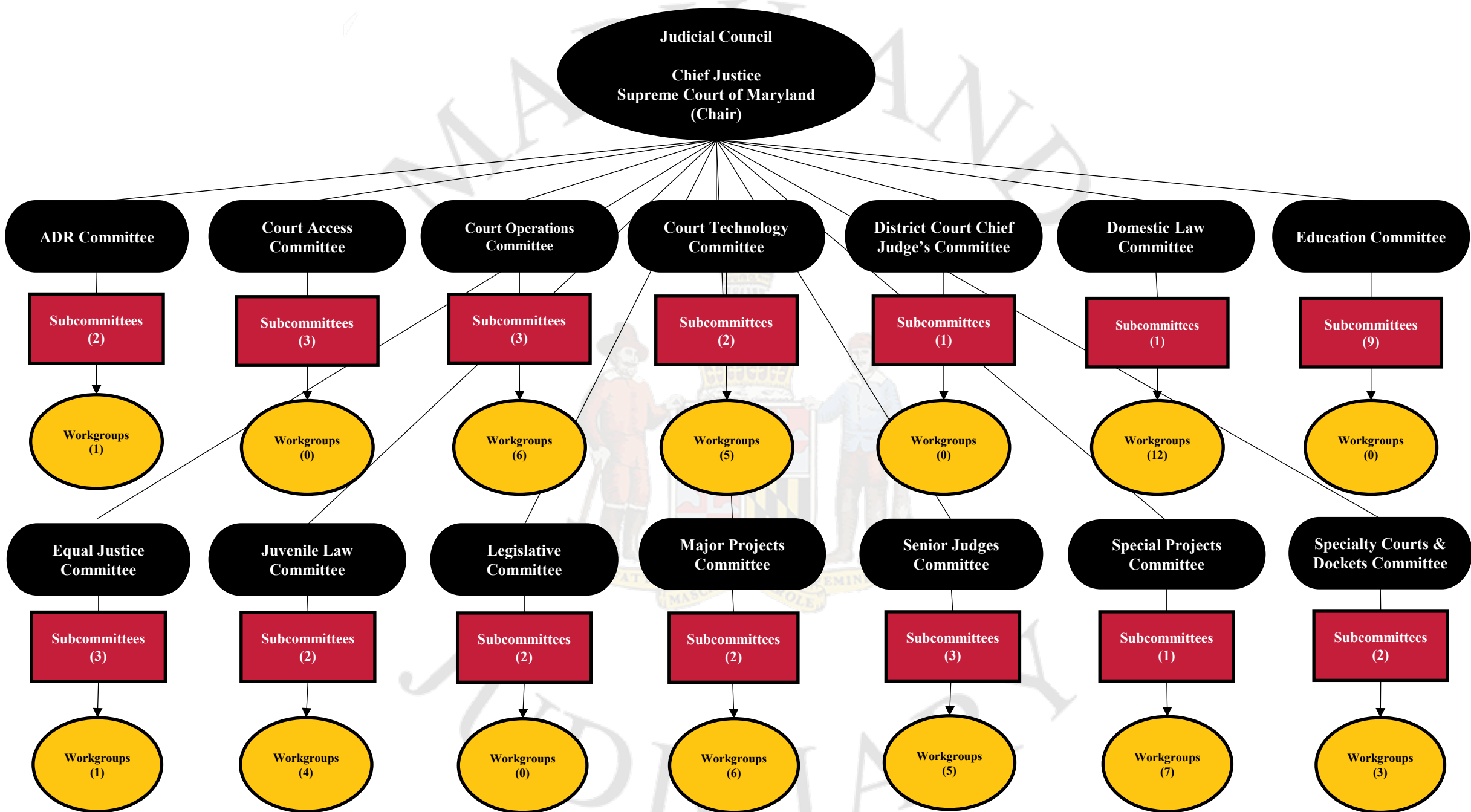




2025 Judicial Council

**Chief Justice Matthew J.
Fader***
Chair
Supreme Court

Matthew Barret Chair Conference of Circuit Court Administrators Ex-Officio	Hon. Bibi M. Berry Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Wayne A. Brooks Howard County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Debra J. Burch Vice-Chair Conference of Circuit Court Clerks Ex-Officio
Hon. Yolanda L. Curtin Vice-Chair Conference of Circuit Judges Ex-Officio	Hon. Heather DeWees Chair Conference of Circuit Court Clerks Ex-Officio	Nancy Faulkner, Secretary Deputy State Court Administrator Ex-Officio	Maria Fields Administrative Clerk Baltimore County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Fred S. Hecker* Chair Conference of Circuit Judges Ex-Officio	Hon. Geoffrey G. Hengerer Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. James A. Kenney, III Chair Senior Judges Committee Ex-Officio	Hon. Stacy A. Mayer Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. John P. Morrissey* Chief Judge District Court of Maryland Ex-Officio	Hon. Harris P. Murphy Kent County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Kara Pollak Vice- Chair Conference of Circuit Court Administrators Ex-Officio	Judy Rupp* State Court Administrator Ex-Officio
Rebecca Sloane Administrative Clerk Cecil County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Shaem C.P. Spencer Anne Arundel County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Roberta Warnken Chief Clerk District Court Ex-Officio	Hon. E. Greg Wells* Chief Judge Appellate Court Ex-Officio

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

* Executive Committee Member

Judicial Council Committees 2025

Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

Hon. John S. Nugent, Chair

Court Access Committee

Hon. Michael W. Siri, Chair

Court Operations Committee

Hon. Mark F. Scurti, Chair

Court Technology Committee

Hon. Sherri D. Koch, Chair

District Court Chief Judge's Committee

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

Domestic Law Committee

**Hon. Cathy H. Serrette,
Chair**

Education Committee

Hon. Laura S. Ripken, Chair

Equal Justice Committee

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

Juvenile Law Committee

**Hon. William V. Tucker,
Chair**

Legislative Committee

Hon. Stacy A. Mayer, Chair

Major Projects Committee

**Hon. John P. Morrissey and
Judy Rupp, Co-Chair**

Senior Judges Committee

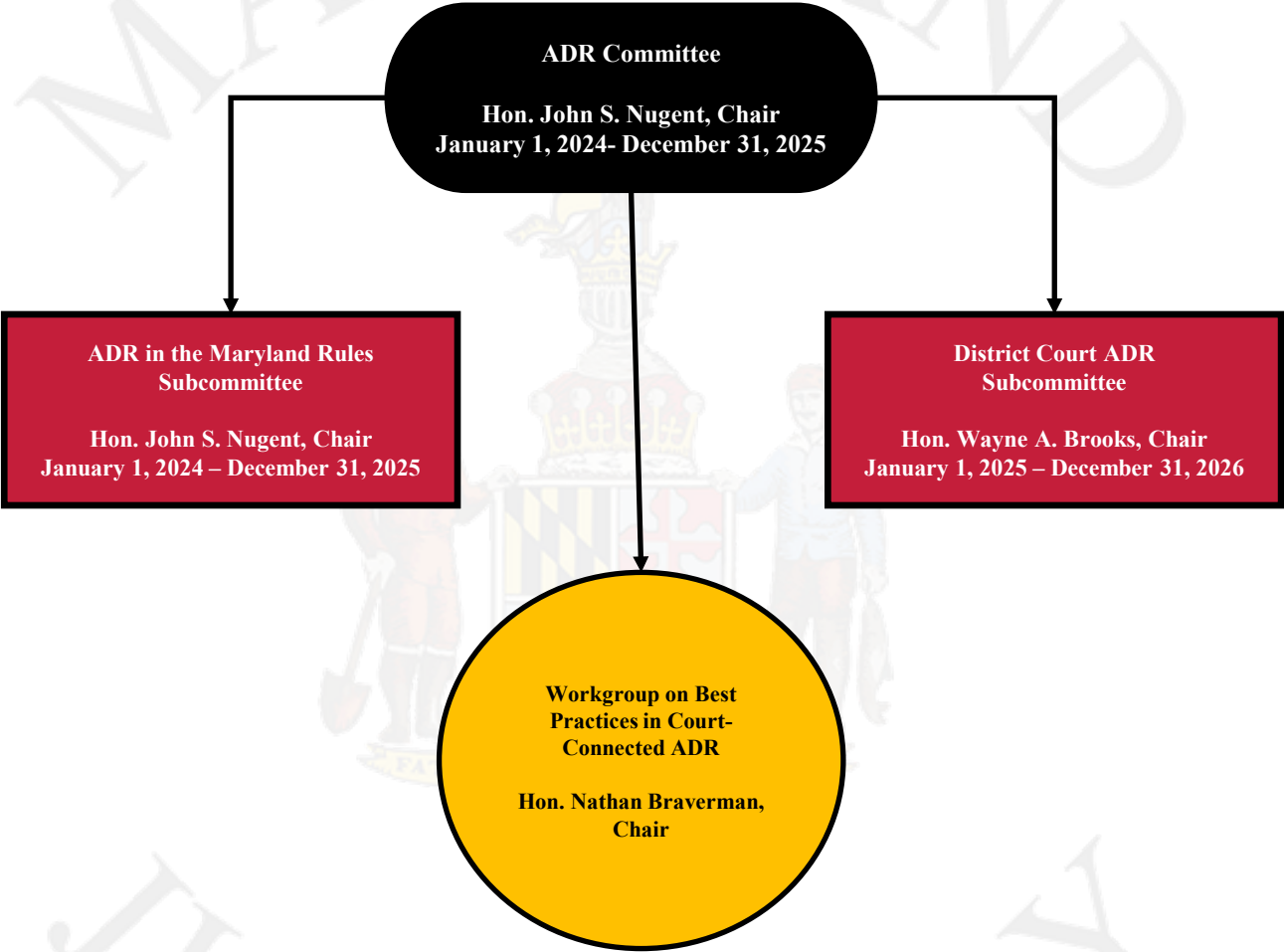
**Hon. James A. Kenney III,
Chair**

Special Projects Committee

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

Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee

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



Alternative Dispute Resolution
Committee

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

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Nathan Braverman Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Wayne A. Brooks Howard County District Court Ex Officio	Hon. Michael J. Finifter Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Lenore R. Gelfman Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Melanie M. Shaw Appellate Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Dennis M. Sweeney Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Magistrate Mark Tyler Somerset County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff: Maureen Denihan, Cynthia Jurrius, Annamaria Walsh

Nature and Purpose

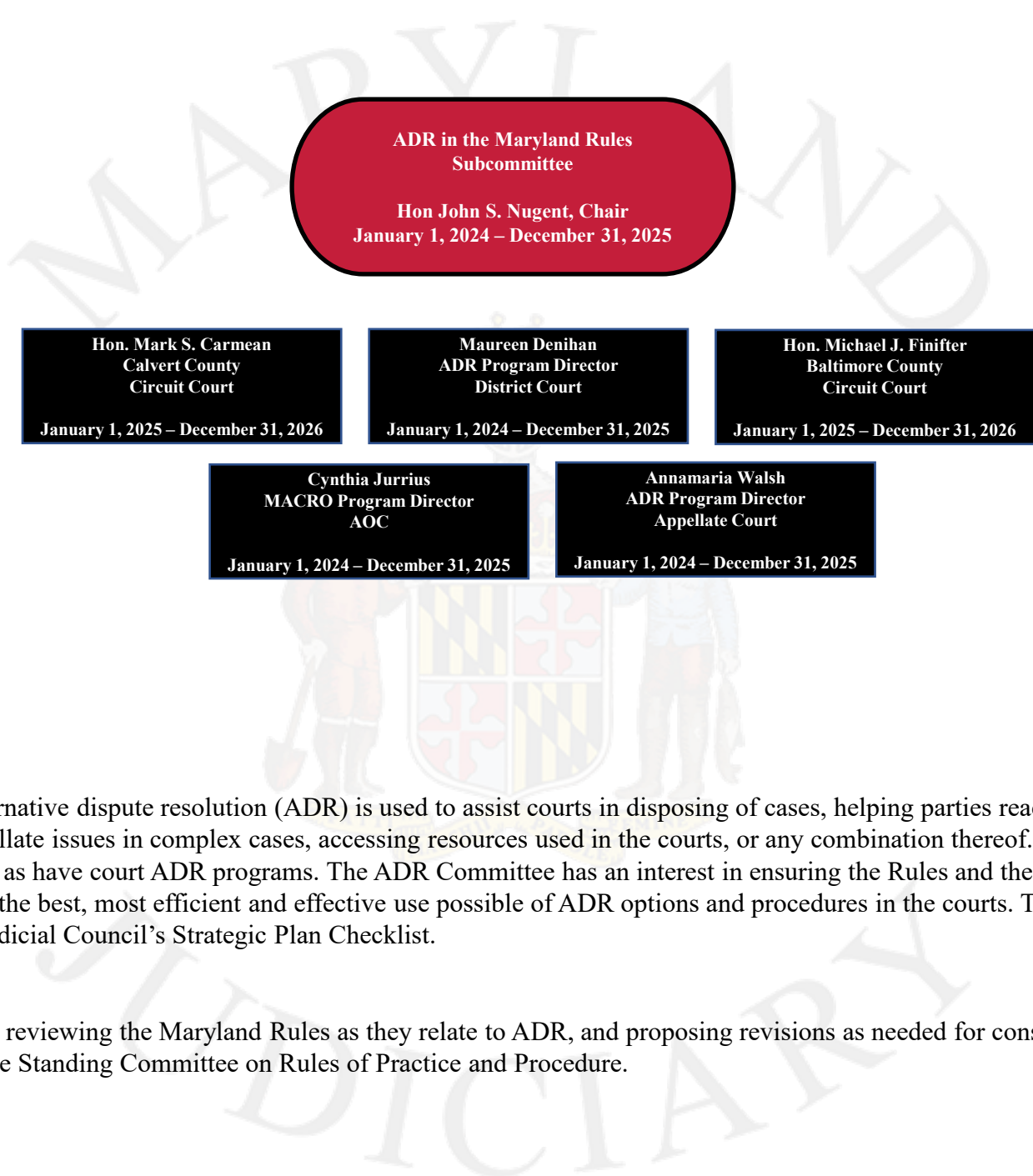
The Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee will promote the use of appropriate dispute resolution processes throughout the courts. It will provide an avenue for courts to vet changes to their alternative dispute resolution rules and standards of conduct.

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.



Staff: Andrew Fontanella

Nature and Purpose

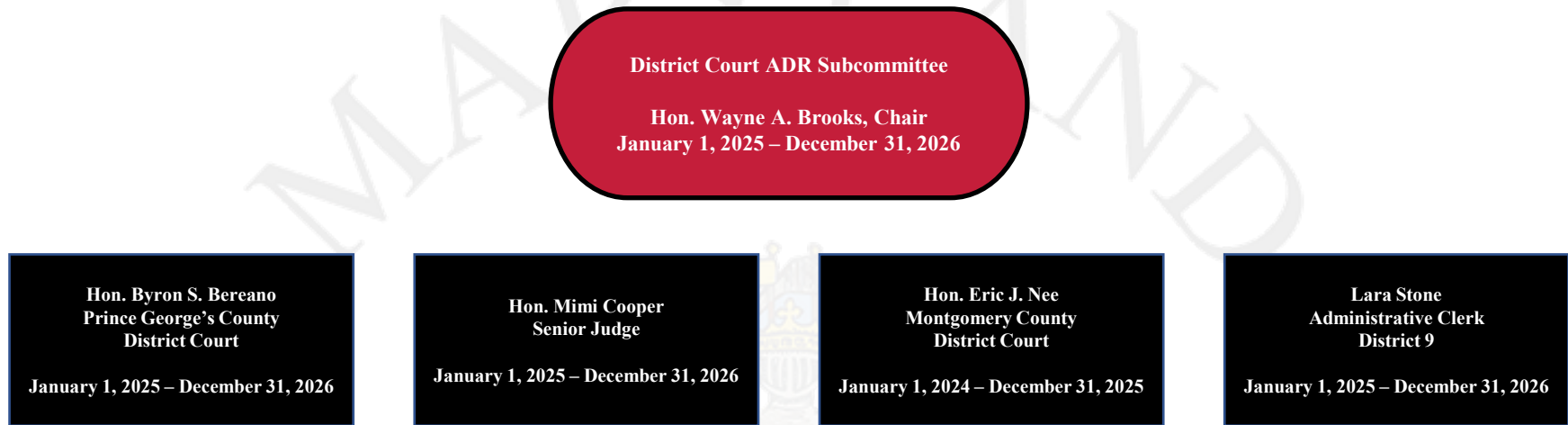
At all levels of the Judiciary, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) is used to assist courts in disposing of cases, helping parties reach mutually acceptable agreements, limiting trial or appellate issues in complex cases, accessing resources used in the courts, or any combination thereof. Over the 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.

