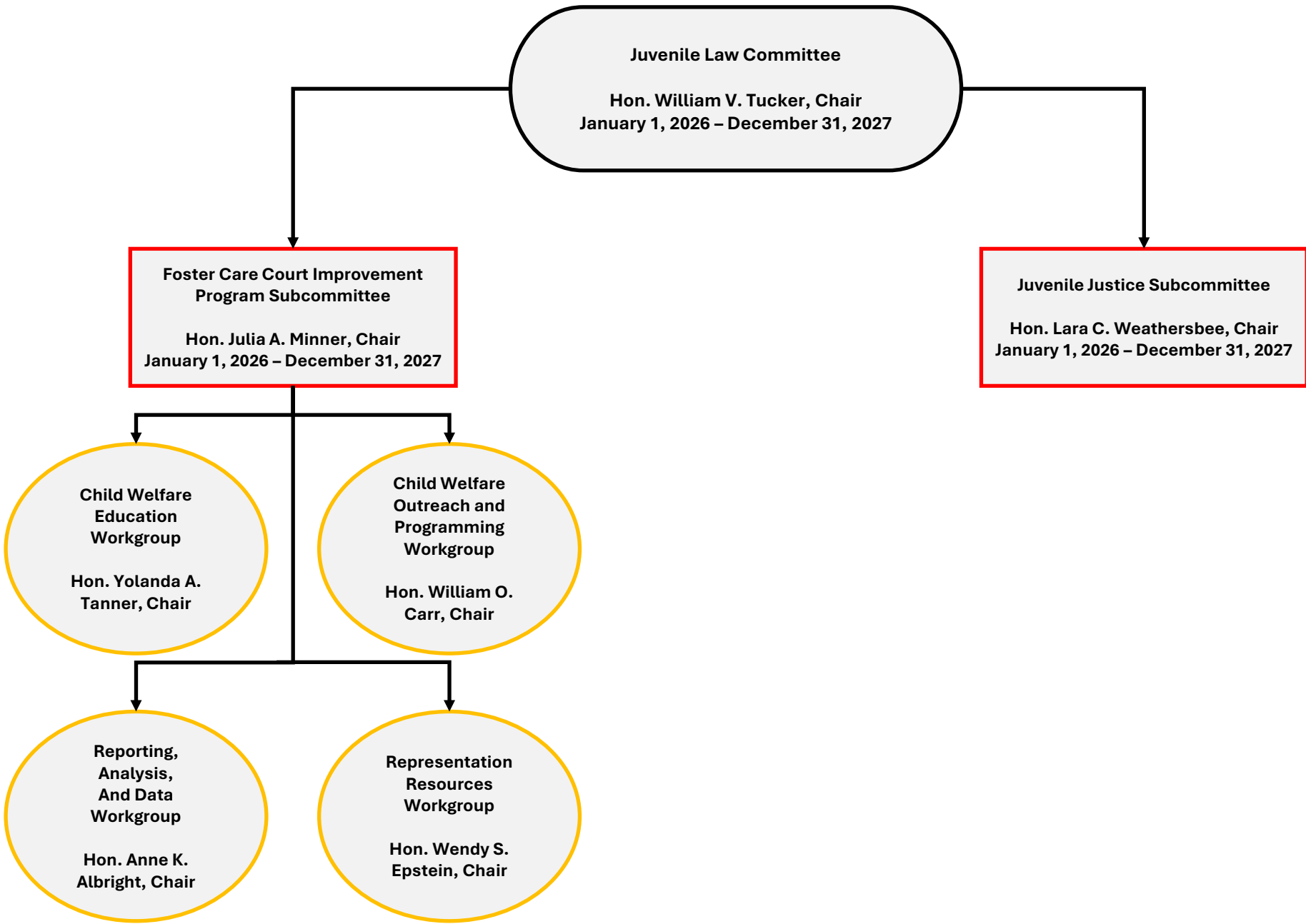
The Workgroup will review Maryland Rule 9-204 on co-parenting classes in child access cases to ensure that the content requirements in the Rule continue to meet the needs of Maryland families. The Workgroup will also review the content of courses offered in Maryland to ensure the content complies with 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.

Duration:

December 2026



Juvenile Law Committee
Hon. William V. Tucker, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Diane E. Adkins-Tobin
Judge
Circuit Court for Harford County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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

Hon. Theresa M. Chernosky
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Wytonja L. Curry
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County
January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2027

Hon. William W. Davis Jr.
Judge
Circuit Court for Cecil County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Wendy S. Epstein
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026

Hon. Sidney Francois
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026

Hon. Julie L. Glass-Becker
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026

Hon. Darren S. Johnson
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026

Hon. Lena Kim
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Matthew A. Maciarello
Judge
Circuit Court for Wicomico County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Julia A. Minner
Judge
Circuit Court for Frederick County
Ex Officio

Hon. Jeffrey D. Moffat
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Mary O’Donnell
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Dorchester County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Stephanie P. Porter
Judge
Circuit Court for Howard County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. James Speis
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Allegany County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Lara C. Weathersbee
Judge
Circuit Court for Howard County
Ex Officio

Hon. Erica Wolfe
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Dana M. Wright
Judge
Circuit Court for Washington County
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

Foster Care Court Improvement Program Subcommittee

Hon. Julia A. Minner, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Anne K. Albright
Judge
Appellate Court
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. William O. Carr
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Theresa M. Chernosky
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Wendy S. Epstein
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Jennifer S. Fairfax
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Neeta Kataria
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Lena Kim
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Althea R. Stewart Jones
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Dr. Alger Studstill
Executive Director
Department of Human Services
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Yolanda A. Tanner
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kimberly Wagner
Chief Deputy Clerk
Circuit Court for Harford County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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.

Work Product:

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:

Indefinite

Child Welfare Education Workgroup

Hon. Yolanda A. Tanner, Chair

Hon. Cameron A. Brown
Judge
Circuit Court for Cecil County

Hon. Troy K. Hill
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Hon. Neeta Kataria
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Hon. Lena Kim
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Hon. Julia A. Minner
Judge
Circuit Court for Frederick County

Hon. James Speis
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Allegany County

Staff:

Hope Gary, Joanne Kerr

Consultant:

Ann Sheridan, Esq.

Nature and Purpose:

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

Work Product:

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

Duration:

Indefinite

Child Welfare Outreach and Programming Workgroup

Hon. William O. Carr, Chair

Staci Cook

Permanency Planning Liaison
Circuit Court for Cecil County

Hon. Ronald Grove

Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Staff:

Hope Gary, Natalie Tupta

Consultants:

James Becker, Esq., Ross DieDoardo, CASA, Erica LeMon, Esq., Linda-Jeanne Mack, UOM, John McGinnis, MSDE, Natalie Miller, DHS, Dr. Corey Shdaimah, UOM, Brandi Stocksedale, LDSS

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.

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.

Duration:

Indefinite

Reporting, Analysis, and Data (RAD) Workgroup

Hon. Anne K. Albright, Chair

Richard Abbott
Director, Juvenile & Family Services
Administrative Office of the Courts

April Andrade
Deputy Director of Information
Circuit Court for Prince George's County

Grant Bacon
Court Researcher
Circuit Court for Prince George's County

Laurie Baker
Permanency Planning Liaison
Circuit Court for Washington County

Cathy Boyer
Chief Deputy Clerk
Circuit Court for Washington County

Staci Cook
Permanency Planning Liaison
Circuit Court for Cecil County

Danielle Fox
Court Researcher
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Wendy Hawkins
Permanency Planning Liaison
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Tiffany Lens
Court Social Worker
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

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Senior Researcher
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Circuit Court for Prince George's County

Natalie Tupta
Policy Law Advisor
Administrative Office of the Courts

Kelly Uhas
Permanency Planning Liaison
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Mark Vitale
Permanency Planning Liaison
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Lisa Wycoff
Senior Researcher
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Hisahi Yamaga
Court Researcher
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Staff:

Hope Gary, Joanne Kerr

Consultants:

Dr. Corey Shdaimah, UOM, Geneva Warren, CQL,

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

Work Product:

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.

