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The State's Attorneys' Coordination Council was created by Chapter 710, Acts of 1977. The same act established the office of State's Attorneys' Coordinator, who is selected by and serves at the pleasure of the State's Attorneys' Coordination Council. Membership of the Council is composed of the Attorney General of Maryland, the State's Attorneys for Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel County, Prince George's County, and Montgomery County, and the State's Attorney from either Howard, Carroll, or Harford County, the State's Attorney from either St. Mary's, Charles, or Calvert County, the State's Attorney from either Frederick, Washington, Allegany, or Garrett County, the State's Attorney from either Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, or Talbot County, and the State's Attorney from either Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester, or Somerset County. Members of the Council serve two-year terms and may only be members of the Council during their term of elective office.

The State's Attorneys' Coordinator has the responsibility to establish and implement standard and specialized training programs and provide materials for State's Attorneys and their professional staffs; to provide and coordinate continuing legal education programs and services for the State's Attorneys and their staffs; with the approval of the Council to establish and implement uniform reporting procedures for State's Attorneys and their staffs; and to meet and confer regularly with

the Attorney General, the State's Attorneys, and the State's Attorneys' Coordination Council. The State's Attorneys' Coordinator submits an annual report to the Governor, the Attorney General, the General Assembly, the State's Attorneys' Coordination Council, and the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, Inc., on the activities of his office (Code 1957, Art. 10, secs. 41B, 41C).

MARYLAND TAX COURT

Chief Judge: Seymour Korn, 1984

Judges: John Wood Logan, 1983; Henry D. Blair, Jr., 1979; Woodward D. Pealer, 1980; John G. Arthur, 1981.

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By Chapter 757, Acts of 1959, the General Assembly abolished the State Tax Commission and divided its functions between two new agencies, the Maryland Tax Court and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. The Maryland Tax Court performs the judicial and semi-judicial duties of the former Commission. It consists of five judges appointed by the Governor for terms of six years. One is required to be a resident of the Eastern Shore, one a resident of the Western Shore, and one a resident of Baltimore City. The other two are to be residents of the State at large. Not more than three judges may be of the same political party, and each is required to be a taxpayer and a qualified voter of Maryland. At least two must be members of the Bar of the State of Maryland, and the Governor is required to designate one of these as Chief Judge.

The Maryland Tax Court hears appeals from the decision, determination, or order of any agency or any assessing or taxing authority of the State that affects the valuation, assessment, or classification of property, the levy of a tax, or the application for an abatement or reduction of any assessment or tax or exemption therefrom (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 318; Art. 81, secs. 143A, 224 to 231, 256, 258, 259, 309; from allowances, Art. 81, sec. 214C, 217; or disallowances, Art. 81, secs. 214C, 217, 310e; of claims for refunds of taxes, and from cancellations of Motor Vehicle Fuel Dealers licenses, Art. 56, sec. 142a).