Expected Duration

November 28, 2025



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

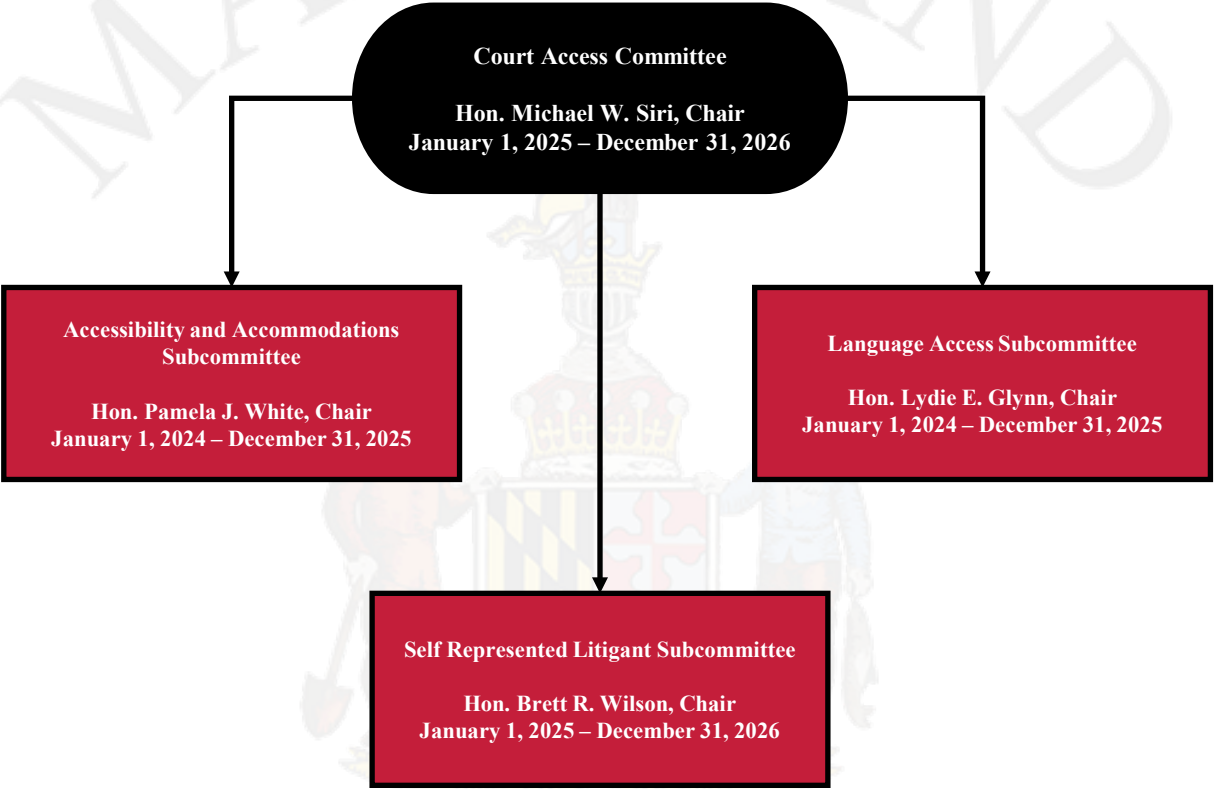
Grant Bacon	Hon. Michael R. Pearson	Hon. Erik S. Atas	Hon. Arthur M. Ahalt	Ryan Diepold
Steve Forrer	Douglas Furlong	John Greer	Cynthia Jurrius	Kim Klein
Lisa Mannisi	Hon. John S. Nugent	Tim Sheridan	Jeff Trueman	

Staff: Jenn Williams

Nature and Purpose:
To review best practices for court-based ADR programs in Maryland.

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

Expected Duration:
December 31, 2026



Court Access Committee

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

Hon. William Bittinger
Clerk of Court
Garrett County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Erin M. Danz
Carroll County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Maria Fields
Administrative Clerk
Baltimore County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Sidney Francois
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Julie Glass-Becker
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Lydie E. Glynn
Baltimore City
District Court

Ex Officio

Hon. Ana D. Hernandez
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Megan Howell
Administrative Commissioner
Wicomico County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kimberly Hurd
Administrative Clerk
Washington County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Melissa Lahey
Court Administrator
Washington County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Hossein Parvizia
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025–December 31, 2026

Magistrate Desiree Reetz
Cecil County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024–December 31, 2025

Hon. Brett R. Wilson
Washington County
Circuit Court

Ex Officio

Hon. Pamela J. White
Senior Judge

Ex Officio

Staff: Warren Hedges, Pam Ortiz

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite

**Accessibility & Accommodations
Subcommittee**

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

Hon. Karen Bushell
Montgomery County
Clerk of Court

January 1, 2024 -December 31, 2025

Ebonye Caldwell
Human Resources
AOC

January 1, 2024 -December 31, 2025

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

January 1, 2024 -December 31, 2025

Warren Hedges
Fair Practices Supervisor
AOC

January 1, 2024 -December 31, 2025

Hon. Ana D. Hernandez
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Marina L. Sabett
Montgomery County
District Court

January 1, 2024 -December 31, 2025

Hon. Michael W. Siri
Baltimore County
District Court

January 1, 2025 -December 31, 2026

Hon. Julie S. Solt
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 -December 31, 2025

Staff: Pamela Ortiz

NATURE AND PURPOSE

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

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

WORK PRODUCT

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

DURATION

Indefinite

Language Access Subcommittee

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

Hon. Carlos F. Acosta
Montgomery County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Sherrie R. Bailey
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Erin M. Danz
Carroll County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Angela Eaves
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Suzanne Farace
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Ana D. Hernandez
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Megan Howell
Wicomico County
Administrative Commissioner

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Darren Johnson
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 21, 2025

Hon. Cheri Simpkins
Prince George's County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 21, 2025

Hon. Michael W. Siri
Baltimore County
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Pamela J. White
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Staff: Ksenia Boitsova

Nature and Purpose

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

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.

**Self-Represented Litigant
Subcommittee**

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

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

Staff: Kristin Cravath

Nature and Purpose

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

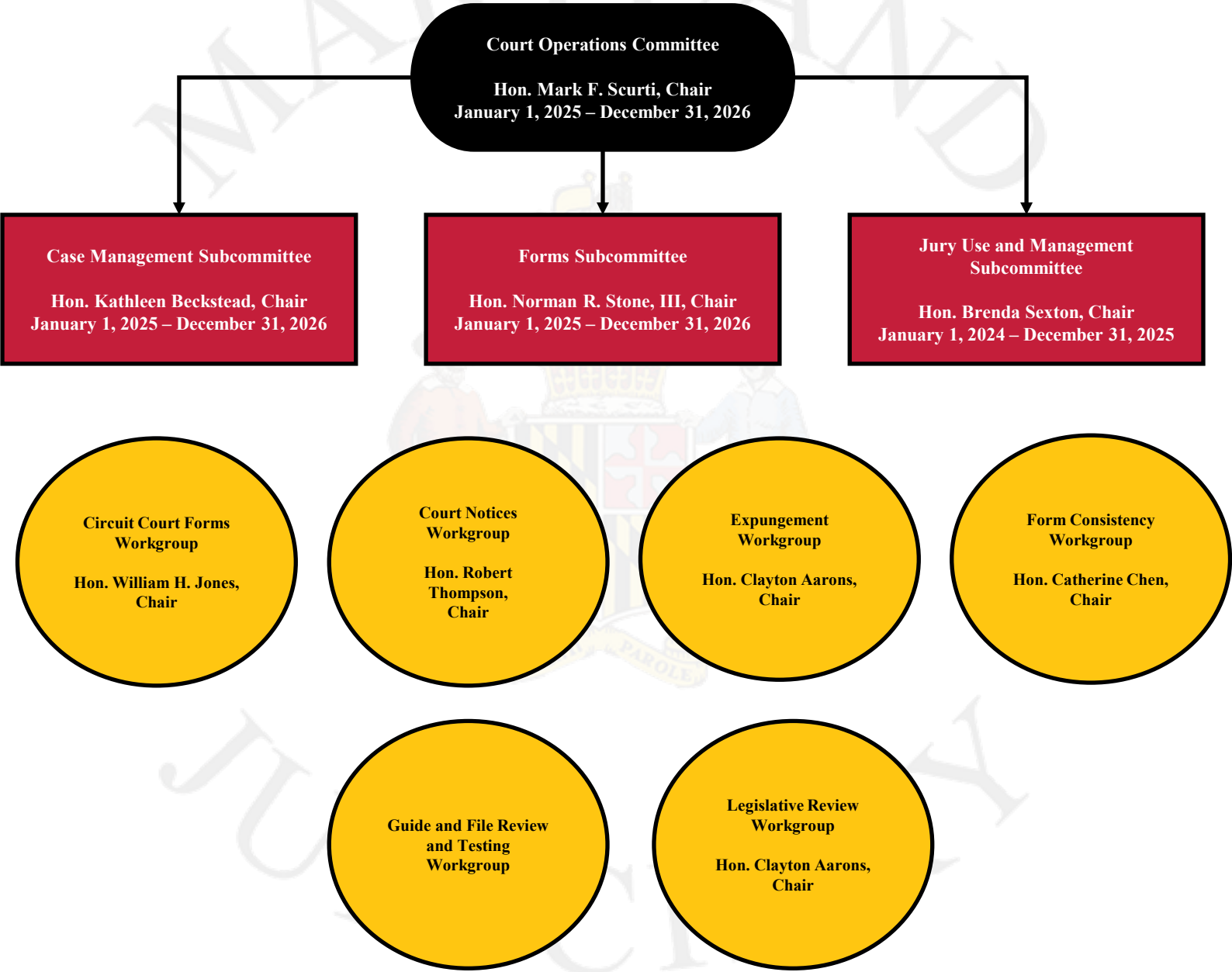
This Subcommittee will: collaborate with the Access to Justice Department in the examination of issues and the development of initiatives to ensure a comprehensive strategy for ensuring our courts are accessible to all, regardless of representational status; oversee the development of written and multimedia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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite



Court Operations Committee

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

Hon. Clayton A. Aarons Prince George’s County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Matthew Barrett Court Administrator Cecil County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Kathleen L. Beckstead Wicomico County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Charles M. Blomquist Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Magistrate Kevin Hill St. Mary’s County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Greg Hilton Clerk of Court Supreme Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Kimberly Hurd Administrative Clerk Washington County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. C. Lynn Knight Queen Anne’s County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Stephanie Medina Court Administrator Baltimore County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Erica Payne-Santiago Deputy Court Administrator Prince George’s County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Brenda A. Sexton Cecil County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Norman R. Stone, III Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Robert J. Thompson Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Cathleen H. Vitale Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Kimberly Wagner Chief Deputy Clerk Harford County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
		Hon. Alan M. Wilner Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025		

Staff: Dominique Johnigan Simmons, Jamie Walter

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite

Case Management Subcommittee

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

Hon. Debra J. Burch Clerk of Court St. Mary's County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Erin M. Danz Carroll County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Rachel Dombrowski Clerk of Court Appellate Court Ex Officio	Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator Ex Officio
Mary Katherine Fowler Chief Deputy Clerk Anne Arundel County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Kathryn Glenn Administrative Clerk Anne Arundel County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Greg Hilton Clerk of Court Supreme Court Ex Officio	Kimberly Hurd Administrative Clerk Washington County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Jennifer Keiser Court Administrator Howard County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. John P. Morrissey Chief Judge District Court Ex Officio	Judy Rupp State Court Administrator Ex Officio	Tim Sheridan Court Administrator Montgomery County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Kathy P. Smith Clerk of Court Calvert County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Roberta Warnken Chief Clerk District Court Ex Officio	Hon. Brett R. Wilson Washington County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	

Staff: Dominique Johnigan Simmons

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.

Forms Subcommittee

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

Hon. Catherine Chen, Vice Chair Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Abigail Cohen Baltimore County Family Case Law Manager January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Paul J. Cucuzzella Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Michael A. DiPietro Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Robert W. Heffron Prince George’s County District Court January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025	Hon. Cara Lewis Carroll County District Court January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026	Hon. Abigail Marsh Wicomico County District Court January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026	Chris Merrill Howard County Court Operations Manager January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Thomas Miller Business Systems Analyst JIS January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Howard Neugebauer Managing Commissioner Anne Arundel County January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026	Michael Nicolarakis Operations Analyst District Court January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026	Robert Prender Administrative Clerk District 5 January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	David Shultie Policy Law Advisor AOC January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Hope Tipton Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Kevin Tucker Washington County Clerk of Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026		Brittany West Public Policy Analyst AOC January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026		

Staff: Amber Spence

Consultant: Stephane J. Latour

Nature and Purpose

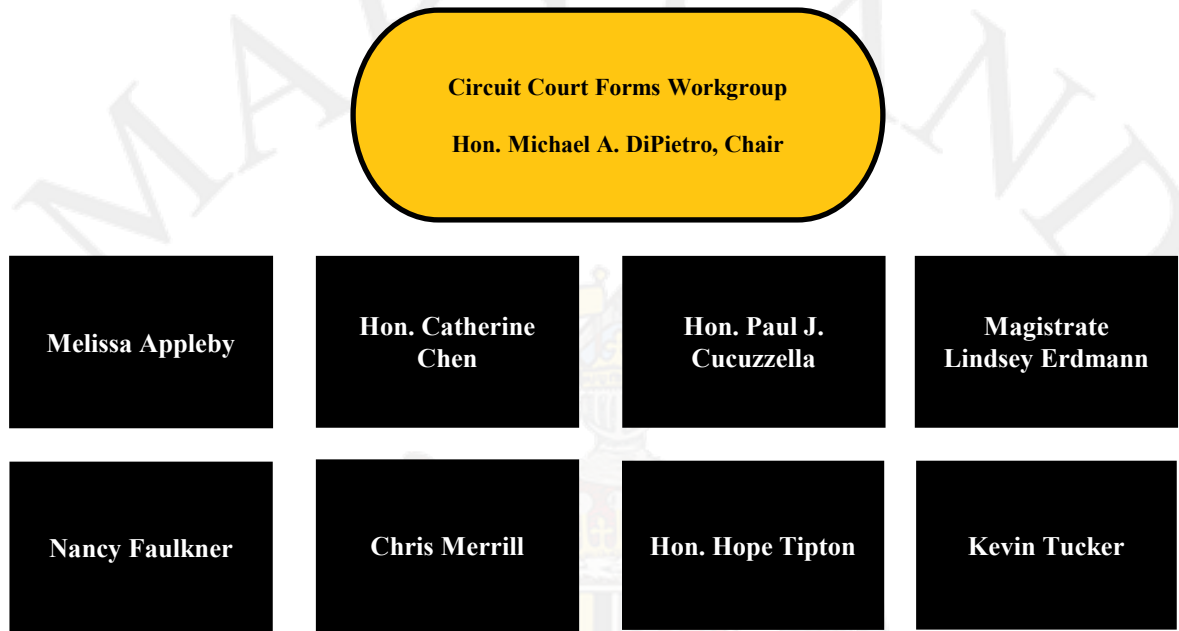
The subcommittee will be tasked with reviewing and, if necessary, offering suggestions for modifying the various forms used in the District and Circuit Courts, as well as those created and modified by the various Judicial Council committees. It is hoped that the subcommittee will eliminate any inconsistencies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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.



Staff: Autumn Garst

Nature and Purpose

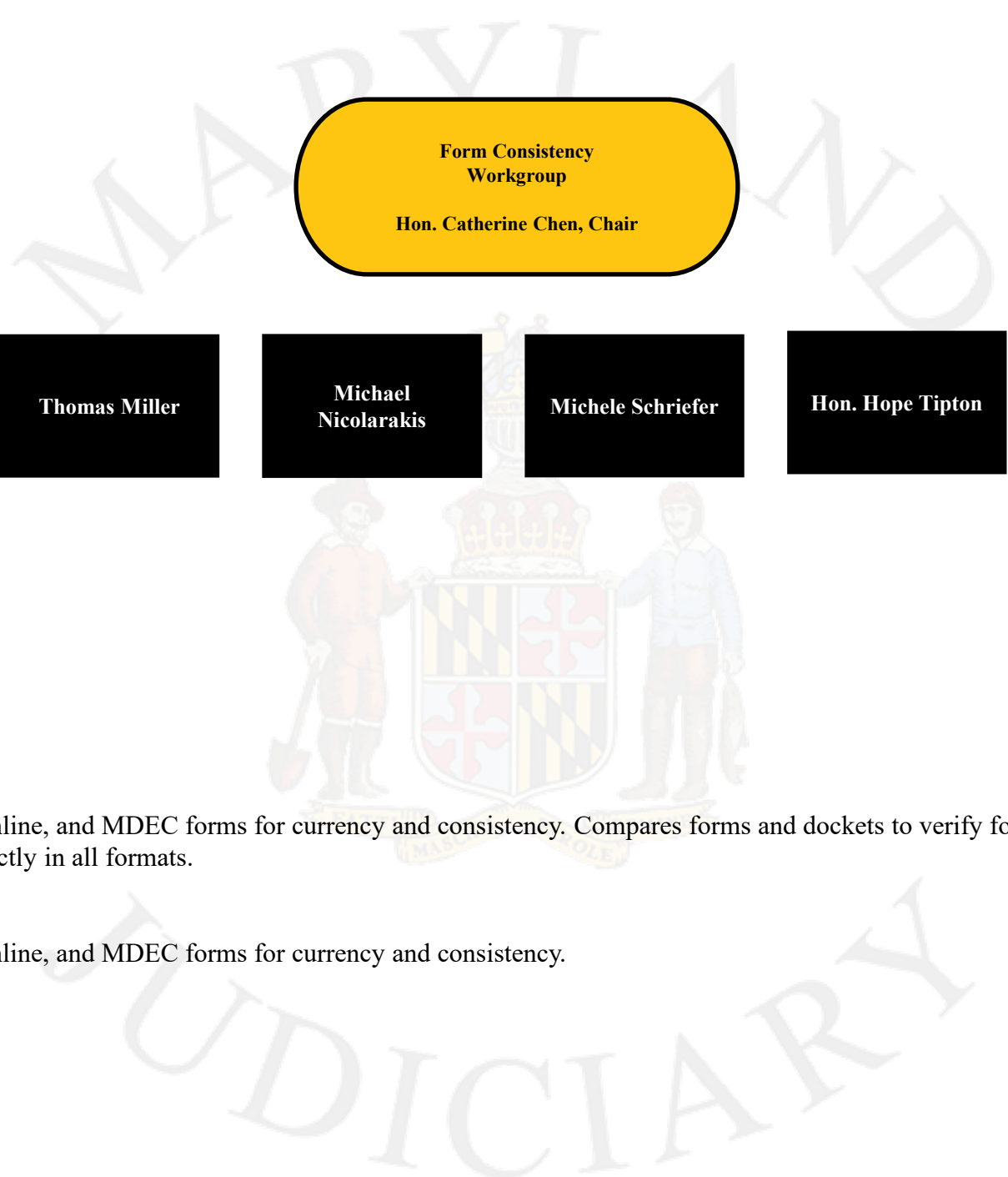
In addition to the Forms Subcommittee members, there are ongoing referrals made to Subject Matter Expert Workgroups for the creation of new forms, the review of drafts, and for distribution of drafts to other interested parties. Referrals are made prior to the Forms Subcommittee final review and approval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