Duration:

Indefinite

Representation Resources Workgroup
Hon. Wendy S. Epstein, Chair

Karolyn Bowe
Office of the Public Defender

Hon. Kathryn Brewer-Poole
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Carroll County

Hope Gary
Senior Program Manager
Administrative Office of the Courts

Kelly James
Office of the Attorney General

Hon. Lena Kim
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Teminka Rawlings
Maryland Legal Services Program

Cheryl Smith
The Franklin Law Group, P.C.

David Wagner
Office of the Public Defender

Staff:
Abigail Hill

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.

Work Product:
The Workgroup will explore the creation of a Dependency 101 video and accompanying handbook to educate, support, and assist parents in navigating through the court process and develop a parent peer/mentor program.

Duration:
Indefinite

Juvenile Justice Subcommittee

Hon. Lara C. Weathersbee, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Joanmarie R. Brubaker
Judge
Circuit Court for Frederick County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. William W. Davis, Jr.
Judge
Circuit Court for Cecil County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Mary Drawbaugh
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Frederick County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Bruce Edwards
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Kathleen D. English
Judge
Circuit Court for Frederick County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. William Gyauch
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Sandra Howell
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Matthew A. Maciarelo
Judge
Circuit Court for Wicomico County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Jeffrey D. Moffatt
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Mary O'Donnell
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Dorchester County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kristin Peacock
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Erica J. Wolfe
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Staff:

Abigail Hill, Sarah Kaplan

Nature and Purpose:

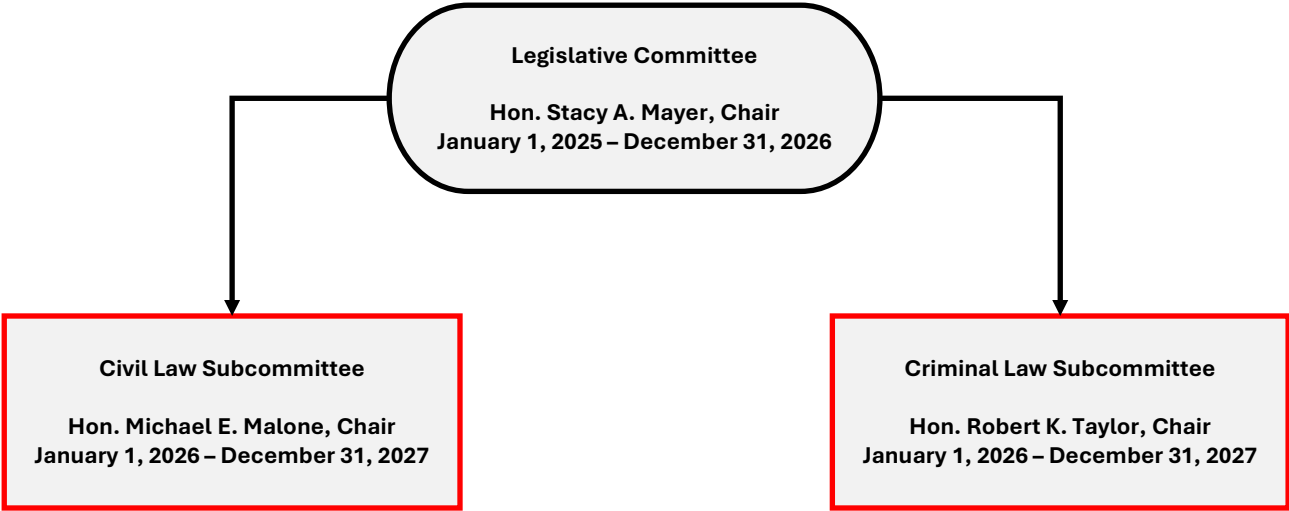
The scope of activity for the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee is all matters related to juveniles in delinquent related cases whether in the juvenile or adult courts. The Subcommittee will review all of these matters, make recommendations to the Juvenile Law Committee, to include, but not be limited to, 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.

Work Product:

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.

Duration:

Indefinite



Legislative Committee
Hon. Stacy A. Mayer, Chair
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Richard J. Sandy
Vice-Chair
Judge
Circuit Court for Frederick County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. LaKeecia R. Allen
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Brynja M. Booth
Justice
Supreme Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Yvette M. Bryant
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Mark S. Chandlee
Judge
Circuit Court for Calvert County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Joseph M. Getty
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. James H. Green
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. LaTina B. Greene
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Michael E. Malone
Judge
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
Ex Officio

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

Hon. Aileen E. Oliver
Judge
District Court, Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Judy Rupp
State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Robert K. Taylor
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
Ex Officio

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

Civil Law Subcommittee

Hon. Michael E. Malone, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Catherine Chen
Judge
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Paul J. Cucuzzella
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Angela M. Eaves
Justice
Supreme Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Kemp W. Hammond
Judge
District Court, Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Darren L. Kadish
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Staff:

Richard Keidel

Nature and Purpose:

To review legislation pertaining to civil 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.

Duration:

Annually, January – April

Criminal Law Subcommittee

Hon. Robert K. Taylor, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Charles M. Blomquist
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Kent J. Boles, Jr.
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Karen R. Ketterman
Judge
District Court, Talbot County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. John M. Maloney
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Kathleen C. Murphy
Judge
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Daniel W. Powell
Judge
Circuit Court for Somerset County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Michael S. Studdard
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Staff:

Richard Keidel

Nature and Purpose:

