

11TH COMMISSION DISTRICT

(Montgomery County)

Devin J. Doolan, Esq., *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who names chair): Mary Lou Fox; Esther Kominers; Aris Mardirossian; Carmen D. Votaw; Charles F. Wilding. *Terms expire 1995.*

Elected by lawyers in 11th Commission District: Paul T. Glasgow, Esq.; Thomas L. Heeney, Esq.; Robert R. Michael, Esq.; William H. Rowan III, Esq.; Harry C. Storm, Esq.; Charles E. Wilson, Jr., Esq.

12TH COMMISSION DISTRICT

(Calvert & St. Mary's Counties)

James M. Banagan, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who names chair): Samuel A. Bergin; William T. Bowen; Shirley E. Colleary; Robert Jeffries; Albertine Thomas Lancaster; John K. Parlett, Jr. *Terms expire 1995.*

Elected by lawyers in 12th Commission District: Janice Briscoe Baldwin, Esq.; David S. Bruce, Esq.; Laurence W. B. Cumberland, Esq.; Julian J. Izydore, Esq.; Michael G. Kent, Esq.; Renee J. LaFayette, Esq.

13TH COMMISSION DISTRICT

(Prince George's County)

James H. Taylor, Jr., Esq., *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who names chair): Annette Funn; Emory A. Harman; William J. Jefferson, Jr.; Ricardo C. Mitchell; Goldi Ziff Nussbaum; Georgia J. Perry. *Terms expire 1995.*

Elected by lawyers in 13th Commission District: Robert C. Bonsib, Esq.; Edward P. Camus, Esq.; G. Richard Collins, Jr., Esq.; Joseph A. Dugan, Jr., Esq.; Bruce L. Marcus, Esq.; Ralph W. Powers, Jr., Esq.

14TH COMMISSION DISTRICT

(Baltimore City)

Nelson I. Fishman, Esq., *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who names chair): Evelyn T. Beasley; John B. Ferron; Michael M. Hart; Sally J. Michel; Rosetta Stith; William H. C. Wilson. *Terms expire 1995.*

Elected by lawyers in 14th Commission District: Peter F. Axelrad, Esq.; Paul D. Bekman, Esq.; Paula M. Junghans, Esq.; Theodore S. Miller, Esq.; Sheila K. Sachs, Esq.; Kenneth L. Thompson, Esq.

15TH COMMISSION DISTRICT

(Charles County)

John M. Sine, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who names chair): H. Cecil Deihl; H. Celeste Downs; James O. Drummond; Salome F. Howard; Julie T. Mitchell; Sanford H. Wilson, Ph.D. *Terms expire 1995.*

Elected by lawyers in 15th Commission District: Amy J. Bragunier, Esq.; Michael A. Genz, Esq.; Thomas C. Hayden, Jr., Esq.; Gordon R. Moreland, Esq.; Carolyn C. Woodside, Esq.; George F. Zverina, Esq.

In 1970, the Governor by executive order established a statewide judicial nominating commission to propose nominees for appointment to the appellate courts, and regional trial court nominating commissions to perform the same function for trial court vacancies. The commissions began operation in 1971. The commissions were reconstituted by

the Governor in 1991 (Executive Order 01.01.1991.05). Each judicial vacancy filled pursuant to the Governor's appointing power must be filled from a list of nominees submitted by one of these nominating commissions.

When a judicial vacancy occurs or is about to occur, the Administrative Office of the Courts notifies the appropriate commission and then solicits applications from interested persons through announcements in the press and by contacting interested bar associations. Applications received are distributed to the commission members.

After the filing deadline for a vacancy has passed, the commission meets to consider applications and relevant information, such as recommendations from bar associations or individual citizens. Each candidate is interviewed by the full commission or by commission panels. The commission then prepares a list of those candidates deemed legally and professionally most fully qualified for judicial office. This list is prepared by secret written ballot. No applicant may be added to the list unless that applicant has the affirmative vote of a majority of the commission members present at a voting session. The list is forwarded to the Governor, who must make an appointment from the commission list.

APPELLATE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSIONAlbert D. Brault, Esq., *Chairperson*

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The Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission nominates candidates for the Court of Appeals and the Court of Special Appeals.

The Commission is composed of fifteen members. The Governor, who chooses the chairperson, appoints one member from each of the six appellate judicial circuits, and one at large member. The remaining seven members are lawyers elected by the Maryland State Bar Association.

TRIAL COURT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSIONS

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Fifteen Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commissions recommend nominees for Circuit Courts and District Courts. Each commission consists of thirteen members. Six are lawyers elected by members of the Maryland State Bar Association within designated geographical areas. Six are lay members appointed by the Governor. The chairperson, who may be either a lawyer or a lay person, also is appointed by the Governor. The terms of members extend to the date of qualification of the Governor