Work Product

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

Expected Duration

Ongoing



Staff: Lindsey Sullivan

Nature and Purpose

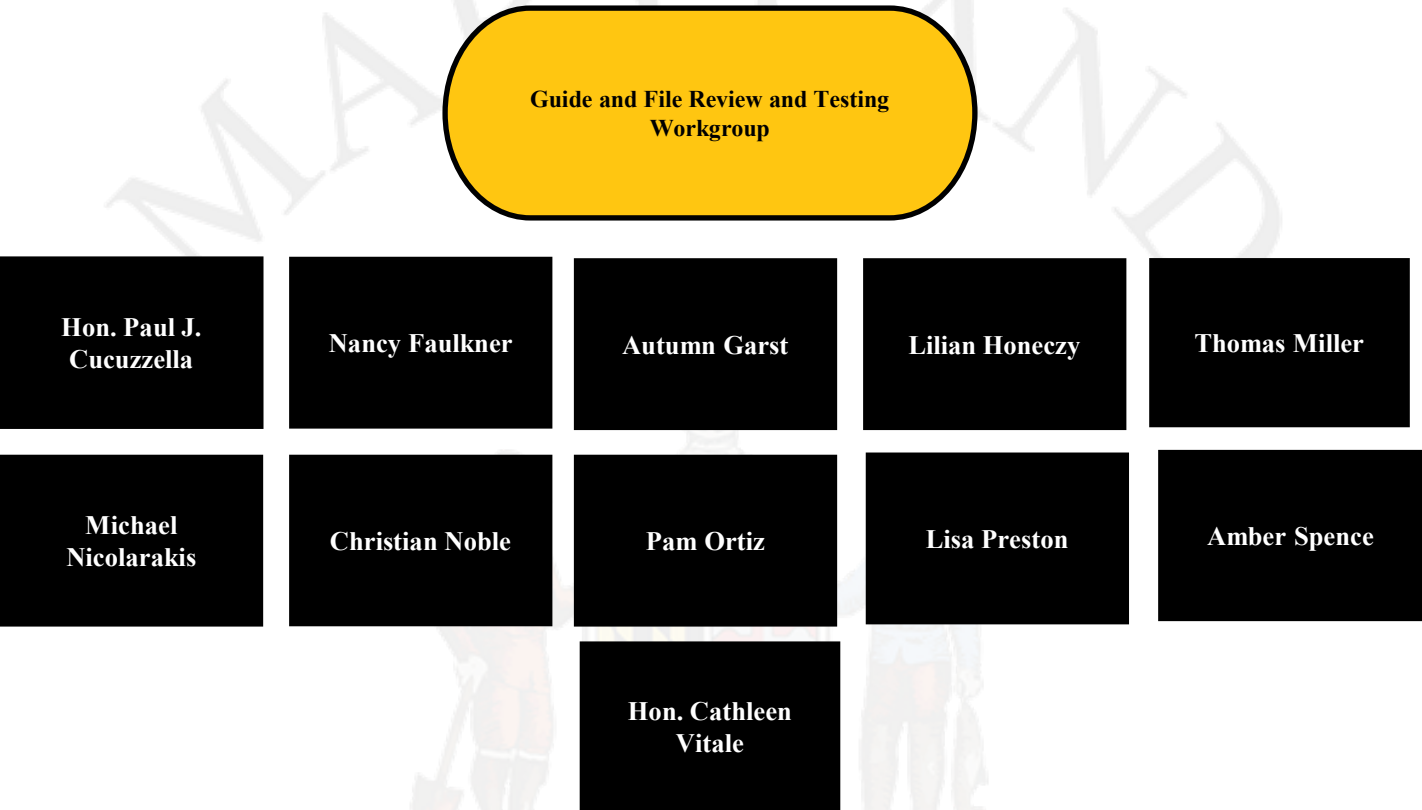
Responsible to review paper, online, and MDEC forms for currency and consistency. Compares forms and dockets to verify forms are current versions and revisions have been made correctly in all formats.

Work Product

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

Expected Duration

Ongoing



Staff: Latoya Burke

Nature and Purpose:

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

- Does the interview result in a properly completed form?
- Do the questions appear to be clear, concise, and easy for layperson to understand?
- Are there any errors in logic that result in unintended loops, math errors, or other errors?

Expected Duration:

Ongoing.

Jury Use and Management
Subcommittee

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

Hon. Erik S. Atas Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Debra J. Burch Clerk of Court St. Mary's County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Sharon V. Burrell Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Melissa K. Copeland Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Geno Frazier Business System Analyst JIS January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Paul Ishak Harford County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Kevin Ledford Baltimore County Deputy Court Administrator January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Gloria Lewis Chief Deputy Clerk Calvert County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Kelly Mullins Jury Commissioner Cecil County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Erica Payne-Santiago Deputy Court Administrator Prince George's County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Jamie Walter Director, Research & Analysis AOC January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Brett W. Wilson Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
	Burgess Wood Court Administrator Calvert County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Lisa Yates Clerk of Court 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.

Expungement Workgroup
Hon. Clayton Aarons, Chair

Angela Adams	Amy Bosley	Elizabeth Bova	Brian Campbell	Tammy Clementson	Kristen Filleti	Kathryn Glenn
Markisha Gross	Roberta Grubb	Sarah Kaplan	Debbie Kiel	Stephanie Kim	Emily Matthews	Ashley McNeal
Charlene Notarcola	Anita Robertson	Regina Sargent	Aisha Simmons	Iris Somerville	Amanda Vincenzes	

Staff: Dominique Johnigan Simmons, Mimi Rauck

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Expected Duration

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

Court Notices Workgroup
Hon. Robert Thompson, Chair

Mary Katharine Fowler	Kathryn Glenn	Olya Jerschowsky
Jennifer Northcraft	Hon. Marina Sabett	Amber Spence

Staff: Leighann Garcia, Ashley Greely

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Expected Duration

Fall 2025

Legislative Review Workgroup
Hon. Clayton Aarons, Chair

Hon. Shannon Avery

Hon. Mark F. Scurti

Staff: Andrew Ortiz

Nature and Purpose

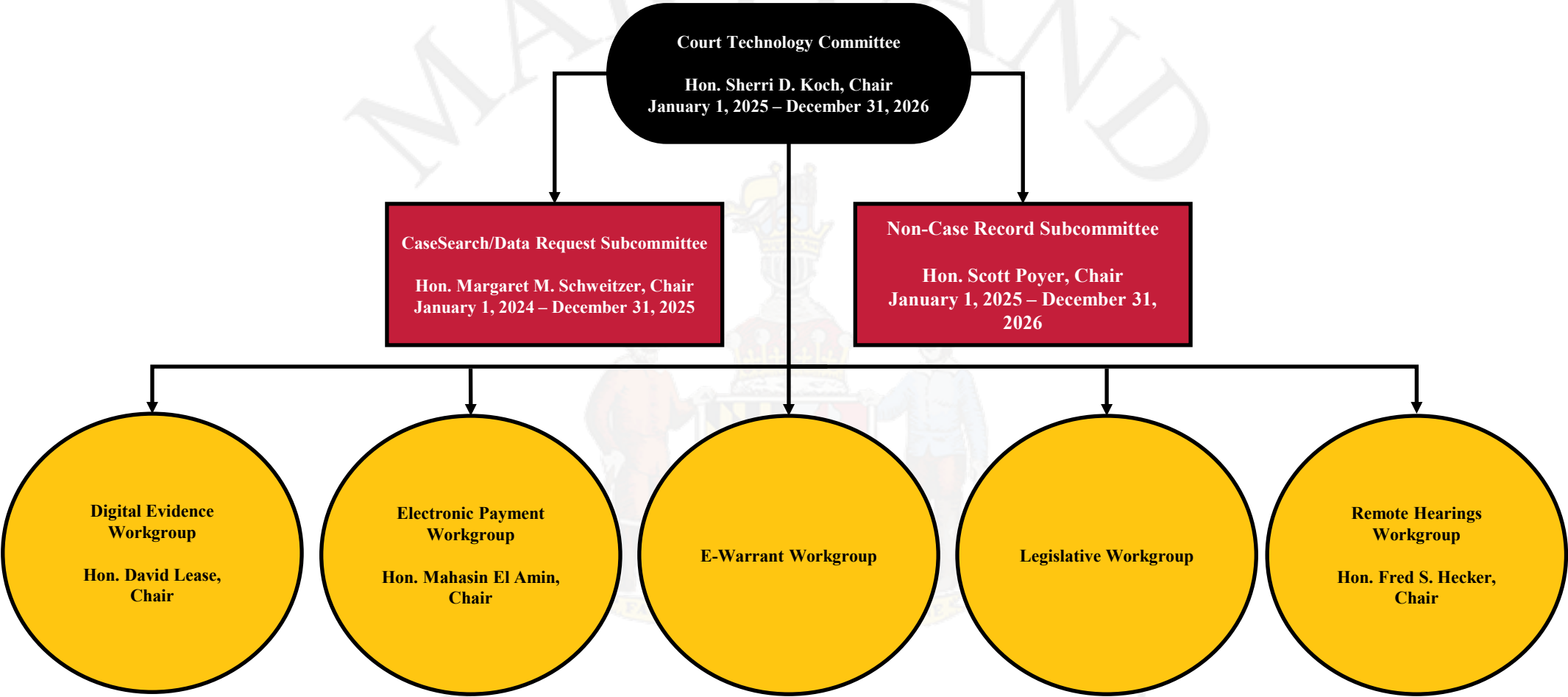
This workgroup provides commentary, input, and testimony as needed to assist the Legislative Committee in its review of legislative initiatives in areas affecting the operations of the courts that are under the purview of the Court Operations Committee.

Work Product

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

Expected Duration

90 days (January – April), yearly



Court Technology Committee

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

Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer, Vice-Chair Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Matthew Barrett Court Administrator Cecil County January 28, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Charles M. Blomquist Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Matthew Bonner Director of Technical Services Montgomery County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Rose Day Assistant Chief Clerk District Court Headquarters Ex Officio
Hon. Heather DeWees Clerk of Court Carroll County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator AOC Ex Officio	Kimberly Hurd Administrative Clerk Washington County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	John Kiruri Information Systems Auditor AOC Ex Officio	Hon. David W. Lease Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. John P. Morrissey Chief Judge District Court Ex Officio	Craig Moskovitz Chief Deputy Clerk Baltimore County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Scott Poyer Clerk of Court Anne Arundel County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Judy Rupp State Court Administrator AOC Ex Officio	Hon. Marina L. Sabett Montgomery County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
		Hon. Richard Titus Carroll County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025		

Staff: Renee Abbott, Robert Bruchalski, Jeff Huddleston

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.

Digital Evidence Workgroup
Hon. David Lease, Chair

Matthew Barrett

Joshua Boswell

Jennifer Hopkins

Stephanie Medina

Kashia Stinson

Staff: Rob Hannon, Greg Hilton, Lisa Preston, Jason Thomas

Nature and Purpose

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

Duration

December 31, 2025

Electronic Payment Workgroup
Hon. Mahasin El Amin, Chair

Amy Bosley	Rose Day	Kristy Hutzell	Laura Jones	Cheryl Miller
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Staff: Mahender Bhandari, Erica Peters, Jason Thomas

Nature and Purpose

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

Duration

December 31, 2025

E-Warrant Workgroup

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Hon. Margaret Schweitzer

Staff: Dan Smith, Jason Thomas

PURPOSE

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

WORK PRODUCT

Guidelines and procedures for using eWarrant system.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Legislative Workgroup

Hon. Mahasin El Amin	Nancy Faulkner Ex Officio	Hon. Fred S. Hecker	Hon. Sherri D. Koch	Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer
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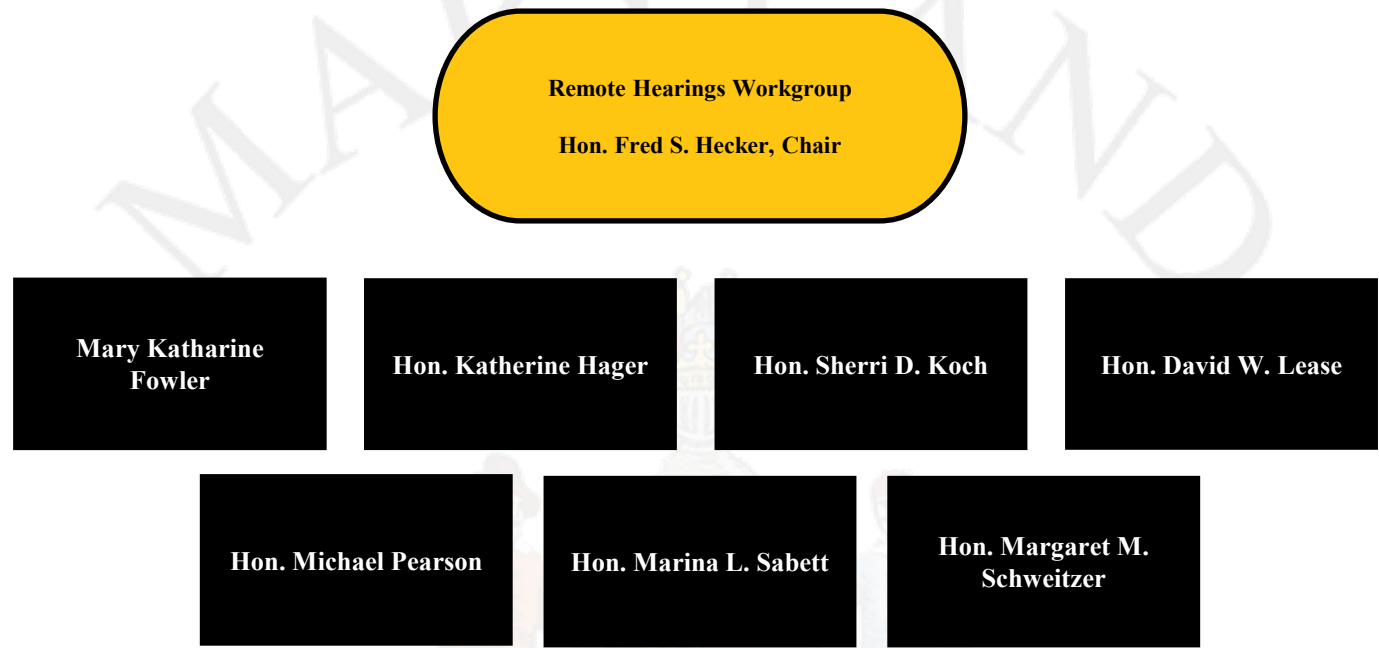
Staff: Jeff Huddleston

Nature and Purpose

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

Duration

Ninety Days (January to April)



Staff: Renee Abbott, Robert Bruchalski, Rose Day, Noah Parker, Lisa Preston, Jason Thomas

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Ongoing

CaseSearch/Data Request Subcommittee

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

Staff: Karen Lista

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.

Non-Case Record
Subcommittee

Hon. Scott Poyer, Chair
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Doug Arnold
Deputy Clerk
Queen Anne’s County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Heather DeWees
Clerk of Court
Carroll County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Dawne Lindsey
Clerk of Court
Allegany County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. James “Bo” McAllister
Clerk of Court
Wicomico County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kathy P. Smith
Clerk of Court
Calvert County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Lisa Yates
Clerk of Court
Charles County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Staff: Nathan Smith

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite

District Court Chief Judge's Committee
Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chair



Chief Clerk's Subcommittee
Roberta Warnken, Chair



District Court Chief Judge's Committee
Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chair

VACANT Region 3 January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Erich M. Bean District 12 Ex Officio	Hon. Wayne A. Brooks District 10 Ex Officio	Hon. Hon. David E. Carey Region 8 January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Christy H. Chesser District 4 Ex Officio	Hon. Stacey M. Cobb Smith Region 4 January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
	Hon. Rand L. Gelber Region 5 January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Lisa A. Hall Johnson District 5 Ex Officio	Hon. Geoffrey G. Hengerer District 1 Ex Officio	Kimberly Hurd Administrative Clerk District 11 January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Melvin J. Jews District 2 Ex Officio
	Hon. Sherri D. Koch District 6 Ex Officio	Hon. Kerwin A. Miller, Sr. District 9 Ex Officio	Hon. Stephan M. Moylan Region 9 January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. John E. Nunn, III District 3 Ex Officio	Hon. Paula A. Price Region 2 January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
VACANT Region 2 January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Krystin J. Richardson Region 7 January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Laura M. Robinson Region 6 January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Michelle R. Saunders Region 3 January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Eric W. Schaffer District 11 Ex Officio	Hon. Nancy Shuger Senior Judge Ex Officio
	Hon. Shaem Spencer District 7 Ex Officio	Hon. Nicole Taylor Region 1 January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	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	Kathryn Glenn Administrative Clerk District 7 Ex Officio
Markisha Gross Administrative Clerk District 4 Ex Officio	Timothy Haven Commissioner Activity Coordinator Ex Officio	Kathy Hefner Administrative Clerk District 6 Ex Officio	Kimberly Hurd Administrative Clerk, District 11 Ex Officio	Connie Hurley Administrative Clerk District 2 Ex Officio	Laura Jones Assistant Chief Clerk of Finance Ex Officio
Robert Prender Administrative Clerk District 5 Ex Officio	Lisa Ritter Assistant Chief Clerk of Engineering & Central Services Ex Officio	Rebecca Sloane Administrative Clerk District 3 Ex Officio	Mary K. Smith Administrative Clerk District 10 Ex Officio	Amber Spence Assistant Chief Clerk of Administrative Services Ex Officio	Lara Stone Administrative Clerk District 9 Ex Officio