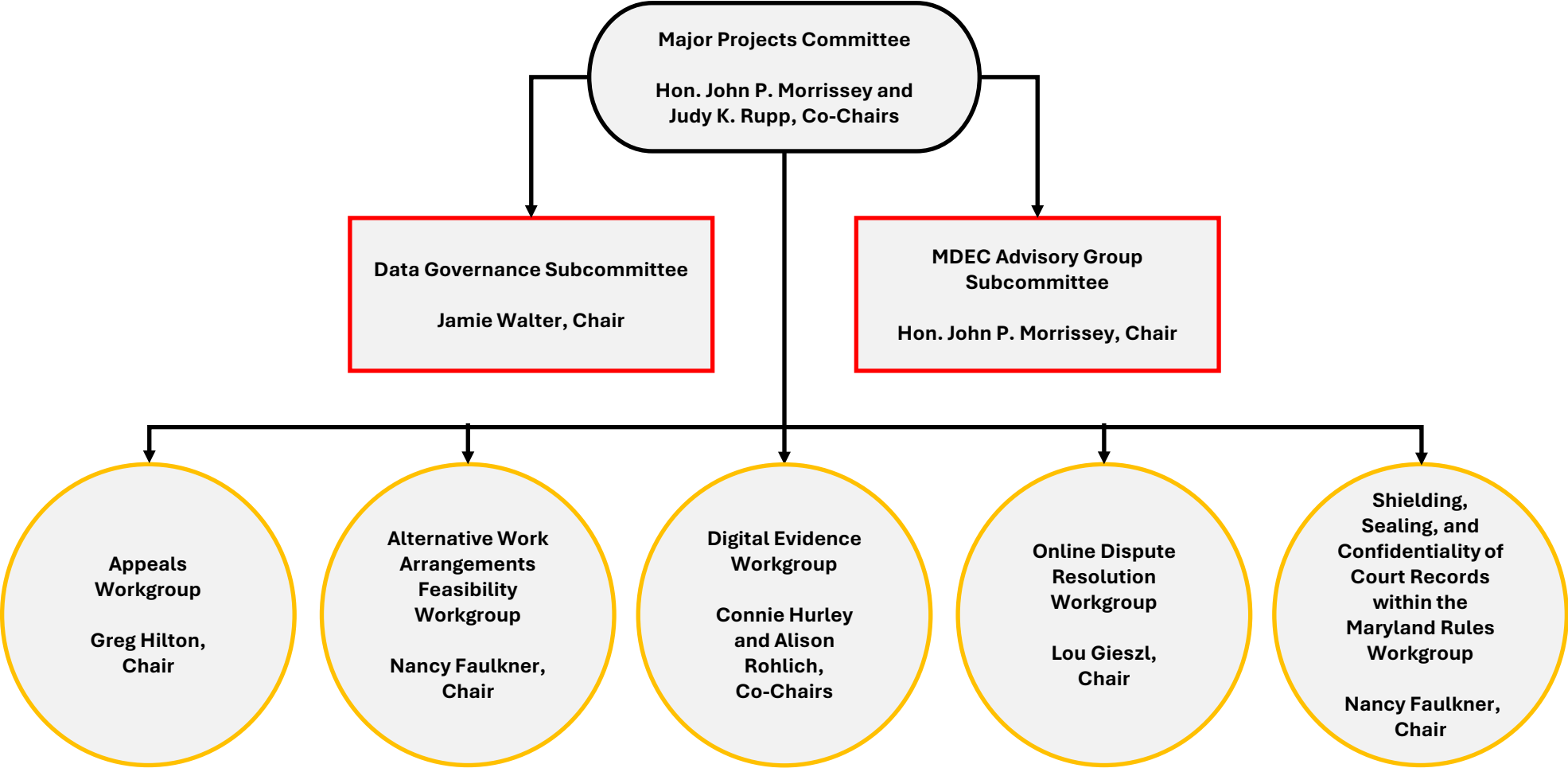
To review legislation pertaining to criminal law during the legislative session and make recommendations to the full Committee.

Work Product:

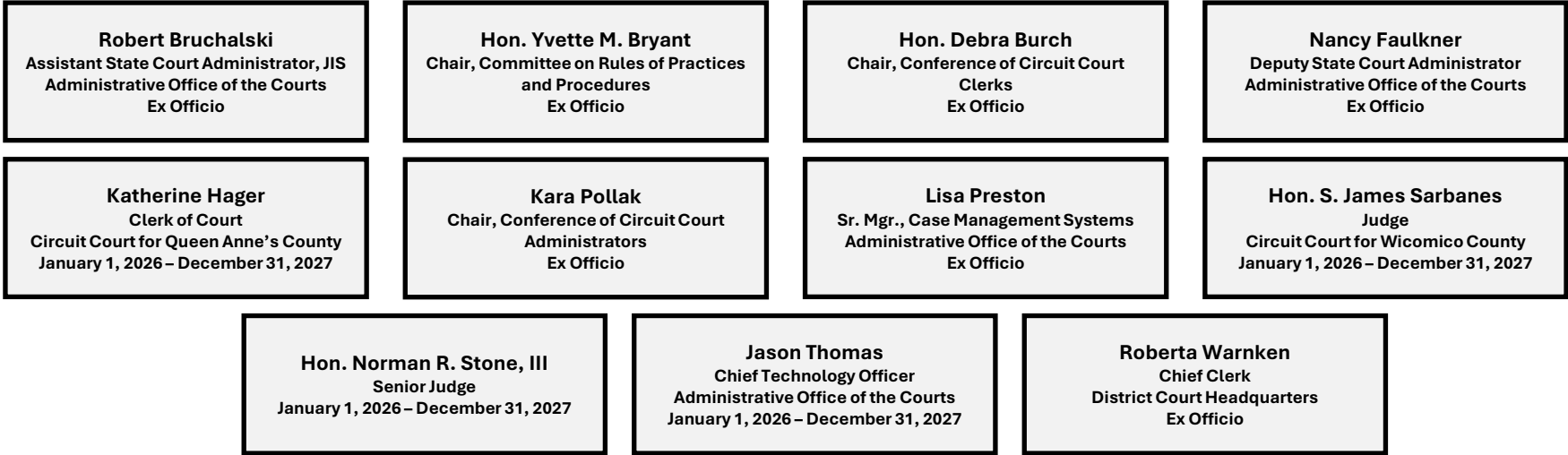
Make recommendations to the Committee pertaining to civil law during the legislative session.

Duration:

Annually, January – April



Major Projects Committee
Hon. John P. Morrissey and Judy K. Rupp, Co-Chairs



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

Data Governance Subcommittee

Jamie Walter, Chair
Ex Officio

Robert Bruchalski
Assistant State Court Administrator, JIS
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Nicholas Cavey
Public Information Officer
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Terri Charles
Asst. Public Information Officer
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Danielle Fox
Court Researcher
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Lou Gieszl
Assistant State Court Administrator,
Programs
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

Jeff Huddleston
Deputy Chief Information Officer
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Craig Moskovitz
Chief Deputy Clerk
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Andrew Ortiz
Senior Researcher
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Timothy Sheridan
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Jason Thomas
Chief Technology Officer
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

Yulia Vilaro
Data Governance Manager
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

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.

Work Product:

The Subcommittee will review, advise, and make governance-related recommendations in the following domains: (1) data warehouse and architecture; (2) analytics tools, policies, and requests; (3) data ownership, retention, access, and usage.

Duration:

Indefinite

MDEC Advisory Subcommittee

**Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chair
Ex Officio**

Staff:

Olya Jerschkowsky

Nature and Purpose:

The MDEC Advisory Subcommittee is comprised of circuit court administrative judges, circuit court clerks, circuit court chief deputy clerks, circuit court administrators, circuit deputy court administrators, District Court administrative judges, District Court administrative clerks, District Court administrative commissioners, and representatives from JIS and Tyler Technologies, Inc. With the completion of the MDEC implementation, the Subcommittee was restructured to serve as a forum for court leadership to receive updates on current issues, upcoming enhancements, MDEC-related projects, and changes that may impact the system.

Duration:

Indefinite

Appeals Workgroup
Greg Hilton, Chair

Angela Adams
Manager, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Charles County

Debra Burch
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for St. Mary's County

Doneice Burnette
Sr. Supervisor, Court Operations
Supreme Court

Daniel Campbell
Unit Supervisor, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Kathy Dixon
Paralegal
Appellate Court

Rachel Dombrowski
Clerk of Court
Appellate Court

Carolyn Fleary
Portfolio Manager
Administrative Office of the Courts

Mary Katherine Fowler
Deputy Chief Clerk
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Yvette Moore
Manager, Court Operations
Appellate Court

Lisa Preston
Sr. Mgr., Case Management Systems
Administrative Office of the Courts

Wayne Robey
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Howard County

Michelle Rollins
Supervisor, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Charles County

Wendy Stackhouse
Manager, Court Operations
Circuit Court for St. Mary's County

Jamie Walter
Director, Research & Analysis
Administrative Office of the Courts

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.

Work Product:
The Workgroup will review and update QRGs, assist with appeals trainings, and address any emerging issues related to appeals.

