

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND

R U L E S O R D E R

The Supreme Court of Maryland, having adopted Rule 16-310, titled “PILOT PROGRAM FOR EXPANDED VOIR DIRE,” on September 13, 2024, which contained a sunset date of January 1, 2026; and

The Expanded Voir Dire Pilot Program Advisory Board (“Advisory Board”) having advised that it would be beneficial to have additional time to analyze the data and formulate recommendations to the Court and the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure; and

This Court having considered the Advisory Board’s request, and having on its own initiative proposed an amendment to Rule 16-310 to change the sunset date from January 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026, which was posted for comment on the website of the Maryland Judiciary, and which was considered at an open meeting, notice of which was posted as prescribed by law, it is this 4th day of November, 2025

ORDERED, by the Supreme Court of Maryland, that the amendment to Rule 16-310 be, and it is hereby, adopted in the form attached to this Order, effective December 1, 2025; and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be posted promptly on the website of the Maryland Judiciary.

/s/ Matthew J. Fader
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/s/ Shirley M. Watts
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/s/ Brynja M. Booth
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/s/ Jonathan Biran
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/s/ Steven B. Gould
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/s/ Angela M. Eaves
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/s/ Peter K. Killough
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/s/ Gregory Hilton
Clerk

Supreme Court of Maryland

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Gregory Hilton, Clerk

MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE

TITLE 16 – GENERAL COURT ADMINISTRATION

CHAPTER 300 – CIRCUIT COURTS – ADMINISTRATION AND CASE

MANAGEMENT

AMEND Rule 16-310 to change the sunset date from January 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026 in order to provide the Expanded Voir Dire Pilot Program Advisory Board with additional time to analyze the data and formulate recommendations, as follows:

Rule 16-310. PILOT PROGRAM FOR EXPANDED VOIR DIRE

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This Rule 16-310 shall sunset on ~~January 1, 2026~~ July 1, 2026.

Source: This Rule is new.