Staff: Marcella Reeves

Nature and Purpose

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

Scope of Activity

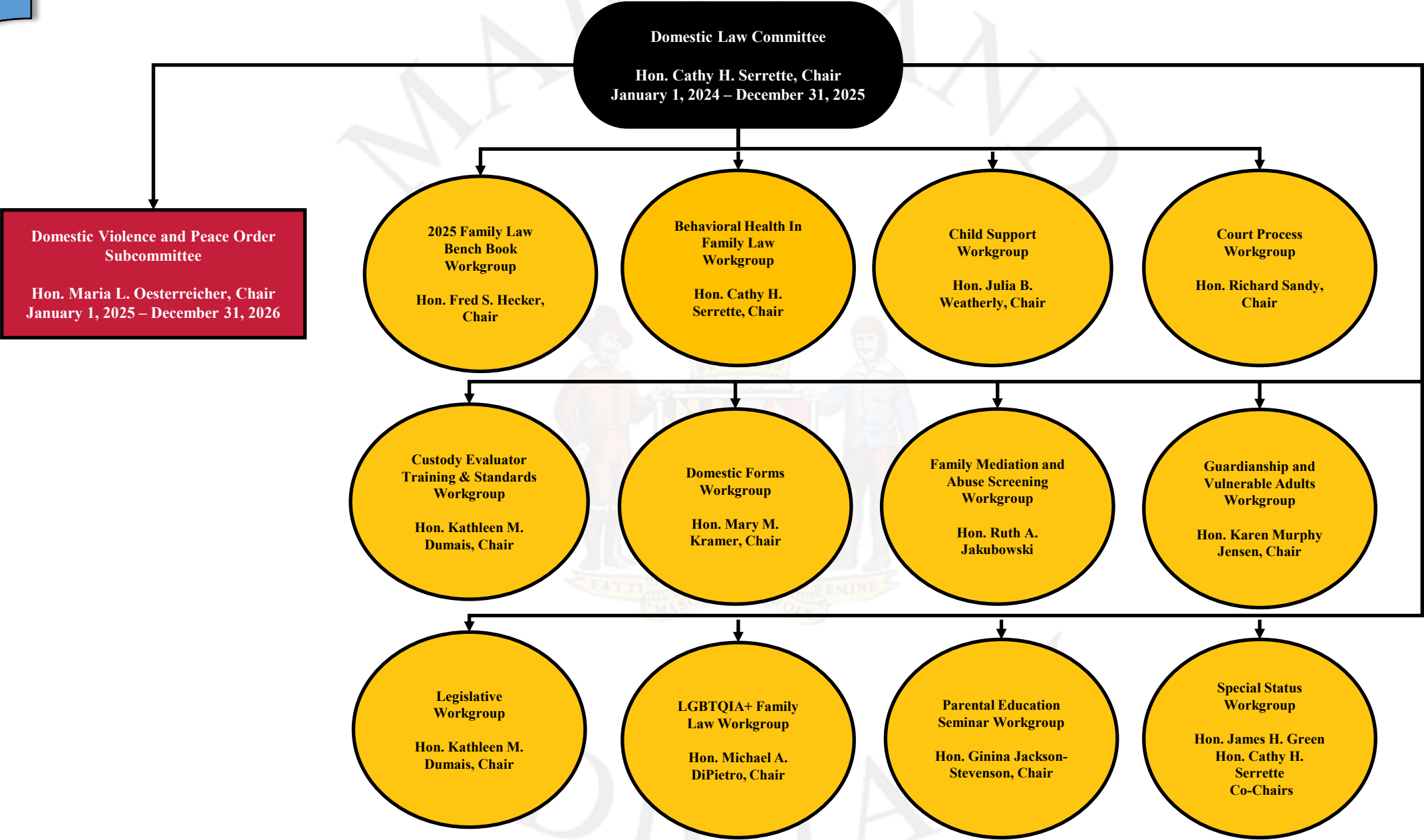
The Committee will meet quarterly to advise the Chief Judge and Chief Clerk on issues regarding clerk operations and the administration, operation, and maintenance of the Court statewide.

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite



Domestic Law Committee

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Joanmarie R. Brubaker Frederick County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Michael A. DiPietro Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Wendy S. Epstein Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Magistrate Alisia Ferguson Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Julie L. Glass-Becker Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Carin Golze Frederick County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. M. Margaret Kent Worcester County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Lili Khozeimeh Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. C. Lynn Knight Queen Anne's County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Myshala E. Middleton Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Lisa Mohink Howard County Deputy Court Administrator January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Magistrate Mary O'Donnell Dorchester County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Maria L. Oesterreicher Carroll County Circuit Court Ex Officio	Magistrate Sara Schwartzman Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
	Magistrate Sara D. Walsh Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. E. Greg Wells Chief Judge Appellate Court of Maryland March 27, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Judy L. Woodall Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	

Staff: Richard Abbott, Nisa C. Subasinghe

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite

2025 Family Law Bench Book Workgroup

Hon. Fred S. Hecker, Chair

Hon. Jennifer S. Fairfax

Hon. Julia A. Minner

**Magistrate Sara
Schwartzman**

Magistrate James Speis

Staff: Nisa C. Subasinghe

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

Nature and Purpose

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

Anticipated Work Product

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

Expected Duration

November 2025

**Behavioral Health In Family Law
Workgroup**

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette, Chair

**Hon. Kathleen M.
Dumais**

Hon. Wendy S. Epstein

Hon. Karen M. Jensen

Hon. Mary M. Kent

**Hon. Myshala E.
Middleton**

Hon. E. Gregory Wells

**Magistrate Mary
O'Donnell**

Magistrate Mark Tyler

Richard Abbott

Maxine Curtis

Althea M. Davenger

Cory Pollock

Staff: Nisa C. Subasinghe

Consultants: 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
Amea 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

Anticipated 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.

Expected Duration

December 2026

Child Support Workgroup
Hon. Julia B. Weatherly, Chair

Cathy Boyer	Hon. Yvette M. Bryant	Magistrate Alisia Ferguson	Magistrate Maurice C. Frazier	Magistrate Tracey Henline
Hon. Darren Johnson	Magistrate Andrea Khoury	Magistrate Lili Khozeimeh	Magistrate Connie Marvel	Hon. Julia A. Minner
Hon. Maria L. Oesterreicher	Hon. Stephanie Porter	Magistrate Timothy Thurtle	Magistrate Mark Tyler	Magistrate Laura Walker

Staff: Richard Abbott, Sarah Kaplan

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

Nature and Purpose

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

Anticipated Work Product

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

Expected Duration

December 2025

Court Process Workgroup

Hon. Richard Sandy, Chair

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais

Magistrate Alisia Ferguson

Hon. Mary M. Kramer



Staff: Nisa C. Subasinghe

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Expected Duration

Spring 2025

**Custody Evaluator Training & Standards
Workgroup**

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais, Chair

Richard Abbott

Nancy Faulkner

Lawrence Heller

Angela Layne

Hon. Julia A. Minner

**Hon. Judy L.
Woodall**

Staff: Nisa C. Subasinghe

Consultants: Colleen Bokman, LCSW-C, LICSW, LCSW
Emily E. Cunniff, ESQ.
Syretta James, Ph.D, Respire Behavioral Health
Gina Santoro, Ph.D., NCSP, Santoro Psychological Services
Rebecca Snyder, Psy.D., Rebecca Snyder LLC
Mary McNeish Stengel, LCSW-C

Nature and Purpose

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

Anticipated Work Product

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

Expected Duration

December 2025

Domestic Forms Workgroup

Hon. Mary M. Kramer, Chair

Richard Abbott

Hon. Karen A. Bushell

Nancy Faulkner

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Lisa Mohink

**Magistrate Mary
O'Donnell**

**Magistrate Sara
Schwartzman**

Magistrate James Speis

**Magistrate Catherine
Woods**

Staff: Nisa C. Subasinghe

Consultants: Emily Angel, Esq.

Corey M. Rudolph, Esq., Maryland Center for Legal Assistance, LLC

Mary Sanders, Esq., Turnbull, Nicholson & Sanders, P.A.

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Expected Duration

December 2025

**Family Mediation and Abuse Screening
Workgroup**

Hon. Ruth A. Jakubowski, Chair

Richard Abbott

**Hon. Angela M.
Eaves**

Lou Gieszl

Anne Hurwitz

Cynthia M. Jurrius

Hon. Hope Tipton

AnnaMaria Walsh

**Hon. Judy L.
Woodall**

Staff: David Shultie

Consultants: Rebecca Fleming, Esq., Turnbull, Nicholson, & Sanders, P.A.
Tracee Ford, Community Mediation Maryland
Deena Hauser, Esq., House of Ruth
Jennifer Rankin, Esq., Jennifer Leigh Rankin, LLC
Jeanne Yeager, Esq., Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence

Nature and Purpose:

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

Work Product:

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

Expected Duration:

December 2025

**Guardianship and Vulnerable
Adults Workgroup**

Hon. Karen M. Jensen, Chair

Hon. Alison L. Asti

Hon. Louis Becker

Sharon Christmas-Deberry

Hon. DaNeeka V. Cotton

Hon. Wendy Epstein

Magistrate Lili Khozeimeh

Hon. Mary M. Kramer

Hon. Amy Lorenzini

Hon. Matthew Maciarello

Magistrate Sara Walsh

Hon. Patrick L. Woodward

Staff: Nisa C. Subasinghe

Consultants: Randi Ames, Esq., Disability Rights Maryland

Patricia Brown, MA, Harford County Office on Aging

Janet Fedder, Esq., Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service

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

Barrett King, Esq., King, Hall LLC

Greg Sesek, MSW, Maryland Department of Human Services, Office of Adult Services

Leslie Smith-Ray, Maryland Department of Aging

Jennifer M. Sullum, Esq., Office of the Attorney General, Department of Human Services

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Expected Duration

December 2026

Legislative Workgroup

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais, Chair

**Hon. Ada E. Clark-
Edwards**

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Hon. Karen M. Jensen

**Hon. Douglas R. M.
Nazarian**

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette

Magistrate James Speis

Staff: David R Shultie, Nisa C. Subasinghe

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Expected Duration

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

**LGBTQIA+ Family Law
Workgroup**

Hon. Michael A. DiPietro, Chair

Hon. Jennifer Fairfax

**Hon. Douglas R. M.
Nazarian**

**Magistrate Mary
O'Donnell**

Hon. Scott Poyer

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette

Magistrate Sara Walsh

Staff: Nisa C. Subasinghe

Consultants: Lee Blinder, Trans Maryland
C.P. Hoffman, Esq., Tans Maryland
Elizabeth Pinolini, Esq., Whitman-Walker Health
Lauren Pruitt, Esq., FreeState Justice

Nature and Purpose

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

Anticipated Work Product

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

Expected Duration

December 2025

**Parental Education Seminar
Workgroup**

Hon. Ginina Jackson-Stevenson, Chair

Suzanne Bannister

Melissa Buskirk

Alisha Dicus

Hon. Michael A. DiPietro

Terri Harger

Anne Hurwitz

Hon. Stenise Rolle

**Magistrate Sara
Schwartzman**

Annamaria Walsh

Staff: Richard Abbott, Kelly Franks

Consultants: Nicole Briscoe, LCSW-C, Montgomery County
Stacie Gold, YWCA of Annapolis
Samantha L. Scott, Ph. D., The Child and Family Center
Naeemah Staggs, University of Maryland School of Social Work
Smita Varia, Family Justice Center, Montgomery County Office of the Sheriff

Nature and Purpose:

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

Work Product:

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

Expected Duration:

December 2025

Special Status Workgroup

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

Hon. Carlos F. Acosta

Hon. Kendra Ausby

Hon. Monise A. Brown

**Hon. Ada E. Clark-
Edwards**

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Abigail Hill

Hon. Richard Sandy

David R. Shultie

Staff: Nisa Subasinghe

Consultants: Van T. Doan, Esq., Law Office of Van T. Doan, LLC

Jonathan Greene, Esq., The Greene Law Firm

Michelle Mendez, Esq., National Immigration Project, National Lawyers Guild

Leslye Orloff, Esq., National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project, American University

Cate Scenna, Esq., Maryland Immigrant Legal Assistance Project, Pro Bono Resource Center

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Expected Duration

December 2025

**Domestic Violence and Peace Order
Subcommittee**

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

Hon. Ada E. Clark-Edwards Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Tracey J. Delp Harford County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Barbara K. Howe Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Donnaka V. Lewis Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Lisa Mohink Howard County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Lisa A. Phelps Baltimore County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Karen Pilarski Baltimore County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Paula A. Price Somerset County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Krystin J. Richardson Baltimore County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Robyn S. Riddle Calvert County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Allison M. Sayers Howard County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Magistrate Gwendolyn Tate Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Kevin Y.T. Wiggins Baltimore County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Ricardo D. Zwaig Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	

STAFF: David R. Shultie

Consultants: Rose Day, Markisha Gross, Timothy Haven, Roberta Warnken

Nature and Purpose

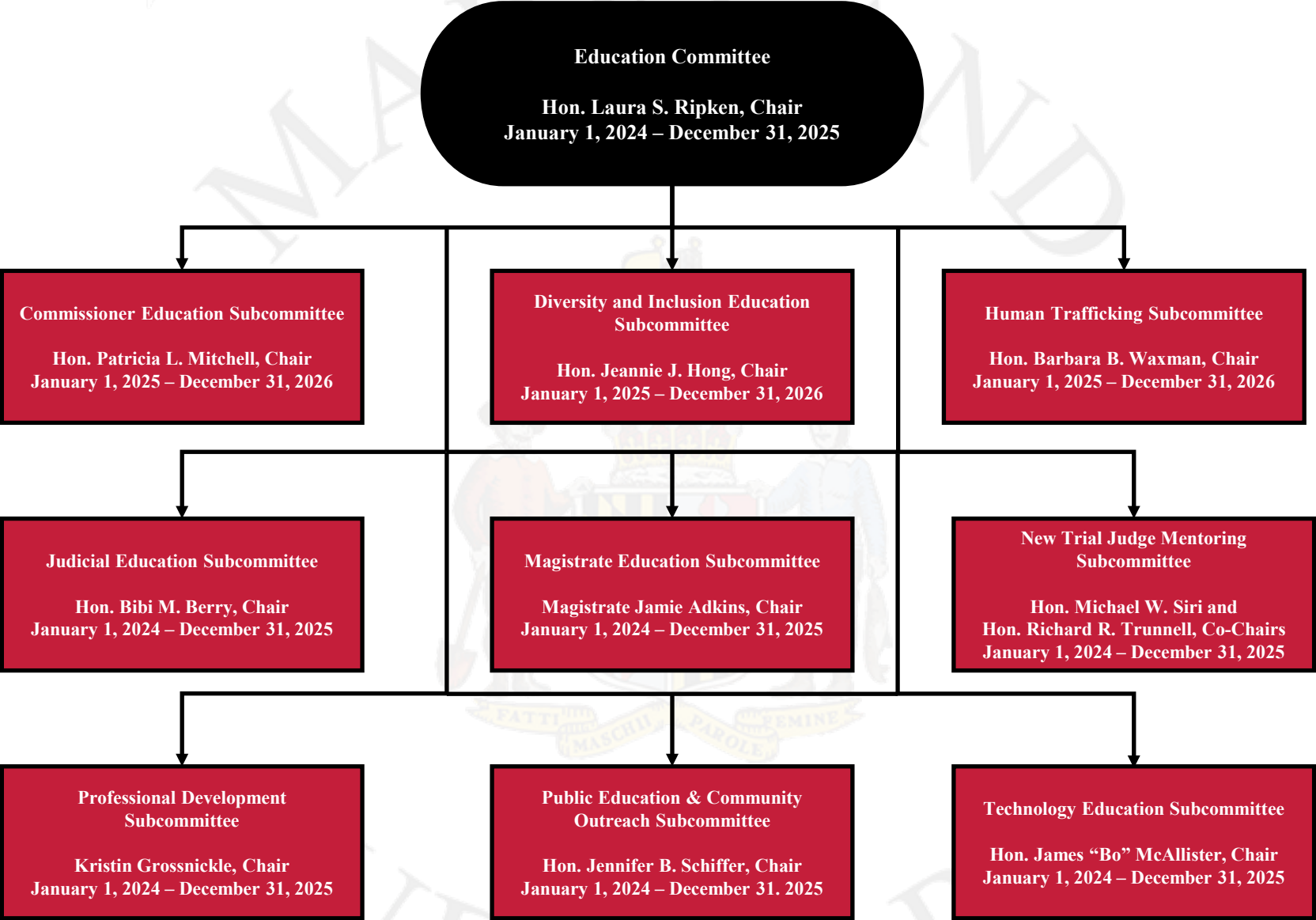
The Domestic Violence and Peace Order Subcommittee will provide guidance and direction regarding policies, rules, and legislation that relate to domestic violence and peace orders. The Subcommittee will recommend policies, rules, and legislation that improve the effective management of domestic violence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

Work Product

This subcommittee will prepare an annual update to the Domestic Violence Manual and update 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 Domestic Law Committee that relate specifically to domestic violence and peace order matters.