Duration:
Indefinite

Alternative Work Arrangements Feasibility Workgroup

Nancy Faulkner, Chair

Doug Arnold
Chief Deputy Clerk
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Hon. Keith A. Baynes
Senior Judge

Robert Bruchalski
Assistant State Court Administrator,
JIS
Administrative Office of the Courts

Ebonye Caldwell
Assistant State Court Administrator,
Human Resources
Administrative Office of the Courts

Hon. Audrey J.S. Carrión
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Danielle Fox
Court Researcher
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Hon. Steven B. Gould
Justice
Supreme Court

Kristin Grossnickle
Program Director, JSIP
Administrative Office of the Courts

Greg Hilton
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court

Doug Hofstedt
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Daniel Mays
Assistant State Court Administrator,
Operations
Administrative Office of the Courts

Hon. John P. Morrissey
Chief Judge
District Court

Valerie Pompey
Chief Deputy Clerk
Supreme Court

Scott Poyer
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Judy K. Rupp
State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts

Timothy Sheridan
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Annamaria Walsh
Director, ADR Program
Appellate Court

Roberta Warnken
Chief Clerk
District Court

Staff:

Andrea Murphy

Nature and 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 JHRD 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:

February 2026

Digital Evidence Workgroup
Connie Hurley and Alison Rohlich, Co-Chairs

Morgan Abey Judiciary Clerk District Court, Queen Anne's County	April Andrade Deputy Director of Information Circuit Court for Prince George's County	Matthew Bonner Technical Services Director Circuit Court for Montgomery County	Hon. Robin D. Gill Bright Judge Circuit Court for Prince George's County	Juwelle Chandler Courtroom Clerk, Supervisor Circuit Court for Prince George's County	Ricardo Chicas Courtroom Clerk Circuit Court for Howard County
Jenny Cottman Judiciary Clerk District Court, Wicomico County	Erica Cox Courtroom Clerk, Supervisor Circuit Court for Charles County	Carolyn Creel Deputy Administrative Clerk District Court, Montgomery County	Benjamin Dawson Courtroom Clerk, Supervisor District Court, Baltimore County	David Dembnicki Manager, Court Operations Circuit Court for Montgomery County	Ian Dodoo Senior Manager Administrative Office of the Courts
Shelly Fitzgerald Court Administrator Circuit Court for Wicomico County	Simone Gaither Operations Analyst District Court Headquarters	Kaylee Garman Courtroom Clerk Circuit Court for Charles County	Steven Gay Courtroom Clerk Circuit Court for Baltimore County	Anne Grant Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk Circuit Court for Montgomery County	Markisha Gross Administrative Clerk District Court, District 4
Katherine Hager Clerk of Court Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County	Rachel Hanna-Marlow Lead Courtroom Clerk Circuit Court for Frederick County	Royann Hauser MDEC Specialist District Court, Washington County	Quinika Hawkins Manager, Court Operations Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County	Kara Hawkins Deputy Court Administrator Circuit Court for Montgomery County	Greg Hilton Clerk of Court Supreme Court

Staff:
Ellie Haight

Nature and Purpose:
The Digital Evidence Workgroup represents the Judiciary in guiding major decisions shaping the direction of the digital evidence platform. The group focuses on the submission, storage, and integration of digital evidence for court cases to guarantee public access consistent with document-based evidence.

Work Product:
The Workgroup is committed to creating a streamlined, efficient process for court users and filers, enhancing the management and accessibility of digital evidence within the judicial system.

Duration:
Indefinite

**Digital Evidence Workgroup
(Continued)**
**Connie Hurley and Alison Rohlich,
Co-Chairs**

Amanda Jacquette
Unit Supervisor, Court Operations
District Court, Kent County

Stacey Johnson
Project Manager
Administrative Office of the Courts

Hon. Darren L. Kadish
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City

Amanda Kempa
Judiciary Clerk
District Court, Cecil County

Robin Kerby
Manager, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Charles County

Paul Lee
Lead Judiciary Clerk
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Rosalind Matos
Asst. Manager, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Howard County

Hon. Kerwin A. Miller, Sr.
Judge
District Court, Harford County

Yvette Moore
Manager, Court Operations
Appellate Court

Erica Peters
Senior Manager
Administrative Office of the Courts

Lisa Preston
Sr. Mngr., Case Management Systems
Administrative Office of the Courts

Yarinet Rodriguez
Lead Judiciary Clerk
Circuit Court for Charles County

Heather Sawyers
Chambers Manager
Circuit Court for Frederick County

Michele Schriefer
Manager, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Worcester County

Laurel Sherman
Manager, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Frederick County

Samantha Thomas
Manager, Court Operations
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Jason Thomas
Chief Technology Officer
Administrative Office of the Courts

Karin Wilson
Project Manager
Circuit Court for Howard County

Lisa Yates
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Charles County

Staff:
Ellie Haight

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The Digital Evidence Workgroup represents the Judiciary in guiding major decisions shaping the direction of the digital evidence platform. The group focuses on the submission, storage, and integration of digital evidence for court cases to guarantee public access consistent with document-based evidence.

Work Product:
The Workgroup is committed to creating a streamlined, efficient process for court users and filers, enhancing the management and accessibility of digital evidence within the judicial system.

Duration:
Indefinite

Online Dispute Resolution Workgroup
Lou Gieszl, Chair

Richard Abbott
Director, Juvenile & Family Services
Administrative Office of the Courts

Rose Day
Assistant Chief Clerk
District Court

Maureen Denihan
Director, ADR Program
District Court Headquarters

Cynthia Jurrius
Program Director, MACRO
Administrative Office of the Courts

Christian Noble
Special Counsel
Administrative Office of the Courts

Theresa Nudell
Special Counsel
Administrative Office of the Courts

Lisa Preston
Sr. Mgr., Case Management Systems
Administrative Office of the Courts

Christine Uslin-McLellan
Senior Manager
Administrative Office of the Courts

Nick White
Business Systems Analyst
Administrative Office of the Courts

Molly Wilson
Program Manager, MACRO
Administrative Office of the Courts

Staff:

Stacey Johnson

Nature and Purpose:

The Workgroup monitors the development of court-connected ODR initiatives and develops recommendations about potential ODR projects in the Maryland Judiciary.

Work Product:

Maryland Online Resolutions (MDOR) for minor traffic, small claims, and child access for Title IV-D cases.

Duration:

Indefinite

Shielding, Sealings, and Confidentiality of Court Records within the Maryland Rules Workgroup
Nancy Faulkner, Chair

Richard Abbott
Director, Juvenile & Family Services
Administrative Office of the Courts

Heather Cobun
Staff Attorney/Assistant Reporter
Rules Committee

Simone Gaither
Operations Analyst
District Court Headquarters

Kristin Grossnickle
Program Director, JSIP
Administrative Office of the Courts

Cynthia Jurrius
Program Director, MACRO
Administrative Office of the Courts

Georgene Kaleina
Policy Research Analyst
Administrative Office of the Courts

Jessica Labenberg
Guardianship Case Manager
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Dawne Lindsey
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Allegany County

Lisa Mohink
Deputy Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Howard County

Jessica Patrick
Business Systems Analyst
Administrative Office of the Courts

Susan Patrick
Division Chief
District Court, Montgomery County

Sarah Kaplan
Policy Law Advisor
Administrative Office of the Courts

Ashley Ritter
County Clerk
District Court, Carroll County

Kathy Smith
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Calvert County

Stacy Smith
Program Manager
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

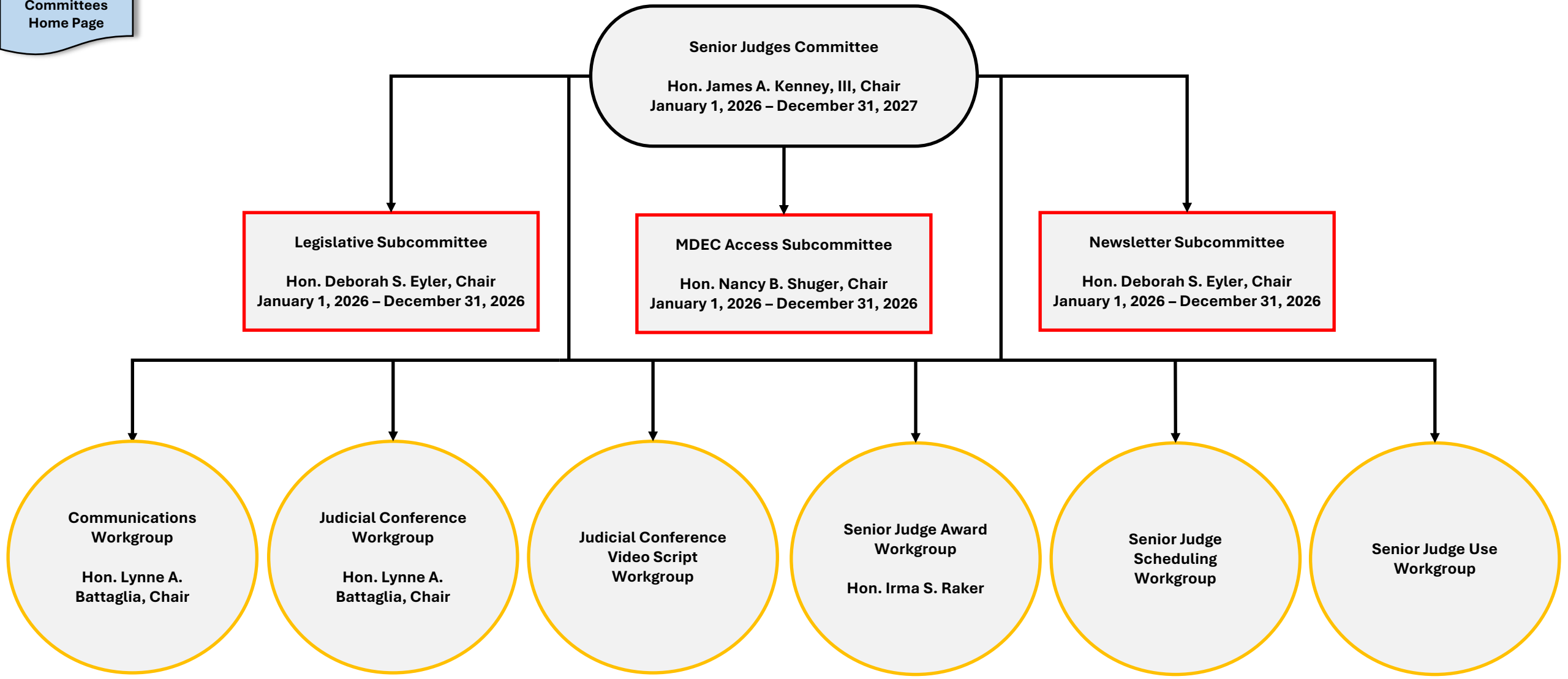
Colleen Thomas
County Clerk
District Court, Garrett County

Staff:
Andrea Murphy

Nature and Purpose:
To build off of the work of the Transparency and Access Workgroup in regard to uniform definitions of non-public records in the Maryland Rules.

Work Product:
The Workgroup will make recommendations regarding proposed revisions to the Maryland Rules to ensure consistency among usage of terms that identify non-public records.

Duration:
Indefinite



Senior Judges Committee
Hon. James A. Kenney III, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Deborah S. Eyer
Vice-Chair
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Jean S. Baron
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Lawrence R. Daniels
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Missy Gallagher
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Dorchester County
March 27, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Michele D. Hotten
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Steven I. Platt
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Irma S. Raker
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Sharon Reed
Executive Aide to the Chief Judge
District Court Headquarters
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Marcus Z. Shar
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Nancy B. Shuger
Senior Judge
Ex Officio

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

Hon. Dennis M. Sweeney
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Barbara B. Waxman
Senior Judge
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.

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

Legislative Subcommittee

Hon. Deborah S. Eyler, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kathleen G. Cox
Vice-Chair
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Lawrence R. Daniels
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Leo E. Green, Jr.
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Michele D. Hotten
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. James A. Kenney, III
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Jonas D. Legum
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Brooke M. Murdock
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Harry C. Storm
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Dennis M. Sweeney
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

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:

Annually, January - April

MDEC Access Subcommittee

Hon. Nancy B. Shuger, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Deborah S. Eyler
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Alison Jones
Deputy Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Sharon Reed
Executive Aide to the Chief Judge
District Court Headquarters
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

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

Newsletter Subcommittee

Hon. Deborah S. Eyler, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. James A. Kenney III
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Patricia L. Mitchell
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Steven I. Platt
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Sharon Reed
Executive Aide to the Chief Judge
District Court Headquarters
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

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

Judicial Conference Workgroup

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia, Chair

Hon. James A. Kenney, III
Senior Judge

Sharon Reed
Executive Aide to the Chief Judge
District Court Headquarters

Hon. Marcus Z. Shar
Senior Judge

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.

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.

Duration:

Annually, January – May

Judicial Conference Video Script Workgroup

Hon. Jean S. Baron
Senior Judge

Hon. Deborah S. Eyster
Senior Judge

Hon. Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.
Senior Judge

Hon. Barbara K. Howe
Senior Judge

Hon. Irma S. Raker
Senior Judge

Hon. Thurman H. Rhodes
Senior Judge

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.

Work Product:

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

Duration:

Annually, January – May

**Senior Judge Award
Workgroup**
Hon. Irma S. Raker, Chair

Hon. Jean S. Baron
Senior Judge

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia
Senior Judge

Hon. Barbara K. Howe
Senior Judge

Staff:

Eliana Pangelinan

Nature and Purpose:

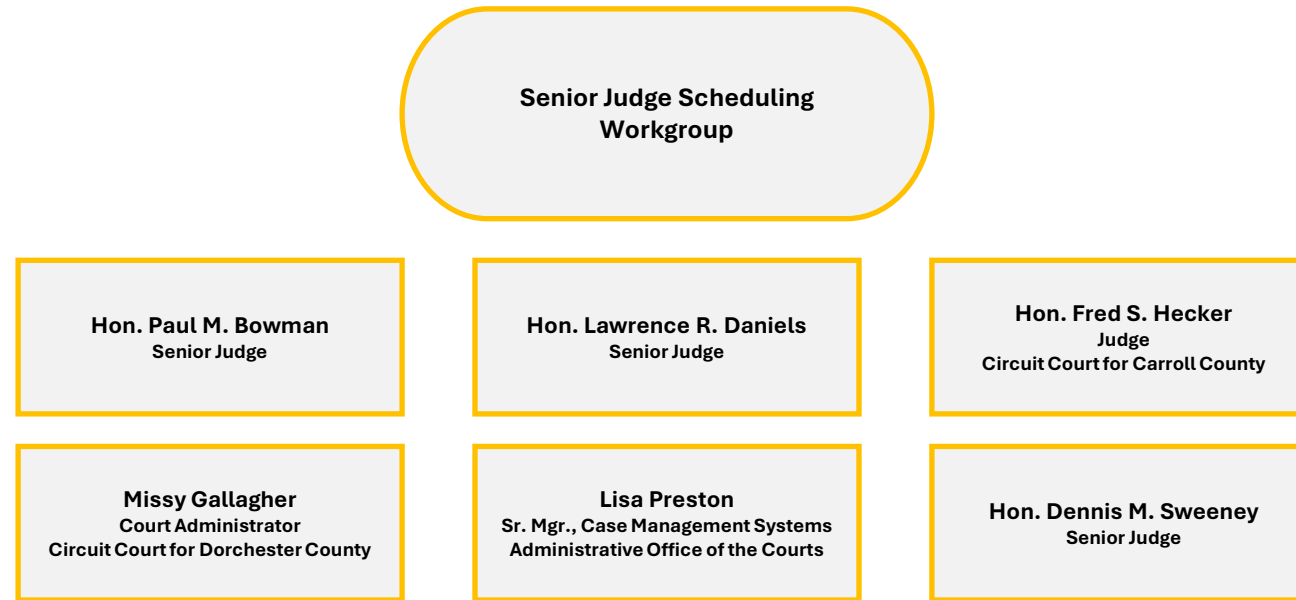
The Senior Judges Award Group will award a senior judge with the annual Senior Judge Award based on their work in the community.