Duration

Indefinite



Education Committee

Hon. Laura S. Ripken, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Jamie Adkins
Talbot County
Circuit Court
Ex Officio

Hon. Pamela K. Alban
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024–December 31, 2025

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

Hon. Bibi M. Berry
Montgomery County
Circuit Court
Ex Officio

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

Hon. Kimberly M. Davis
Baltimore County
District Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Heather DeWees
Clerk of Court
Carroll County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kristin Grossnickle
Court Administrator
Washington County
Ex Officio

Hon. Troy K. Hill
Baltimore City
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

Hon. Ginina A. Jackson-Stevenson
Anne Arundel
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Dawne Lindsey
Clerk of Court
Allegany County
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

Hon. James “Bo” McAllister
Clerk of Court
Wicomico County
Ex Officio

**Hon. Julia A. Minner
Frederick County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025**

Hon. Patricia L. Mitchell
Senior Judge
Ex Officio

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

**Valerie Pompey
Chief Deputy Clerk
Supreme Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025**

Hon. Jennifer B. Schiffer
Baltimore City
Circuit Court
Ex Officio

Hon. Stephen J. Sfekas
Senior Judge
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

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

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

Hon. Richard R. Trunnell
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

Hon. Barbara Waxman
Senior Judge
Ex Officio

**Hon. Judy L. Woodall
Prince George's County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025**

Staff: Shamika Dent-Williams

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite

Commissioner Education Subcommittee

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

Angela Blowe
Managing Commissioner

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

David Marsh
Commissioner
Kent County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Sarah Hamil
Commissioner
Anne Arundel County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Susan H. Hazlett
Senior Judge

April 10, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Brian Seipp
Commissioner
Baltimore County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Diana E. Smith
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff: Rachel Bowen, Raul Galindo, Tim Haven

NATURE AND PURPOSE

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite

**Diversity and Inclusion Education
Subcommittee**

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

Hon. Karen Bushell
Clerk of Court
Montgomery County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Charleston Carter
Court Administrator
Prince George's County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Maurice Frazier
Howard County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Kathryn Glenn
Administrative Clerk
Anne Arundel County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Llamilet Gutierrez
Prince George's County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Troy K. Hill
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Dilip Paliath
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Hossein Parvizia
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Ronika Sumlin
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff: Shamika Dent-Williams, Lynn Emerson, Kelly Haynes

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

The subcommittee will:

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

Duration

Indefinite

Human Trafficking Subcommittee

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

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

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Mark W. Crooks
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Lou Gieszl
Programs
AOC

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Lili Khozeimeh
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Patrick J. Mays
Montgomery County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Karen A. Pilarski
Baltimore County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Dana M. Wright
Washington County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Staff: Abigail Hill

Nature and Purpose:

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

Expected Duration

Indefinite

Judicial Education Subcommittee

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

Hon. Pamela Alban
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Krystal Q. Alves
Prince George's County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kendra Y. Ausby
Baltimore City
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Shannon E. Avery
Baltimore City
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Vicki Ballou Watts
Baltimore County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

Hon. Brynja Booth
Supreme Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Nathan Braverman
Senior Judge
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

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

Hon. Ada E. Clark-Edwards
Prince George's County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Christine M. Celeste
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Paul J. Cucuzzella
Baltimore City
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Wytonja L. Curry
Prince George's County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Herman C. Dawson
Prince George's County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

Hon. Barbara K. Howe
Senior Judge
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. James Kenney III
Senior Judge
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Matthew Maciarelo
Wicomico County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Sarah Malik
Montgomery County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Karen A. Pilarski
Baltimore County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

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

Hon. Stephen J. Sfekas
Supreme Court
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Terrence Zic
Appellate Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Staff: Peter Saquella

Nature and Purpose

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

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

Magistrate Paul Eason
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Lindsey Erdmann
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Sidney Francois
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Maurice Frazier
Howard County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Carin Golze
Frederick County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Kevin Hill
St. Mary's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Lili Khozeimeh
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Sarah Malik
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Carrie Polley
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Desiree Reetz
Cecil County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Danielle Sartwell
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate James Speis
Allegany County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Staff: Benjamin Charlick

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

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

Duration

Indefinite

**New Trial Judge Mentoring
Subcommittee**

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

**Hon. Donine M. Carrington Martin
Charles County
Circuit Court**

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**Hon. Melissa K. Copeland
Baltimore City
Circuit Court**

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**Hon. Kemp W. Hammond
Anne Arundel County
District Court**

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**Hon. Geoffrey G. Hengerer
Baltimore City
District Court**

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**Hon. Jonas D. Legum
Senior Judge**

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**Hon. J. Michael Wachs
Senior Judge**

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

**Hon. Barbara B. Waxman
Senior Judge**

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Staff: Peter Saquella, Zipporah Williams

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.

Professional Development Subcommittee

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

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

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Heather DeWees
Clerk of Court
Carroll County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Kathryn Glenn
Administrative Clerk
Anne Arundel County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Greg Hilton
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Megan Howell
Administrative Commissioner
Wicomico County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Dawne Lindsey
Clerk of Court
Allegany County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Stephanie Medina
Court Administrator
Baltimore County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Valerie Pompey
Chief Deputy Clerk
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Joseph A. Riley
Caroline County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Rebecca Sloane
Administrative Clerk
Cecil County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kathy P. Smith
Clerk of Court
Calvert County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff: Allison Gingell

Nature and Purpose

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

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite

**Public Education and Community
Outreach Subcommittee**

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

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

Staff: Diana Kean

Nature and Purpose

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

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

Work Product

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

Expected Duration

Indefinite

Technology Education Subcommittee

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

Hon. Alex M. Allman
Harford County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Shirley Anthony
Operations Analyst
DCHQ

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Douglas Arnold
Queen Anne’s County
Chief Deputy Clerk

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Mark W. Carmean
Calvert County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Melissa K. Copeland
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Shanna Erdman
Information Security Manager
JIS

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Sarah Parks
Business Analysis Manager
JIS

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Susan Patrick
Montgomery County
Civil Division Chief

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff: Noah Parker

Nature and Purpose

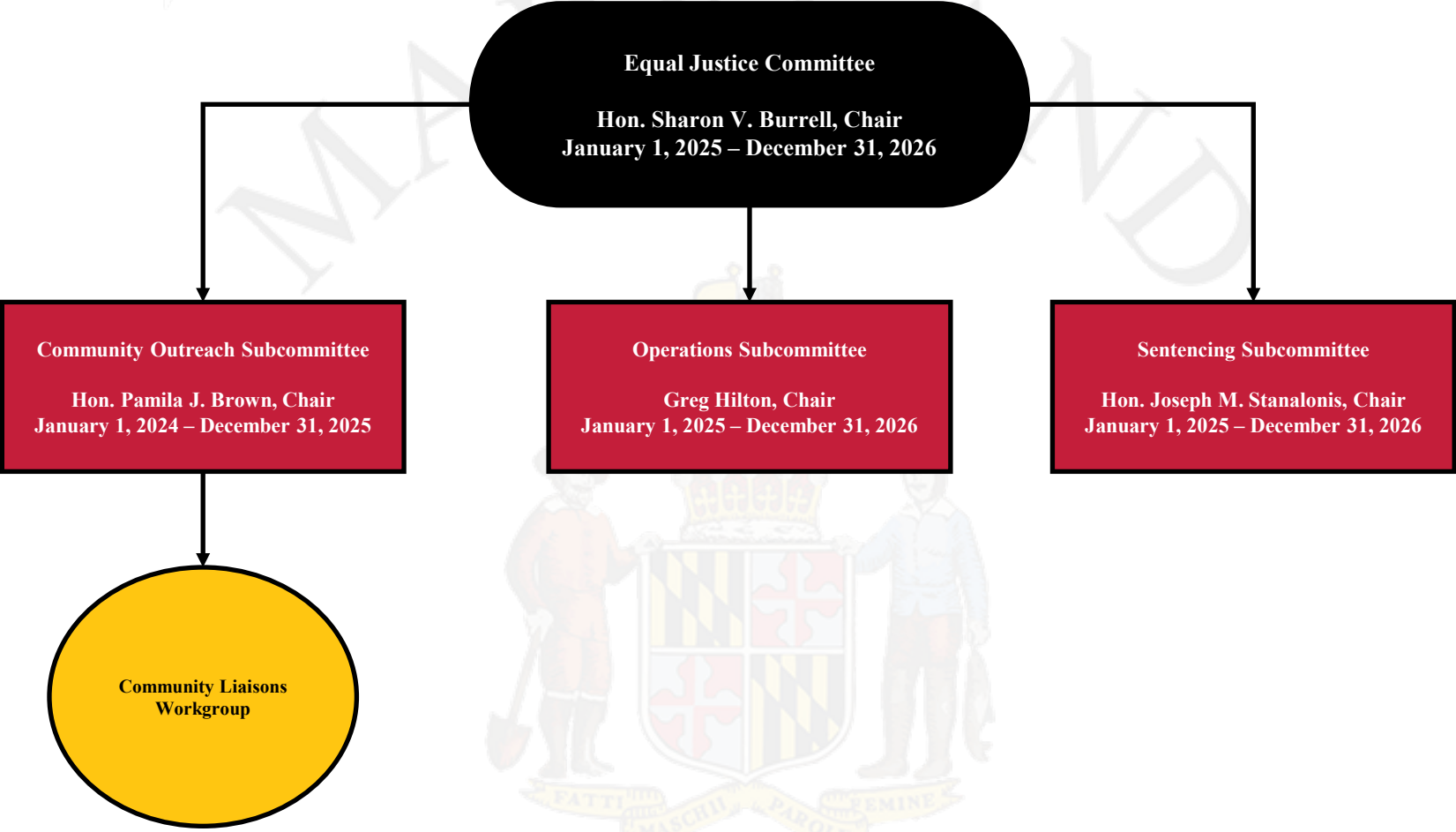
To provide informed advocacy for the development, implementation, and delivery of technology education throughout the Maryland Judiciary. The mission of the Technology Training Subcommittee will be advanced through activities that continuously educate the subcommittee members at a high level as it pertains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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite



Equal Justice Committee

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

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

Stephanie Medina, Chair

Karen Bushell

Xavier Conaway

Amy Craig

Heather DeWees

Markisha Gross

Sherise Kennard

Melissa Lahey

Lionel Moore

Erica Payne-Santiago

Burgess Wood

Staff: Warren Hedges, Diana Kean

Work Product

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

Duration

December 31, 2025

Community Outreach Subcommittee

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

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

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Nicole K. Barmore
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Ana D. Hernandez
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Lena Kim
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Cara Y. Lewis
Carroll County
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Sarah Malik
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Stephanie Medina
Court Administrator
Baltimore County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Dilip Paliath
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. William A. Snood
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff: Nick Cavey, Terri Charles, Lou Gieszl

Nature and Purpose

The Community Outreach Subcommittee provides opportunities for the public to interact with the Judiciary through ongoing dialogue in order to learn more about community concerns and enable the Judiciary to gain a better understanding of the communities it serves. Through this continuing dialogue, the Judiciary also has an opportunity to increase public awareness of court programs and services, which will in turn, promote trust and confidence in the judicial system.

Work Product

The subcommittee will:

1. Hold forums in each jurisdiction, facilitated by a third party neutral, to listen to the community and community partners in order to understand their needs and the ways the courts can better serve the community.
2. Develop advisory boards, with rotating membership, in each jurisdiction, ensuring diversity of voices.
3. Work with the courts to establish a community advisory officer in each court to serve as the community liaison/point of contact for community members.

Duration

Indefinite

Operations Subcommittee

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

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

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
AOC

Ex Officio

Markisha Gross
Administrative Clerk
Calvert County

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Stacy W. McCormack
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. John P. Morrissey
Chief Judge
District Court

Ex Officio

Magistrate Hossein Parvizian
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Ronika J. Sumlin
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Larry Tucker
Deputy Director of Finance
District Court Headquarters

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Roberta Warnken
Chief Clerk
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff: Warren Hedges, Jamie Walter, Lauren Weirauch

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

The subcommittee will:

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

Duration

Indefinite

Sentencing Subcommittee

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

Hon. Shannon E. Avery
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Stacy W. McCormack
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Danielle M. Mosley
Anne Arundel County
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Krystin J. Richardson
Baltimore County
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Robyn S. Riddle
Calvert County
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Allison M. Sayers
Howard County
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff: Perez Aimee, Dominique Johnigan Simmons

Nature and Purpose

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

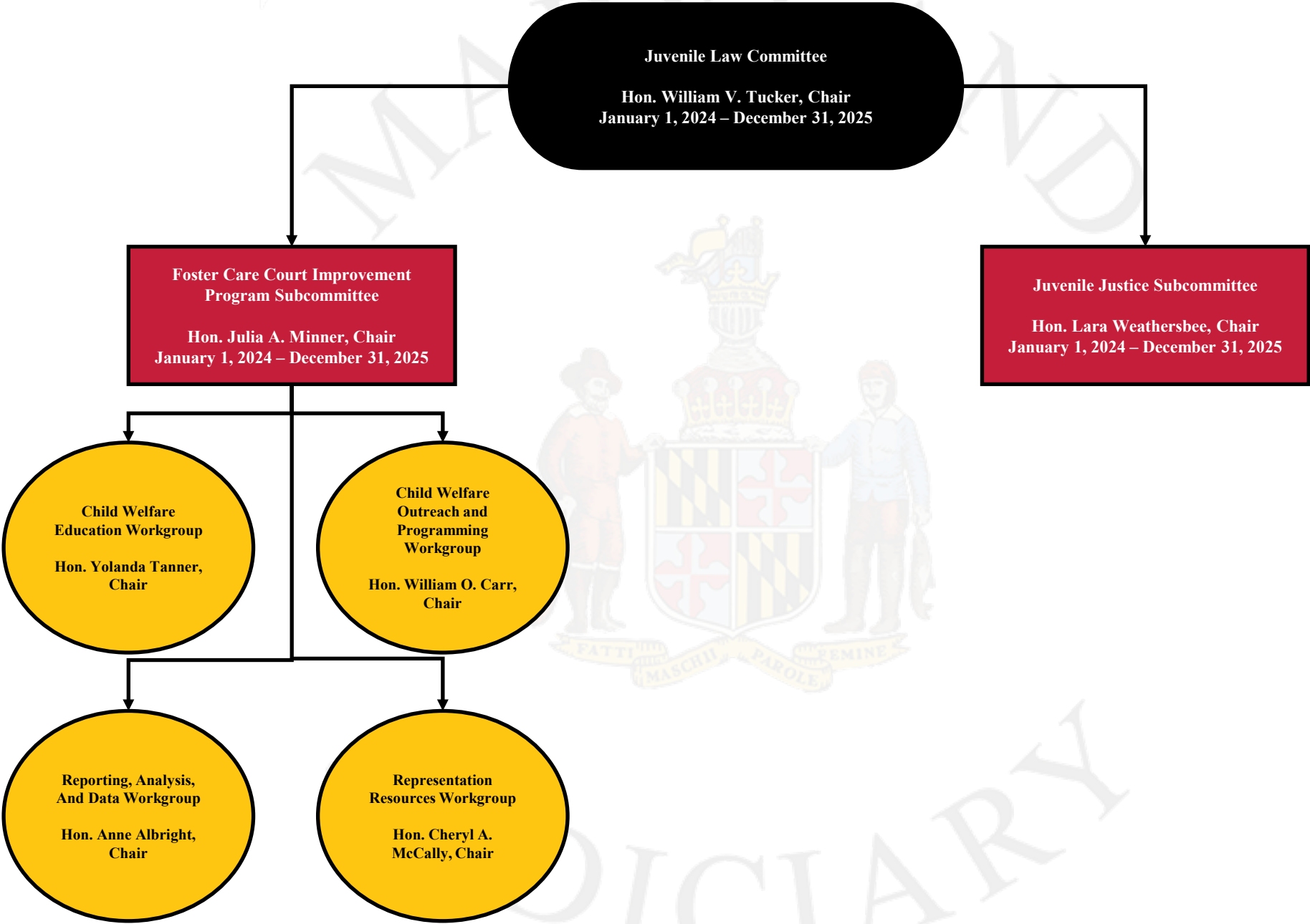
Work Product

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



Juvenile Law Committee

Hon. William V. Tucker, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Charles M. Blomquist Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026	Hon. Wytonja L. Curry Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025	Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Wendy S. Epstein Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026
Magistrate Sidney Francois Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026	Hon. Julie L. Glass-Becker Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026	Hon. Darren S. Johnson Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2025- December 31, 2026	Hon. Matthew A. Maciarello Wicomico County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Julia A. Minner Frederick County Circuit Court Ex Officio	Magistrate Jeffrey D. Moffat Carroll County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Mary O'Donnell Dorchester County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Stephanie P. Porter Howard County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Lara C. Weathersbee Howard County Circuit Court Ex Officio	Magistrate Erica Wolfe Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Dana M. Wright Washington County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	

Staff: Hope Gary, Abigail Hill, Sarah Kaplan

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.

**Foster Care Court Improvement
Program Subcommittee**

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

Hon. Anne K. Albright
Appellate Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. William O. Carr
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Wendy S. Epstein
**Baltimore County
Circuit Court**

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Yolanda A. Tanner
**Baltimore City
Circuit Court**

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Neeta Kataria
**Baltimore City
Circuit Court**

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Dr. Alger Studstill
**Executive Director
DHR**

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff: Hope Gary

Nature and Purpose

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

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

Duration

Indefinite.

Child Welfare Education Workgroup

Hon. Yolanda Tanner, Chair

Hon. William Davis

Magistrate Neeta Kataria

Magistrate Erica Wolfe

Staff: Hope Gary, Joanne Kerr

Consultant: Janet Hartge, Esq.

Nature and Purpose

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

Anticipated Work Product

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

Duration

Ongoing

**Child Welfare Outreach and
Programming Workgroup**

Hon. William O. Carr, Chair

Magistrate David Addison

**Magistrate Althea Stewart
Jones**

Staff: Hope Gary

Consultants: Jim Becker, Shawna Johnson, Erica LeMon, John McGinnis, Brandi Stocksdale

Nature and Purpose

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

Anticipated Work Product

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

Duration

December 31, 2024

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

Hon. Anne Albright, Chair

Richard Abbott

April Andrade

Grant Bacon

Laurie Baker

Cathy Boyer

Staci Cook

Deborah Elms

Hope Gary

Wendy Hawkins

Austin Phaire

Corey Shdaimah

Debbie Simpson

**Dominique Johnigan
Simmons**

Calvin Tribbitt

Kelly Uhas

Mark Vitale

Geneva Warren

Lisa Wyckoff

Hisashi Yamagata

Staff: Joanne Kerr

Nature and Purpose

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

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

Duration

Ongoing

Representation Resources Workgroup

Hon. Cheryl McCally, Chair

Hon. Julia Minner

**Magistrate Kathryn
Brewer Poole**

Staff: Hope Gary, Abigail Hill

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

Nature and Purpose

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

Anticipated Work Product

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

Duration

December 31, 2024

Juvenile Justice Subcommittee

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

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kathleen English
Frederick County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Matthew A. Maciarelo
Wicomico County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Jeffrey D. Moffatt
Carroll County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Mary O'Donnell
Dorchester County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Magistrate Kristin Peacock
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Joanie Raymond
Frederick County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Erica J. Wolfe
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Staff: Abigail Hill, Sarah Kaplan

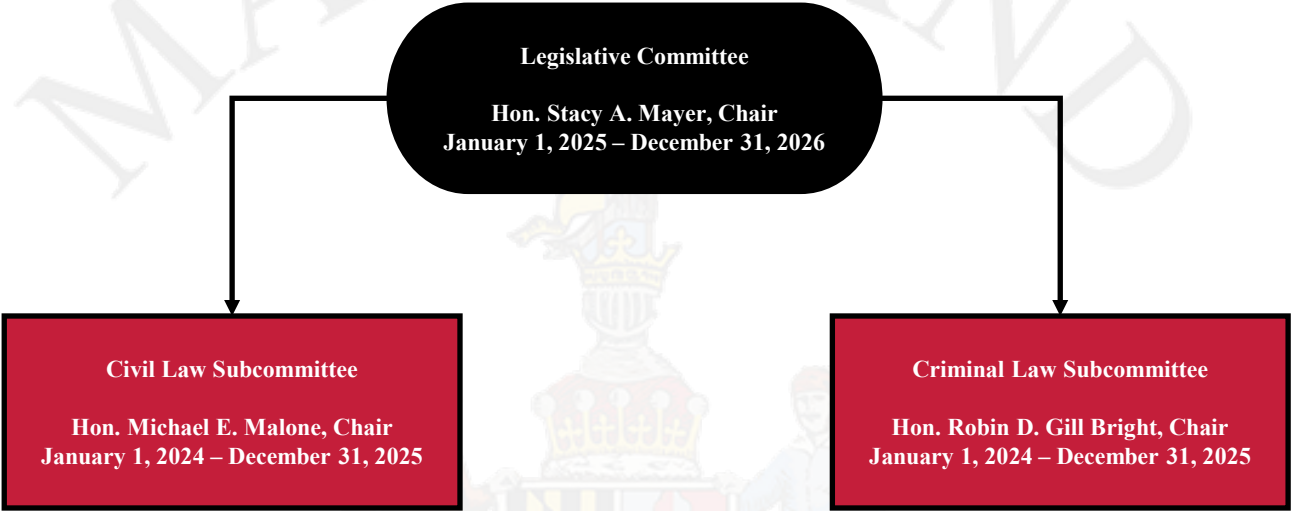
Nature and Purpose

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

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

Expected Duration

Indefinite.



Legislative Committee

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

Hon. Richard Sandy Vice-Chair Frederick County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. LaKeecia R. Allen Prince George’s County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Brynja M. Booth Supreme Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Robin D. Gill Bright Prince George’s County Circuit Court Ex Officio
Hon. Yvette M. Bryant Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Mark S. Chandlee Calvert County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Joseph M. Getty Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. James H. Green Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. LaTina B. Greene Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Michael E. Malone Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Ex Officio	Hon. John P. Morrissey Chief Judge District Court Ex Officio	Hon. Aileen E. Oliver Montgomery County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
	Judy Rupp State Court Administrator Ex Officio	Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	

Staff: Suzanne Pelz

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.

Civil Law Subcommittee

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

Hon. Catherine Chen
Baltimore County
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Paul J. Cucuzzella
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Angela M. Eaves
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Richard R. Titus
Carroll County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Staff: Richard Keidel

Nature and Purpose

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

Anticipated Work Product

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

Expected Duration

Ninety Days (January to April)

Criminal Law Subcommittee

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

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

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Garret P. Glennon
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Karen R. Ketterman
Talbot County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kathleen C. Murphy
Baltimore County
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Daniel W. Powell
Somerset County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Michelle R. Saunders
Calvert County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Robert K. Taylor
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Staff: Richard Keidel

Nature and Purpose

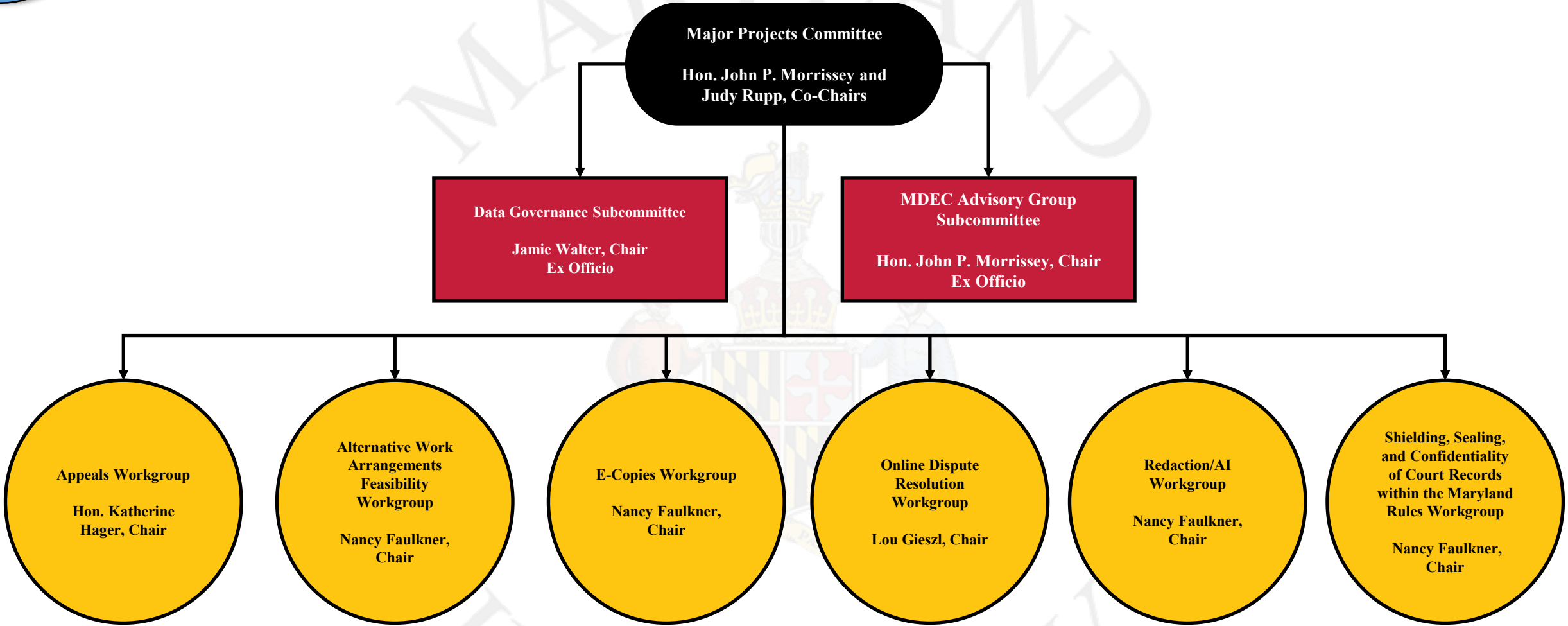
To review legislation pertaining to criminal law during the legislative session and make recommendations to the full committee.

Work Product

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

Expected Duration

Ninety Days (January to April)



Major Projects Committee

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

Robert Bruchalski Information Technology JIS Ex Officio	Hon. Yvette M. Bryant Chair, Committee on Rules of Practices and Procedure JIS Ex Officio	Hon. Heather DeWees Chair, Conference of Circuit Court Clerks Ex Officio	Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator AOC Ex Officio
Lisa Preston Case Management Systems JIS Ex Officio	Hon. S. James Sarbanes Wicomico County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Norman R. Stone, III Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Roberta Warnken Chief Clerk District Court Ex Officio

Staff: Olya Jerschkowsky

Nature and Purpose

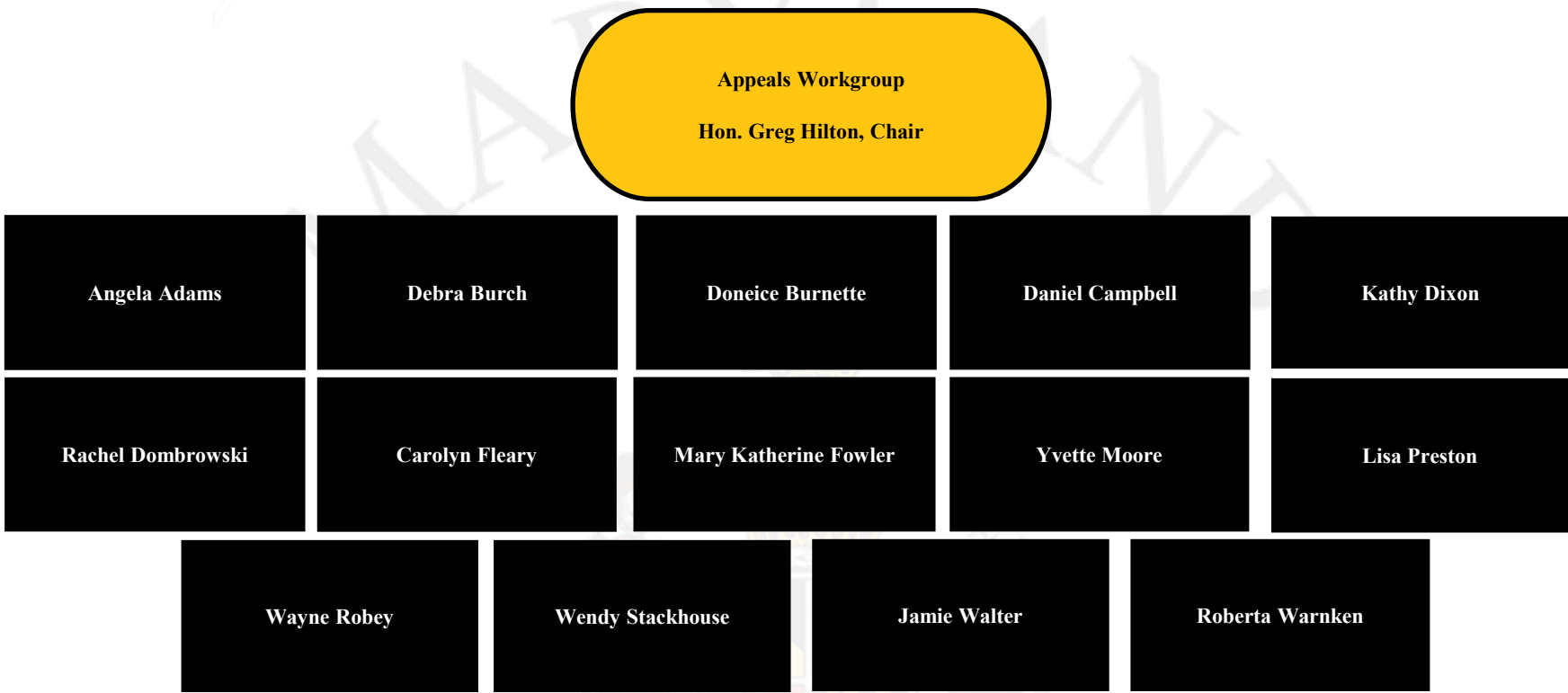
The Major Projects Committee addresses policy-related matters regarding the implementation and ongoing operation of new and existing technology projects, as well as the establishment of priorities for the implementation of those projects. The Committee works collaboratively with the Court Technology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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.



STAFF: MEGAN COLLIER

NATURE AND PURPOSE

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

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

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

EXPECTED DURATION

December 2024

**Alternative Work Arrangements
Feasibility Workgroup**

Nancy Faulkner, Chair

Doug Arnold

Robert Bruchalski

Ebonye Caldwell

**Hon. Audrey J.S.
Carrión**

Danielle Fox

Hon. Steven Gould

**Kristin
Grossnickle**

Greg Hilton

Doug Hofstedt

Daniel Mays

**Hon. John P.
Morrissey**

Valerie Pompey

Hon. Scott Poyer

Judy Rupp

Tim Sheridan

Annamaria Walsh

Roberta Warnken

Staff: Melissa Canada

PURPOSE

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

The workgroup will:

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

WORK PRODUCT

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

DURATION

Summer 2024

E-Copies Workgroup

Nancy Faulkner, Chair

Sharon Davis

Greg Hilton

Christin Mucci

Madan Nandhagopal

Jennifer Northcraft

Toba Owonubi

Kerry Register

Subas Shrestha

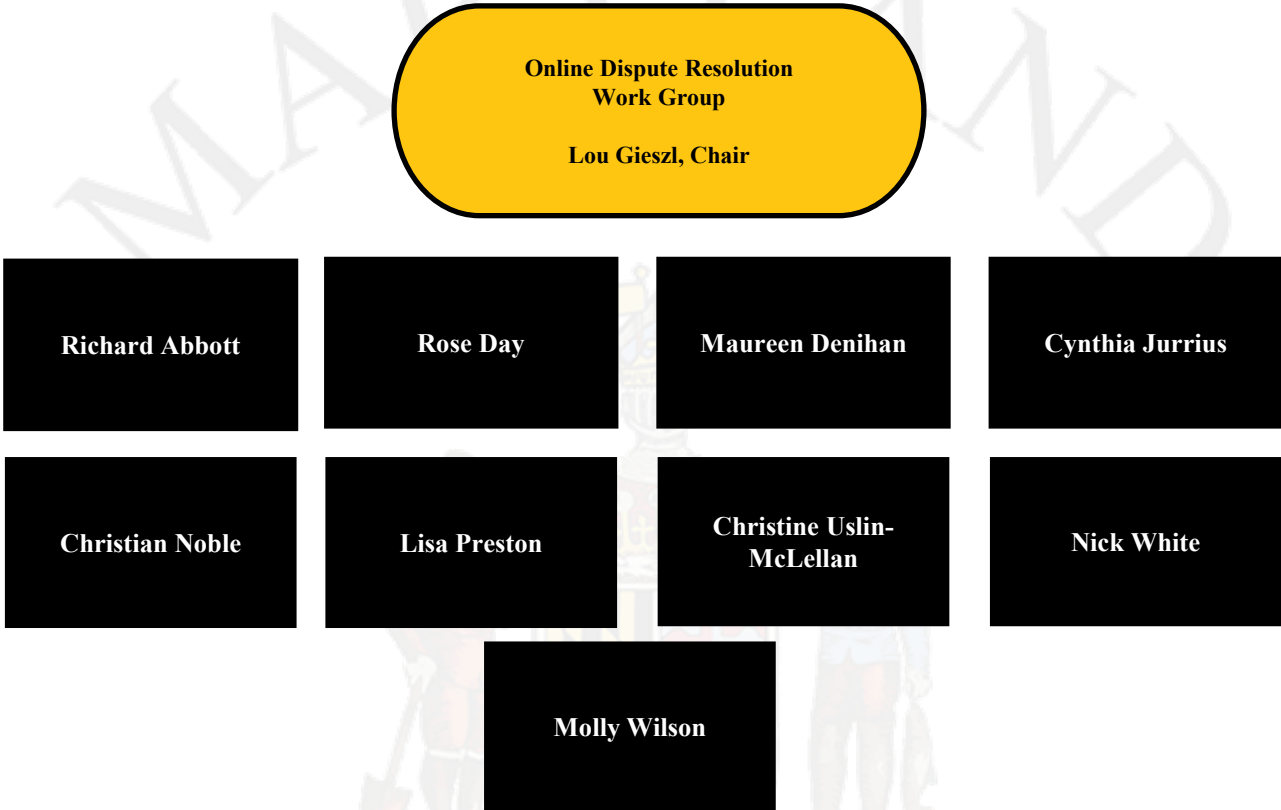
Hon. Kathy Smith

Raymond Tekin

Jason Thomas

Duration

October 2024 – December 2025



Staff: Stacey Johnson

Nature/Purpose of Workgroup:

Continuing the ODR Workgroup through this year, with minor membership and language changes

Work Product:

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

Duration: Ongoing

Redaction/AI Workgroup

Nancy Faulkner, Chair

Charleston Carter

Amy Craig

Rose Day

Missy Gallagher

Roberta Grubb

Mallori Heely

Stacey Johnson

Richard Keidel

Nathan Myers

Theresa Nudell

Lisa Preston

Wayne Robey

Dana Smith

Jason Thomas

Gillian Tonkin

Kevin Tucker

Roberta Warnken

Staff: Theresa Nudell

PURPOSE

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

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

The workgroup will:

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

WORK PRODUCT

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

DURATION

March 2023 – December 2025

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

Nancy Faulkner, Chair

Richard Abbott	Heather Cobun	Simone Gaither	Kristin Grossnickle	Cynthia Jurrius	Georgene Kaleina	Sarah Kaplan
Jessica Labenberg	Dawne Lindsey	Lisa Mohink	Jessica Patrick	Susan Patrick	Ashley Ritter	Kathy Smith
		Stacy Smith	Colleen Thomas	Burgess Wood		

STAFF: Unique Wright

NATURE AND PURPOSE

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

ANTICIPATED 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.