Work Product:

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

Duration:

Annually, January – May



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:

Annually, January – September

Senior Judge Use Workgroup

Hon. James A. Bonifant
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Hon. Paul M. Bowman
Senior Judge

Hon. Lawrence R. Daniels
Senior Judge

Kristin Grossnickle
Program Director, JSIP
Administrative Office of the Courts

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.

Work Product:

Best Practice Manual for Senior Judge Use

Duration:

Annually, January - September

Communications Workgroup

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia, Chair

Hon. Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.
Senior Judge

Hon. Norman R. Stone, III
Senior Judge

Hon. Barbara B. Waxman
Senior Judge

Staff:

Eliana Pangelinan

Nature and Purpose:

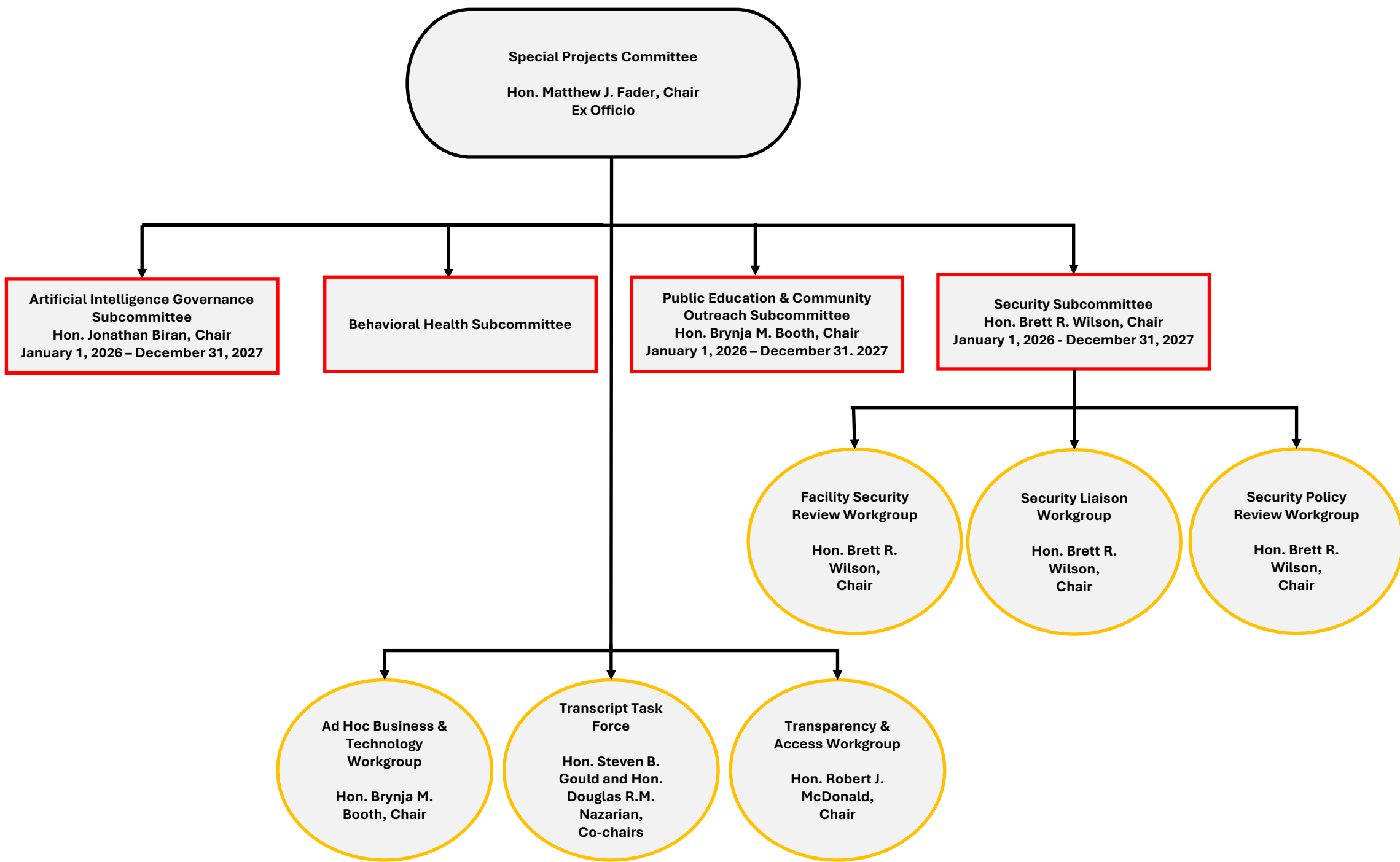
The Workgroup will establish and maintain a centralized database containing the personal contact information of retired and senior judges, their designated beneficiaries, and an alternative contact. This database will be used to ensure that all parties remain informed of important events and relevant communications.

Work Product:

A centralized database will be maintained containing the personal contact information of retired and senior judges, their designated beneficiaries, and an alternative contact. This information, including personal email addresses and other details voluntarily provided, will be used to ensure timely communication regarding important events and updates.

Duration:

Annually, January - May



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 K. Rupp
State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Hon. E. Greg Wells
Chief Judge
Appellate Court
Ex Officio

Staff:

Amanda Miller

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.

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

Ad Hoc Business & Technology Workgroup
Hon. Brynja M. Booth, Chair

Hon. Kevin F. Arthur
Judge
Appellate Court

Hon. Rosalyn Tang
Judge
Appellate Court

Staff:

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:

Indefinite

Transparency & Access Workgroup
Hon. Robert N. McDonald, Chair

Hon. Peter K. Killough
Justice
Supreme Court

Hon. Andrea M. Leahy
Judge
Appellate Court

Hon. John P. Morrissey
Chief Judge
District Court

Judy K. Rupp
State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts

Hon. Jennifer B. Schiffer
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

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.

Duration:
Indefinite

Transcript Task Force
Hon. Steven B. Gould and Hon. Douglas R.M. Nazarian, Co-Chairs

Hon. Carlos F. Acosta
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Hon. Shannon E. Avery
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Matthew Bonner
Tech. Services Director
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Colin Casler
Chief Deputy Clerk
Appellate Court

Heather Cobun
Staff Attorney/ Assistant Reporter
Rules Committee

Hon. William W. Davis Jr.
Judge
Circuit Court for Cecil County

Rachel Dombrowski
Clerk of Court
Appellate Court

Lou Gieszl
Assistant State Court Administrator,
Programs
Administrative Office of the Courts

Hon. Kathryn G. Graeff
Judge
Appellate Court

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Greg Hilton
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court

Doug Hofstedt
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Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Pamela Ortiz
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Administrative Office of the Courts

Diana Siedel
Quality Assurance Associate
District Court Headquarters

Francine Strauss
Senior Law Clerk
Supreme Court

Jason Thomas
Chief Technology Officer
Administrative Office of the Courts

Roberta Warnken
Chief Clerk
District Court

Hon. E. Greg Wells
Chief Judge
Appellate Court

Staff:
Christian Noble

Nature and Purpose:
Prepare a proposal to eliminate the requirement for individuals who are unable to pay for transcripts of trial court proceedings to pay for them on appeal.
Conduct a broader inquiry into the requirement to obtain transcripts for appeal to determine if there is a viable approach that reduces or eliminates the costs and burdens they impose for all parties, but especially lower-income parties.