Data Governance Subcommittee

**Jamie Walter, Chair
Ex-Officio**

Robert Bruchalski Information Technology JIS Ex Officio	Nicholas Cavey Public Information Officer AOC January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Terri Charles Assistant Public Information Officer AOC January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator AOC Ex Officio
Lou Gieszl Programs AOC July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026	Jeff Huddleston Deputy CIO JIS January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Craig Moskovitz Chief Deputy Clerk Circuit Court for Baltimore County July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Andrew Ortiz Senior Researcher R&A AOC July 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Margaret Schweitzer Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Timothy Sheridan Court Administrator Montgomery County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Jason Thomas Chief Technology Officer JIS January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026	Roberta Warnken Chief Clerk District Court Ex Officio

Staff: Oscar Vasquez-flores

NATURE AND PURPOSE

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

WORK PRODUCT

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

EXPECTED DURATION

Indefinite

MDEC Advisory Subcommittee

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

Judy K. Rupp, Co-Chair
Ex Officio

Staff: Olya Jerschowsky, Gillian Tonkin

Tyler Technologies, Inc.: John Todd and Kevin Kennedy

Nature and Purpose

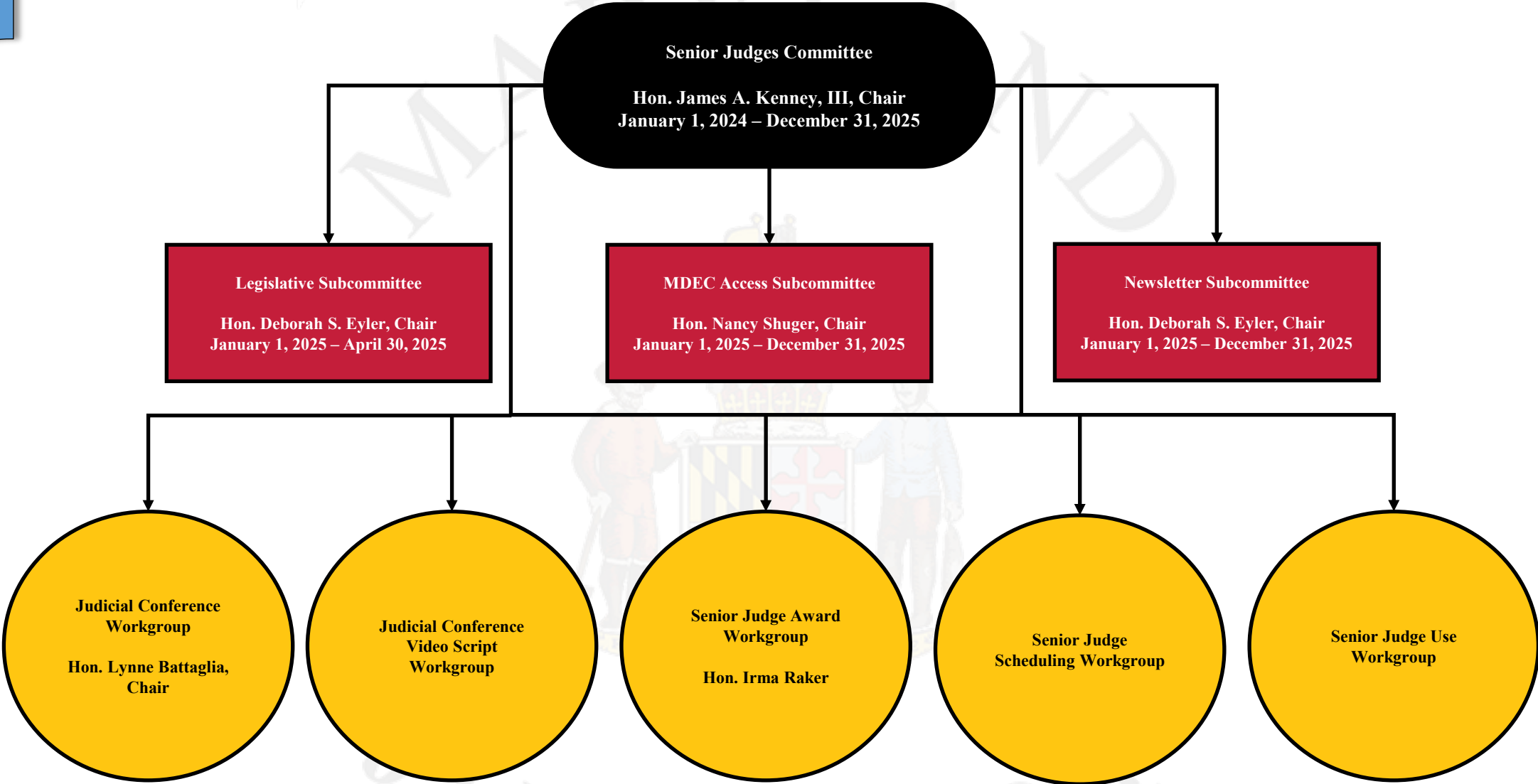
The MDEC Advisory Subcommittee is a subcommittee with revolving membership of court leadership during the MDEC implementation process. The Subcommittee primarily focuses on operational concerns for courts in the process of going live on MDEC.

Work Product

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

Duration

This subcommittee will end once MDEC is fully implemented.



Senior Judges Committee

Hon. James A. Kenney III, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

Hon. Jean S. Baron
Senior Judge
Prince George's County
District Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia
Senior Judge
Supreme Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Lawrence R. Daniels
Senior Judge
Baltimore County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

Hon. Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.
Senior Judge
Supreme Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

Hon. Steven I. Platt
Senior Judge
Prince George's County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Irma S. Raker
Senior Judge
Supreme Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

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

Hon. Marcus Z. Shar
Senior Judge
Baltimore City
Circuit Court
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

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

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

Hon. Dennis M. Sweeney
Senior Judge
Howard County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Barbara B. Waxman
Senior Judge
Supreme Court
January 1, 2025-December 31, 2026

Staff: Eliana Pangelinan

Nature And Purpose

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

Anticipated Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.

Judicial Conference Workgroup

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia, Chair

Hon. Jean S. Baron

Hon. James A. Kenney, III

Sharon Reed

Staff: Eliana Pangelinan

Consultants: Theresa Coffey, Peter Saquella

Nature and Purpose:

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

Expected Work Product:

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

Expected Duration:

Annually, January – May

**Judicial Conference Video Script
Workgroup**

Hon. Jean S. Baron

Hon. Deborah S. Eyster

Hon. Glenn Harrell

Hon. Barbara K. Howe

Hon. Irma S. Raker

Hon. Thurman H. Rhodes

Staff: Sharon Reed

Nature and Purpose:

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

Expected Work Product:

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

Expected Duration:

Annually, January – May

**Senior Judge Award
Workgroup**

Hon. Irma S. Raker, Chair

Hon. Jean S. Baron

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia

Hon. Barbara K. Howe

Staff: Eliana Pangelinan

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Annually, January – May

**Senior Judge Scheduling
Workgroup**

Hon. Paul M. Bowman

**Hon. Lawrence R.
Daniels**

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Lisa Preston

**Hon. Dennis M.
Sweeney**

Staff: Eliana Pangelinan

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

May 31, 2025

Senior Judge Use Workgroup

Hon. James A. Bonifant

Hon. Paul M. Bowman

Hon. Lawrence R.
Daniels

Kristin Grossnickle

Staff: Eliana Pangelinan

Nature and Purpose:

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

The topics of discussion will be:

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

Expected Work Product:

Best Practice Manual for Senior Judge Use

Expected Duration:

May 2025

Legislative Subcommittee

Hon. Deborah S. Eyler, Chair
January 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025

Hon. Kathleen G. Cox Vice-Chair Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025	Hon. Lawrence R. Daniels Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025	Hon. Leo E. Green, Jr. Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025	Hon. Glenn T. Harrell, Jr. Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025
Hon. James A. Kenney, III Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025	Hon. Jonas D. Legum Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025	Hon. Brooke M. Murdock Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025	Hon. Harry C. Storm Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025
Hon. Dennis M. Sweeney Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – April 30, 2025			

Staff: Eliana Pangelinan

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

Advice to the Judicial Legislative Committee.

Duration

Operates during the legislative session.

MDEC Access Subcommittee

Hon. Nancy Shuger, Chair
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Deborah S. Eyster
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Sharon Reed
District Court Headquarters

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

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, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Glenn T. Harrell
Supreme Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Hon. James A. Kenney III
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Steven Platt
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 21, 2025

Sharon Reed
District Court Headquarters

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Staff: Eliana Pangelinan

Consultants: Ebonye Caldwell, Shamika Dent-Williams, Shanna Edwards, Alex hoyle, Daniel Mays

Nature and Purpose

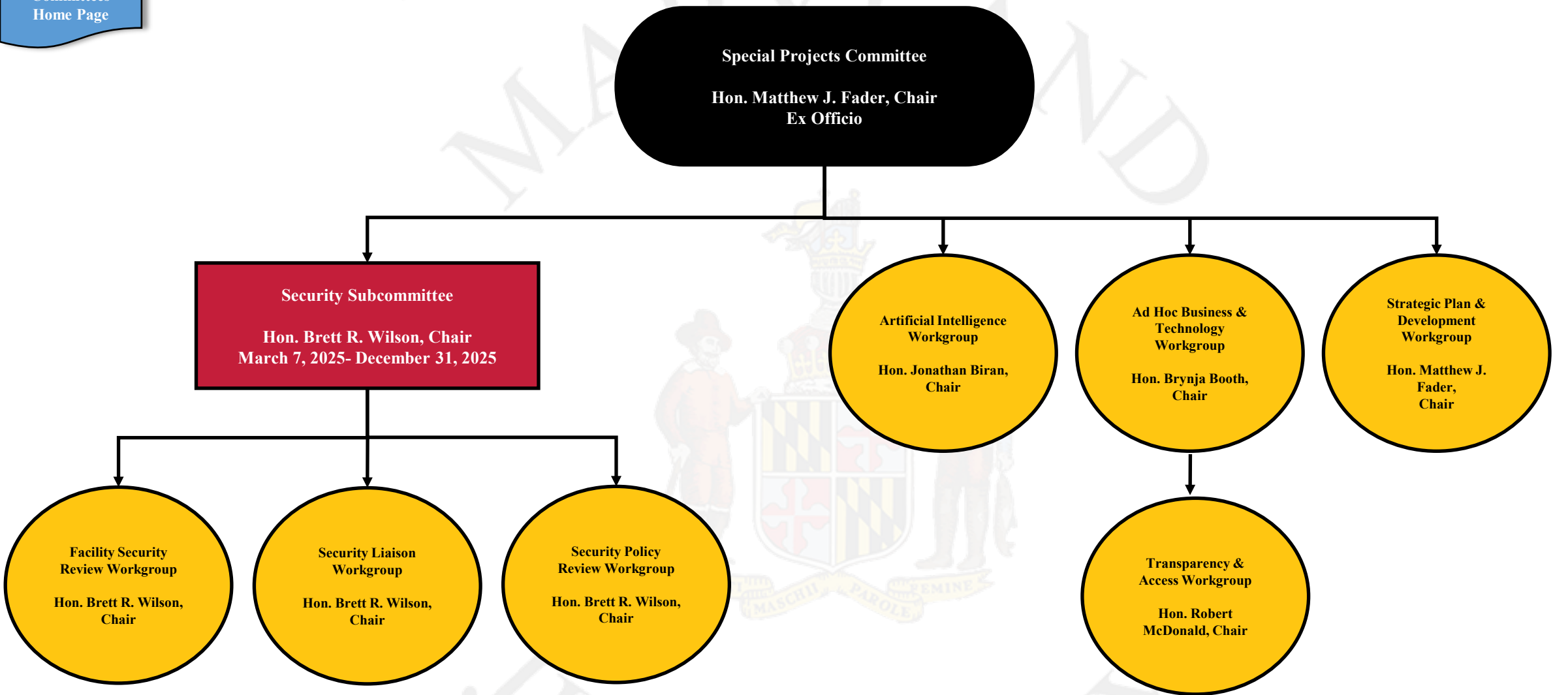
The Newsletter Subcommittee will create a quarterly newsletter that could be used on an ongoing basis to provide timely and relevant information to the retired judges as a whole.

Work Product

Quarterly newsletter to be distributed to retired judges.

Duration

Indefinite



Special Projects Committee

Hon. Matthew J. Fader, Chair
Ex Officio

Hon. Fred S. Hecker
Chair
Conference of Circuit Judges

Ex Officio

Hon. John P. Morrissey
Chief Judge
District Court

Ex Officio

Judy Rupp
State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts

Ex Officio

Hon. E. Greg Wells
Chief Judge
Appellate Court

Ex Officio

Staff: N/A

Nature and Purpose

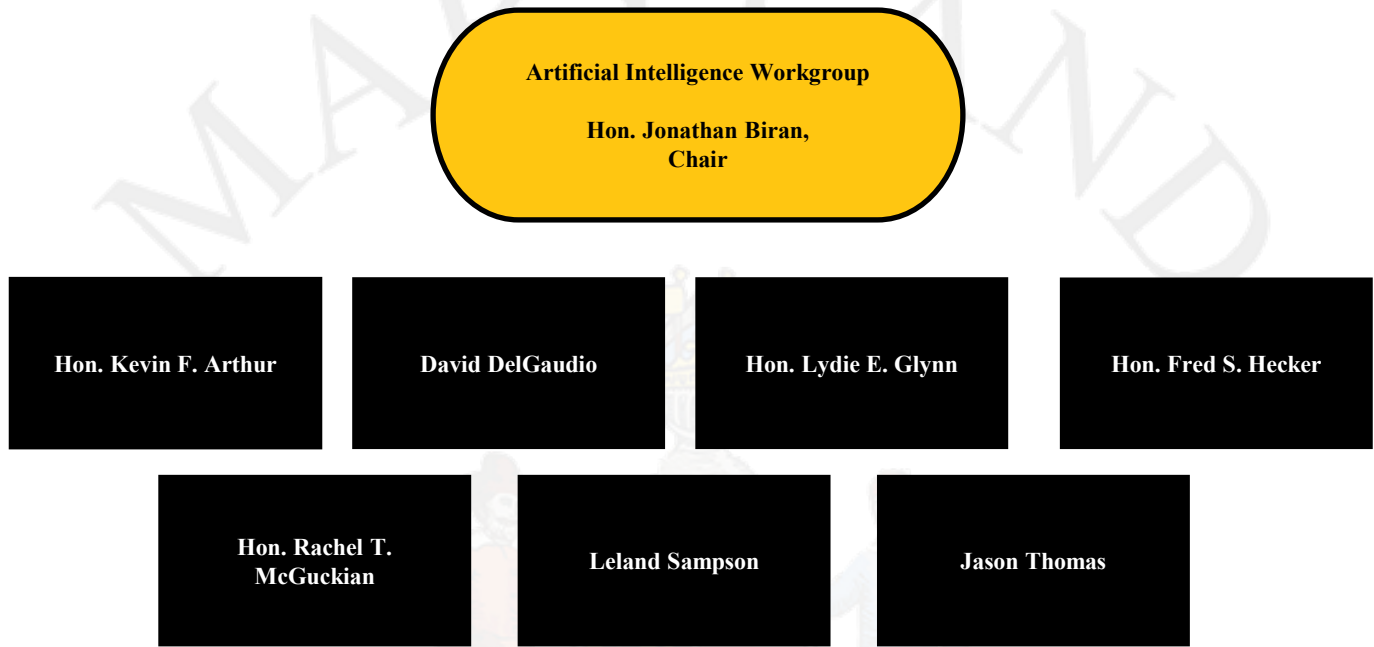
The Special Projects Committee will oversee the efforts of special-purpose, limited-term workgroups or task forces that are created to consider and make recommendations concerning issues that either do not fall within the scope of other Judicial Council committees or subcommittees, or that span the scope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

Anticipated Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.



Staff: Brenda Iazzetta

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

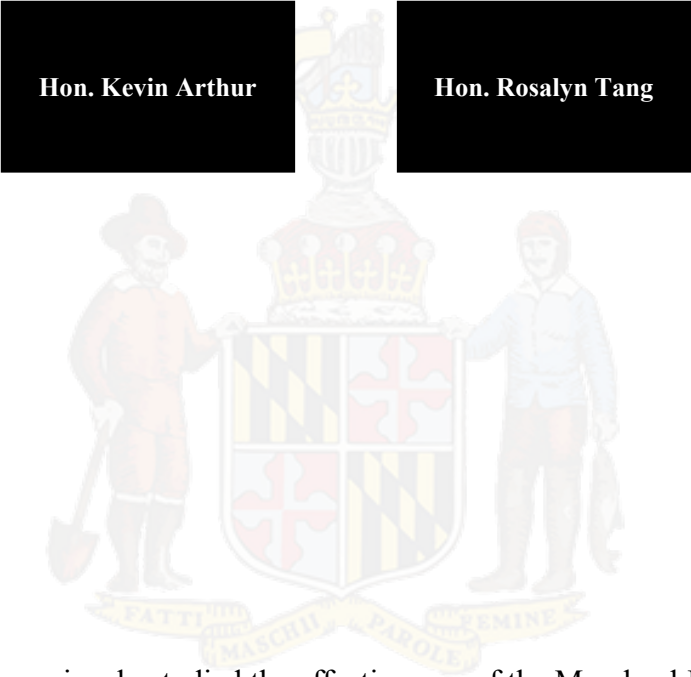
Indefinite

Ad Hoc Business & Technology Workgroup

Hon. Brynja Booth, Chair

Hon. Kevin Arthur

Hon. Rosalyn Tang



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

Ongoing

Strategic Plan Development Workgroup

Hon. Matthew J. Fader,
Chair

Hon. Tiffany H. Anderson	Hon. Audrey J.S. Carrion	Hon. Yolanda L. Curtin	Hon. Kimberly M. Davis	Hon. Victor M. Del Pino	Lou Gieszl
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Hon. John P. Morrissey	Hon. John S. Nugent	Judy Rupp	Hon. Shaem C.P. Spencer	Roberta Warnken	Hon. E. Greg Wells

Staff: Shamika Dent-Williams, Bradley Tanner, Jamie Walter

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

July 2025

Transparency & Access Workgroup
Hon. Robert McDonald, Chair

Hon. Peter K. Killough

Hon. Andrea M. Leahy

Hon. John P. Morrissey

Judy Rupp

Hon. Jennifer B. Schiffer

Staff: Danielle Fox, Ann MacNeille, Gillian Tonkin

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

TBD

Duration

TBD

Security Subcommittee

Hon. Brett R. Wilson, Chair
March 7, 2025 – December 31, 2025

Steve Barlow Security Manager District Court Ex Officio	Hon. Karen A. Bushell Clerk of Court Montgomery County Circuit Court March 7, 2025-December 31,2025	Hon. Scott M. Carrington Prince George's County Circuit Court March 7, 2025-December 31,2025	Magistrate Maurice Frazier Howard County Circuit Court March 7, 2025-December 31,2025	Hon. Garret P. Glennon Baltimore County Circuit Court March 7, 2025-December 31,2025
Greg Hilton Clerk of Court Appellate Court Ex Officio	Cliff Hisker Protective Intelligence Analyst JTMC Ex Officio	Hon. William H. Jones Dorchester County Circuit Court March 7, 2025-December 31,2025	AJ Monaco Director Office of Information Privacy Ex Officio	Judy Rupp State Court Administrator AOC Ex Officio
Hon. Eric W. Schaffer Frederick County District Court March 7, 2025-December 31,2025	Hon. Julie S. Solt Senior Judge March 7, 2025-December 31,2025	Sean Wolcoff Director of Security Administration AOC Ex Officio	Burgess Wood Court Administrator Calvert County Circuit Court March 7, 2025-December 31,2025	Hon. Terrence M.R. Zic Appellate Court March 7, 2025-December 31,2025

Staff: Melissa Canada, Security Specialist

Lili Kleppertknoop, senior researcher

Nature and Purpose

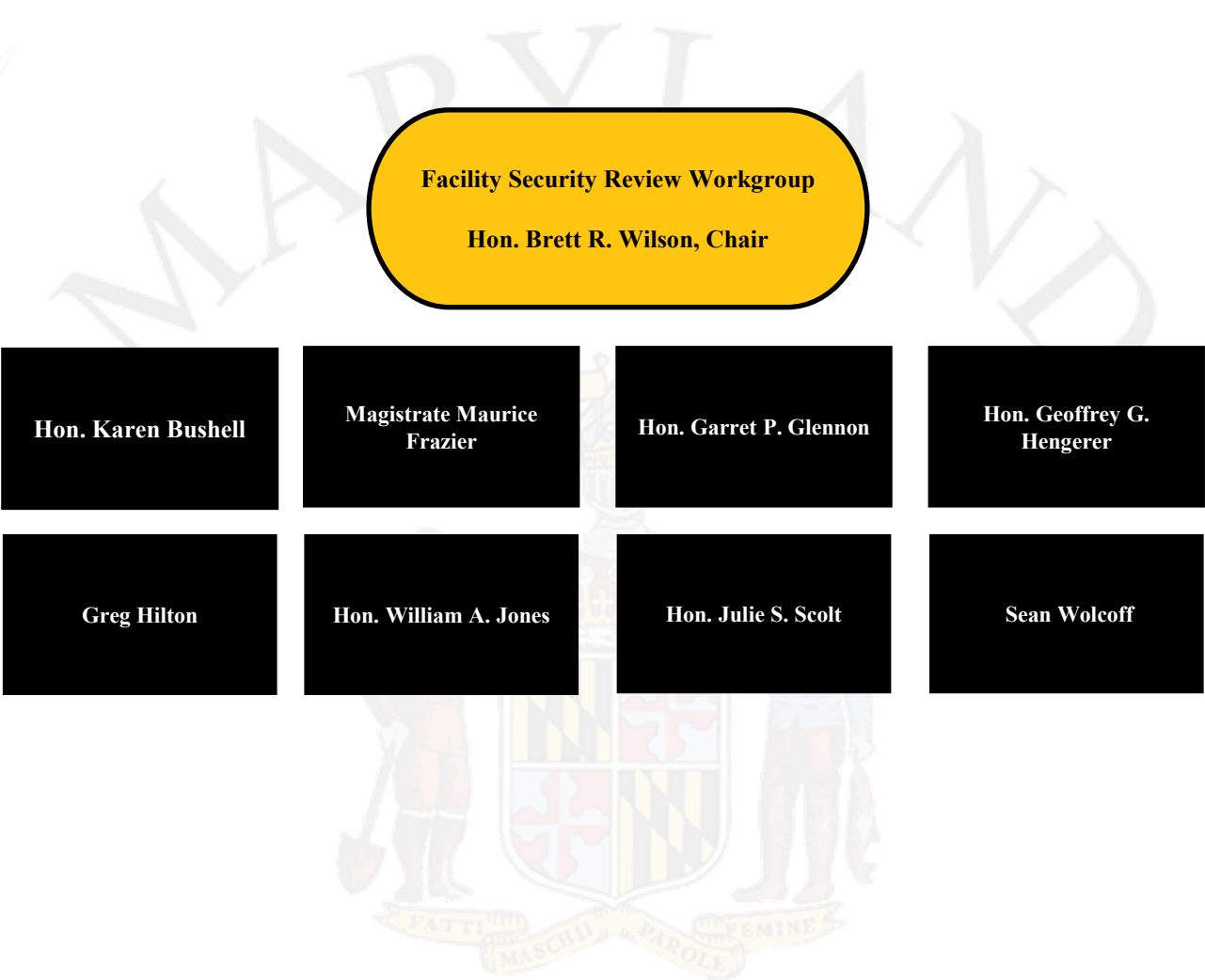
The Security Subcommittee addresses judicial security related matters regarding the implementation of security protocols and the ongoing review and improvement of security policies, practices, and facilities system wide. The Subcommittee works collaboratively with the Office of Information Privacy and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

Anticipated 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.



Staff: Lily Kleppertknoop

Nature and Purpose

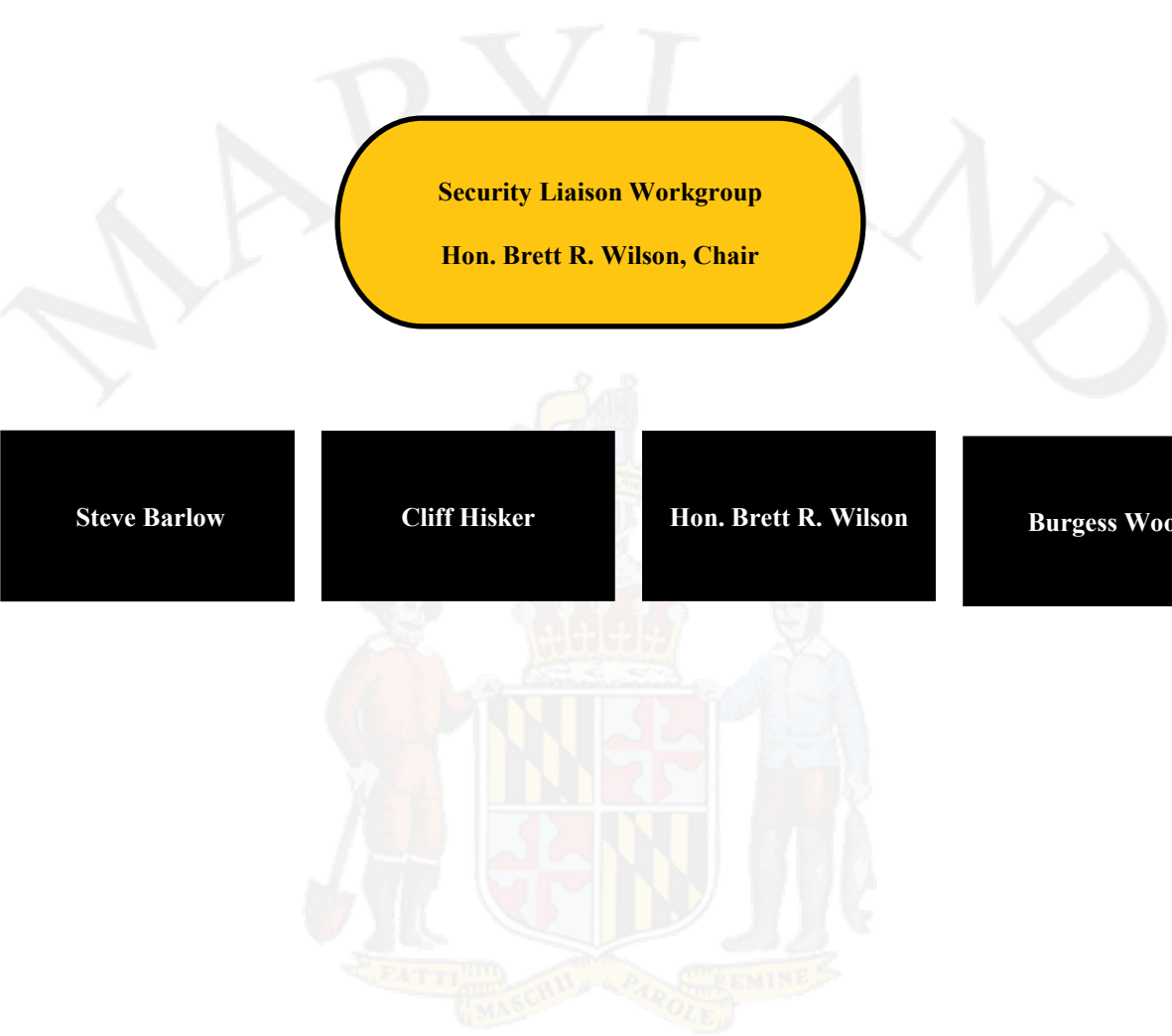
Continue the work of the Judicial Security Task force.

Work Product

- a. Developing 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

TBD



Security Liaison Workgroup
Hon. Brett R. Wilson, Chair

Steve Barlow

Cliff Hisker

Hon. Brett R. Wilson

Burgess Wood

Staff: Melissa Canada

Nature and Purpose

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

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

Duration
TBD

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

**Hon. Scott M.
Carrington**

AJ Monaco

Judy Rupp

Eric Schaffer

**Hon. Terrence M.R.
Zic**

Staff: Melissa Canada

Nature and Purpose

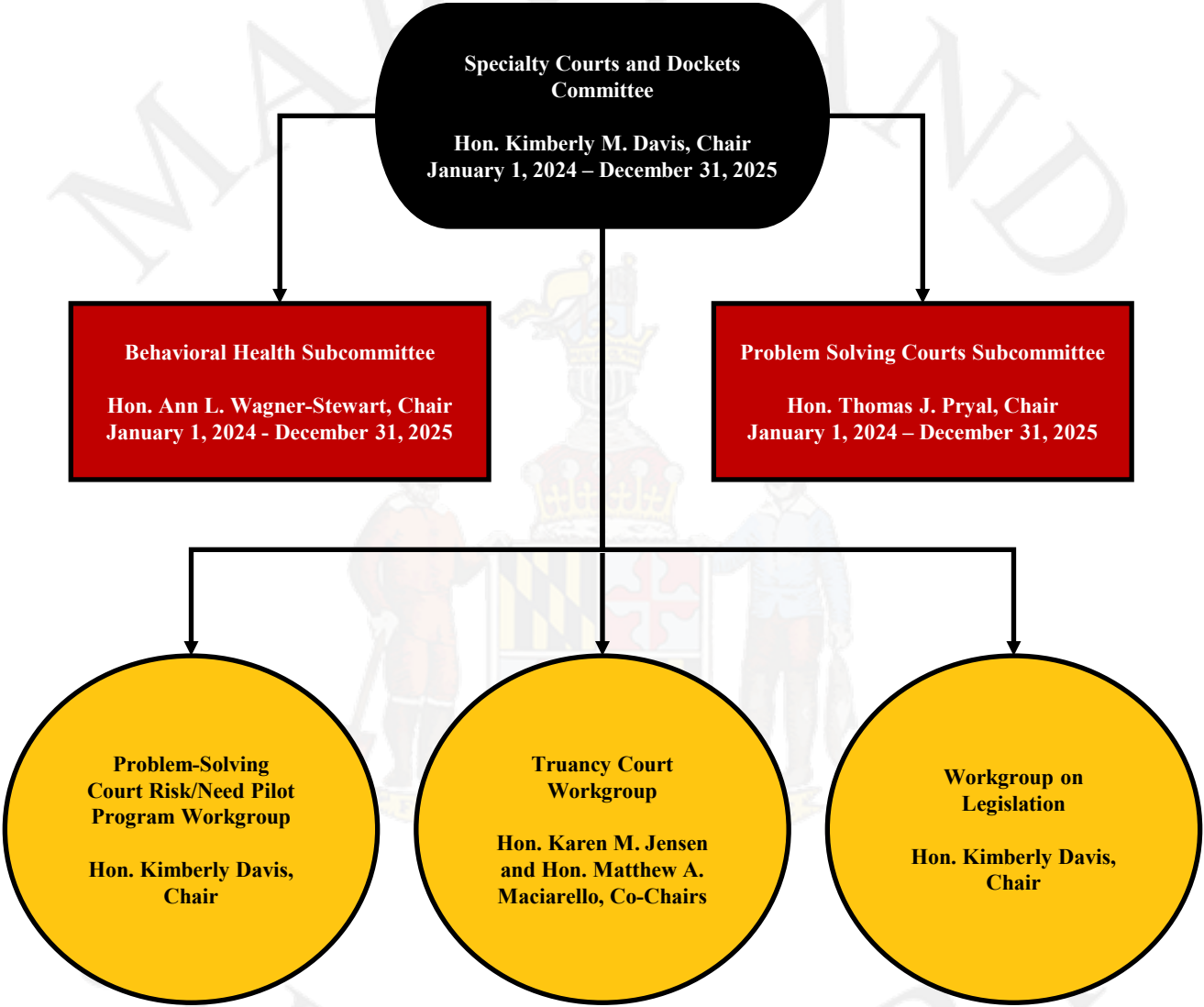
Address specific questions of security policy as may be submitted by judicial personnel or identified within the system

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

TBD



Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee

Hon. Kimberly M. Davis, Chair

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Louis A. Becker Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Makeba Gibbs Charles County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Kathryn Glenn Administrative Clerk Anne Arundel County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Magistrate Lena Kim Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026
Hon. Sherri D. Koch Montgomery County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Patrice E. Lewis Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Tameika M. Lunn Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Thomas J. Pryal Anne Arundel County District Court Ex Officio
Hon. Holly D. Reed, III Montgomery County District Court January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Michelle R. Saunders Calvert County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth Senior Judge January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	Hon. Rachel E. Skolnik Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Joseph M. Stanalonis St. Mary's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Ann L. Wagner-Stewart Prince George's County District Court Ex Officio	Burgess Wood Court Administrator Calvert County January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026	

Staff: Gray Barton

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.

Behavioral Health Subcommittee

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

Hon. Jennifer M. Alexander
Anne Arundel County
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Tracey J. Delp
Harford County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. James H. Green
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Paul W. Ishak
Harford County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Cara Y. Lewis
Carroll County
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. George M. Lipman
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Theresa C. Morse
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Gale E. Rasin
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Marina L. Sabett
Montgomery County
District Court

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth
Senior Judge

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Hon. Brett W. Wilson
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Staff: Gray Barton, Robert Pointer

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.

Problem Solving Courts Subcommittee

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

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

Staff: Gray Barton

Nature and Purpose

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

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

Work Product

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

Duration

Indefinite.

Workgroup on Legislation

Hon. Kimberly Davis, Chair

Hon. Patrice E. Lewis

Hon. Thomas J. Pryal



Staff: Gray Barton

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

Provide feedback to the Legislative Committee on relevant legislation.

Expected Duration

Ninety days (January – April)

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

**Hon. Kimberly Davis,
Chair**

Rachel Bowen

Christina Bowie-Simpson

Aisha Braveboy

Hon. David E. Carey

Rose Day

Paula Fish

Angela Schroyer

Tracy Simpson

Hon. Joseph M. Stanalonis

Hon. Nicole E. Taylor

Pete Washington

Kimberlee Watts

Whitney Wisniewski

Burgess Wood

Staff: Gray Barton, Kate Maher

Nature and Purpose

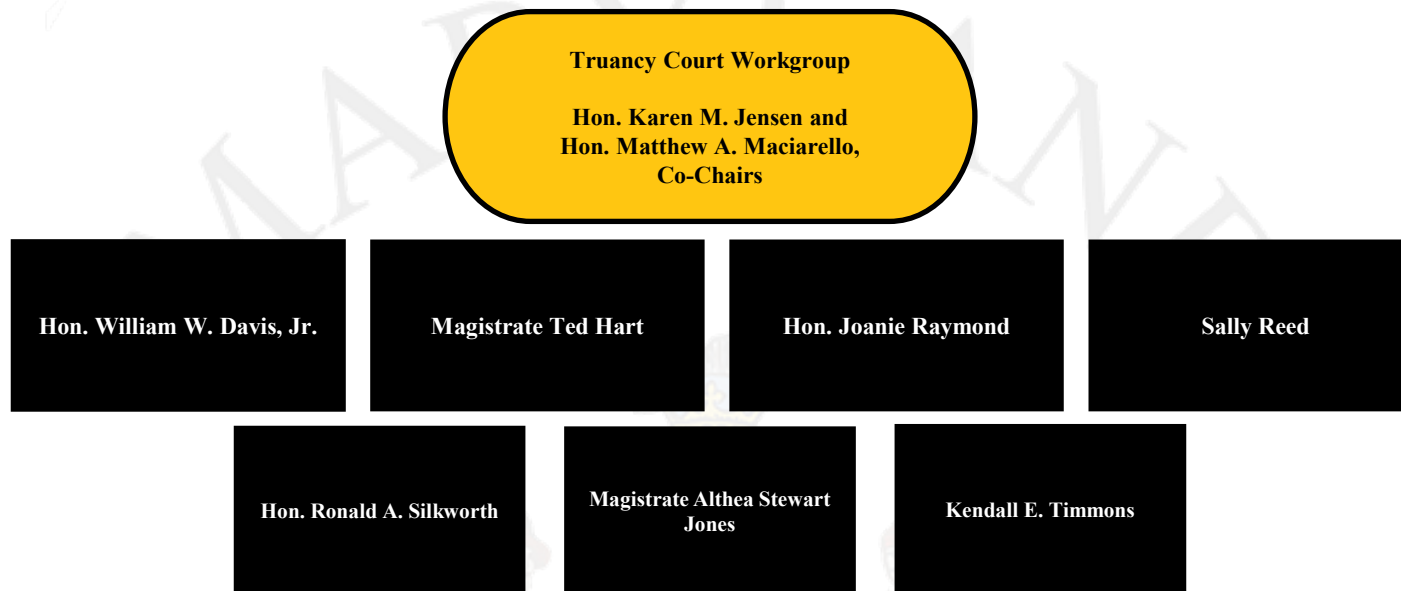
The Problem-Solving Court Risk/Need Pilot Program Workgroup will identify and recommend selection criteria for courts seeking to participate in the risk/need pilot program. The Workgroup will provide guidance and recommendation pertaining to pre-adjudication risk/need assessment administration implementation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

Work Product

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

Duration

December 2025



STAFF: Gray Barton, Sarah Kaplan

Nature and Purpose

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

Work Product

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

Duration

TBD

Judicial Council

Md. Rule 16-110

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