Work Product:
A proposal to eliminate the requirement for individuals who are unable to pay for transcripts of trial court proceedings to pay for them on appeal.

Duration:
Indefinite

Artificial Intelligence Governance Subcommittee
Hon. Jonathan Biran, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Kevin F. Arthur
Judge
Appellate Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

David DelGaudio
Information Security Officer
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Shamika Dent-Williams
Assistant State Court Administrator,
Judicial College
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Lydie E. Glynn
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Fred S. Hecker
Judge
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Richard Keidel
Associate Legal Counsel
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Jennifer Keiser
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Howard County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

James “Bo” McAllister
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Wicomico County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Rachel T. McGuckian
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Kelley O’Connor
Assistant State Court Administrator,
GRPA
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Leland Sampson
Web Content Administrator
State Law Library
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Jason Thomas
Chief Technology Officer
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Staff:

Brenda lazzetta

Nature and Purpose:

The subcommittee will set a strategic direction for AI in the Judiciary, develop policies on the use of AI and generative AI, monitor compliance with those policies, and provide input on AI-related procurements. It will also establish subgroups to address AI topics related to education, policy, and ethics.

Work Product:

Develop policies on the use of AI tools and platforms by Judiciary employees; make other recommendations as necessary.

Duration:

Indefinite

Public Education and Community Outreach Subcommittee
Hon. Brynja M. Booth, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Carlos F. Acosta
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Jennifer M. Alexander
Judge
District Court, Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Alex M. Allman
Judge
Circuit Court for Harford County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Erik S. Atas
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Nicole K. Barmore
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Charles M. Blomquist
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

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

Hon. Sidney A. Butcher
Judge
District Court, Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Ada E. Clark-Edwards
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George’s County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Shamika Dent-Williams
Assistant State Court Administrator,
Judicial College
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. William M. Dunn
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Llamilet Gutierrez
Judge
District Court, Prince George’s County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Tameika M. Lunn
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kerwin A. Miller, Sr.
Judge
District Court, Harford County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Kelley O’Connor
Assistant State Court Administrator,
GRPA
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Melissa A. Pryce
Judge
District Court, Prince George’s County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Krystin J. Richardson
Judge
District Court, Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Laura S. Ripken
Judge
Appellate Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Jennifer B. Schiffer
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Yolanda A. Tanner
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Anthony F. Vittoria
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff:
Diana Kean

Nature and Purpose:
The focus of this Subcommittee 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. It will focus on:

1. Enhancing communication within the Judiciary among all members and employees.
2. Identifying educational opportunities to mitigate misinformation and disinformation to multiple target audiences.
3. Working to ensure consistent and active messaging within the Judiciary and from the Judiciary to the public and other stakeholders are delivered.
4. Identifying stakeholders for the purpose of such messaging, marketing and branding, public education, joint bench-bar programs, and other collaborative projects.
5. Developing creative outreach programs, which may include replication of successful, existing programs and projects.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Creating materials for judges to better market and brand the Judiciary, as well as increase public education efforts.
9. 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
The Subcommittee 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.

Duration:
Indefinite

Security Subcommittee
Hon. Brett R. Wilson, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Steve Barlow
Security Manager
District Court Headquarters
Ex Officio

Heather DeWees
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Maurice C. Frazier
Judge
Circuit Court for Howard County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Kristin Grossnickle
Director, JSIP
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Hon. Geoffrey G. Hengerer
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
March 7, 2025-December 31,2026

Greg Hilton
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court
Ex Officio

Cliff Hisker
Protective Intelligence Analyst
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Hon. Kristin Hosseinzadeh
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Baltimore City
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. William H. Jones
Judge
Circuit Court for Dorchester County
March 7, 2025-December 31,2026

Kelley O'Connor
Assistant State Court Administrator,
GRPA
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Judy K. Rupp
State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Hon. Eric W. Schaffer
Judge
District Court, Frederick County
March 7, 2025 - December 31,2026

Hon. Julie S. Solt
Senior Judge
March 7, 2025-December 31,2026

Hon. Harry C. Storm
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Richard R. Titus
Judge
Circuit Court for Carroll County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Sean Wolcuff
Director, Security Administration
Administrative Office of the Courts
Ex Officio

Burgess Wood
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Calvert County
March 7, 2025 - December 31,2026

Hon. Terrence M.R. Zic
Judge
Appellate Court
March 7, 2025 - December 31,2026

Staff:
Melissa Canada

Nature and Purpose:
The Subcommittee addresses judicial security related matters regarding the implementation of security protocols and the ongoing review and improvement of security policies, practices, and facilities system wide. The Subcommittee works collaboratively with the Office of Information Privacy and court security personnel for the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Appellate Courts, the circuit courts, and the District Court.

- Work Product:**
- A. The Subcommittee’s activities will include preparing quarterly summaries of threat assessments and an annual report comprising an analysis of the current security status within the Judiciary, any proposals for legislative requests, fundings requests, and changes to security policies for the judiciary.
 - i. The Subcommittee will interact with the Security Committees for individual judicial facilities.
 - B. The Subcommittee will work with, and be supported by, the Research and Analysis division to build upon the work started by the Chief Justice’s Task Force to Ensure Judicial Security.
 - i. It is important to continually accumulate and analyze security data for all judicial facilities and the Subcommittee will prepare a process to periodically review the security status of each facility within the judicial system.
 - C. The Subcommittee will receive and review security related queries and make recommendations as appropriate, including recommendations to the Chief Judge of the District Court and the State Court Administrator concerning priority security projects to receive funding.
 - D. The Subcommittee will monitor national trends and new solutions available to assist the Judiciary. All findings and recommendations will be reported to the Special Projects Committee on an annual basis, or earlier as required.

Duration:
Indefinite

Facility Security Review Workgroup
Hon. Brett R. Wilson, Chair

Karen Bushell
Clerk of Court
Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Hon. Maurice Frazier
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Howard County

Hon. Garret P. Glennon, Jr.
Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore County

Hon. Geoffrey G. Hengerer
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City

Greg Hilton
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court

Hon. William H. Jones
Judge
Circuit Court for Dorchester County

Hon. Julie S. Solt
Judge
Circuit Court for Frederick County

Sean Wolcuff
Director, Security Administration
Administrative Office of the Courts

Staff:
Melissa Canada

Nature and Purpose:
Continue the work of the Judicial Security Task force.

- Work Product:**
- a. Develop a process to routinely review the security status of judicial facilities. The review will include physical plant security and personnel.
 - b. The review process should prioritize identifying those facilities of greatest need and working on recommendations to resolve those needs where possible.

Duration:
Indefinite

Security Liaison Workgroup
Hon. Brett R. Wilson, Chair

Steve Barlow
Security Manager
District Court Headquarters

Cliff Hisker
Protective Intelligence Analyst
Administrative Office of the Courts

Burgess Wood
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Calvert County

Staff:
Melissa Canada

Nature and Purpose:
To maintain communication with the Maryland Sheriffs' Association and the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association on matters of security at and around judicial facilities.

Work Product:
Ensure that all organizations involved in judicial security, to include District Court Security and Judicial Security, are advised of security issues.

Duration:
Indefinite

Security Policy Review Workgroup
Hon. Brett R. Wilson, Chair

Hon. Scott M. Carrington
Judge
Circuit Court for Prince George's County

Kristin Grossnickle
Director, JSIP
Administrative Office of the Courts

Judy Rupp
State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts

Hon. Eric W. Schaffer
Judge
District Court, Frederick County

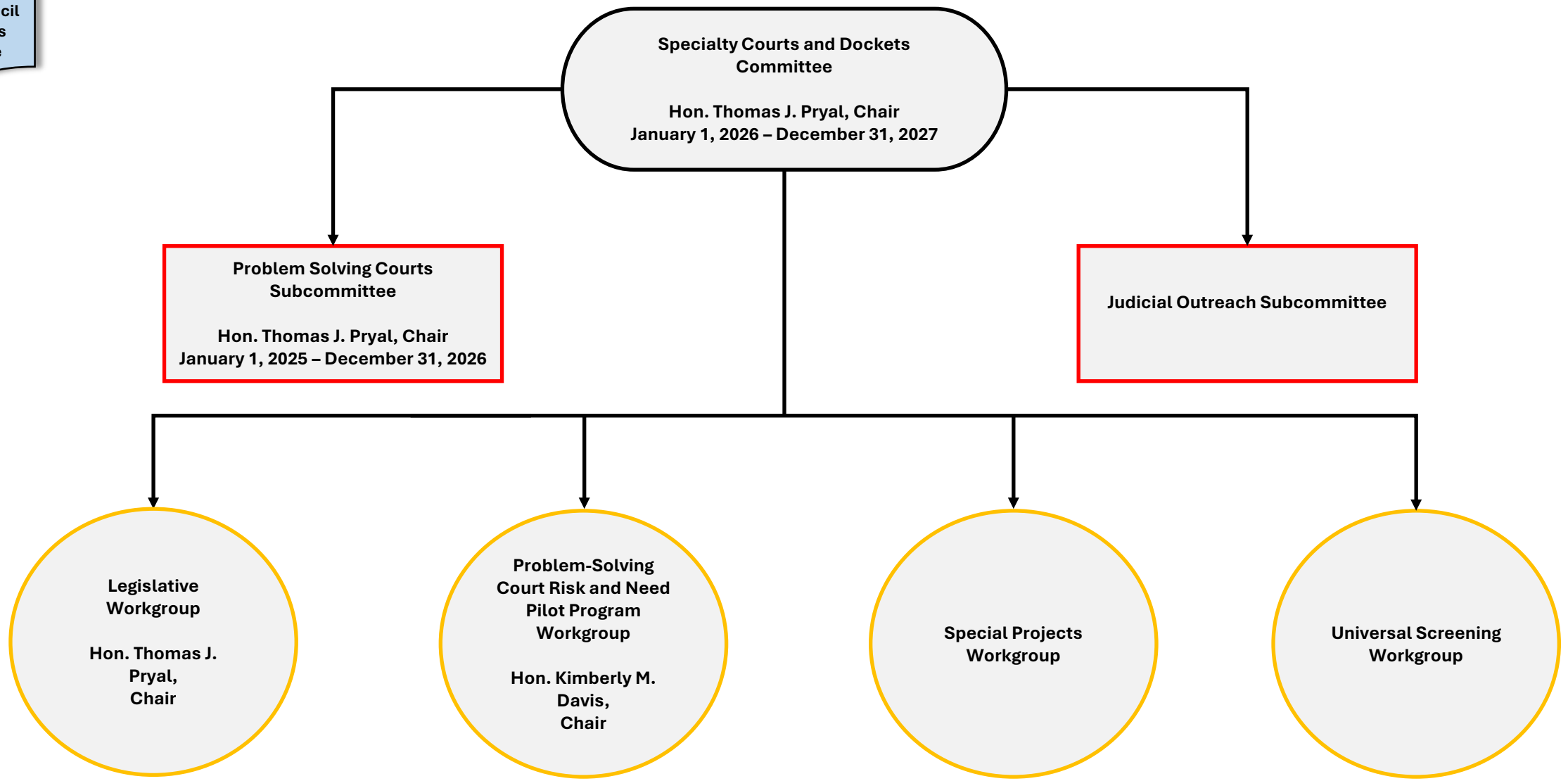
Hon. Terrence M.R. Zic
Judge
Appellate Court

Staff:
Melissa Canada

Nature and Purpose:
To address specific questions of security policy as may be submitted by judicial personnel or identified within the system.

- Work Product:**
- a. Make recommendations to resolve such issues.
 - b. Review the best practices for judicial security and make recommendations to alter and improve those practices within the Judiciary.

Duration:
Indefinite



Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee
Hon. Thomas J. Pryal, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Jennifer M. Alexander
Judge
District Court, Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Theresa M. Chernosky
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Lena Kim
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Sherri D. Koch
Judge
District Court, Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Holly D. Reed, III
Judge
District Court, Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Michelle R. Saunders
Judge
District Court, Calvert County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Tameika M. Lunn
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Michael J. McAuliffe
Judge
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth
Senior Judge
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Ann L. Wagner-Stewart
Judge
District Court, Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Burgess Wood
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for 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

Problem Solving Courts Subcommittee
Hon. Thomas J. Pryal, Chair
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Louis A. Becker
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Wayne A. Brooks
Judge
District Court, Howard County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Mark S. Chandlee
Judge
Circuit Court for Calvert County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Hon. Mary Drawbaugh
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Frederick County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Bruce Edwards
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Prince George's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Peter K. Killough
Justice
Supreme Court
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Lena Kim
Magistrate
Circuit Court for Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. C. Lynn Knight
Judge
Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Sherri D. Koch
Judge
District Court, Montgomery County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Tameika M. Lunn
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Stacy W. McCormack
Judge
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Daniel W. Powell
Judge
Circuit Court for Somerset County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Andrew S. Rappaport
Judge
Circuit Court for Calvert County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Cheryl Rill
Deputy Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Baltimore County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Joseph L. Stanalonis
Judge
Circuit Court for St. Mary's County
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Hon. J. Michael Wachs
Senior Judge
January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

Burgess Wood
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for 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. 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 Subcommittee will be responsible for reviewing all statistics and reports from these 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 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.

Work Product:

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

Duration:

Indefinite

Legislative Workgroup
Hon. Thomas J. Pryal, Chair

Hon. Marina L. Sabett
Judge
District Court, Montgomery County

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

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.

Duration:
Annually, January – April

**Problem-Solving Court Risk and
Need Pilot Program Workgroup**

**Hon. Kimberly M. Davis,
Chair**

Rachel Bowen
Clerk of Court
Appellate Court

Christina Bowie-Simpson
Wicomico County Health Department

Aisha Braveboy
State's Attorney's Office

Hon. David E. Carey
Judge
District Court, Harford County

Rose Day
Assistant Chief Clerk
District Court Headquarters

Paula Fish
ADC Coordinator
Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Angela Schroyer
ADC Coordinator
District Court, Harford County

Tracy Simpson
ADC Coordinator
Circuit Court for Worcester County

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

Hon. Nicole E. Taylor
Judge
District Court, Baltimore City

Pete Washington
ADC Coordinator
Circuit Court for Allegany County

Kimberlee Watts
Office of the Public Defender

Whitney Wisniewski
Administrative Commissioner
District Court, Baltimore County

Burgess Wood
Court Administrator
Circuit Court for Calvert County

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:
Indefinite



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