

- DISTRICT 2**
(Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico & Worcester)
- OFFICE OF DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER
John P. Ruc II, Esq., *District Public Defender*
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- ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS
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- DISTRICT 3**
(Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's & Talbot)
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Cecil County
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Appointed by Governor: not yet appointed

- DISTRICT 4 (Calvert, Charles & St. Mary's Counties)**
- OFFICE OF DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER
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- DISTRICT 5 (Prince George's County)**
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- DISTRICT 7 (Anne Arundel County)**
- OFFICE OF DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER
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- DISTRICT 6 (Montgomery County)**
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- DISTRICT 10 (Carroll & Howard Counties)**
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- DISTRICT 11 (Frederick & Washington Counties)**
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- DISTRICT 12 (Allegany & Garrett Counties)**
- OFFICE OF DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER
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- ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER
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The Office of Public Defender was created in 1971 (Chapter 209, Acts of 1971). In criminal and juvenile proceedings within the State, the Office provides indigent persons with counsel, and related necessary services and facilities. The Office assures effective assistance and continuity of counsel to accused indigent persons in custody and to indigent defendants in criminal and juvenile proceedings before the courts of the State. The Office of the Public Defender administers and assures enforcement of these provisions.

The Public Defender provides legal representation for indigent defendants in criminal or juvenile proceedings that require the presence of counsel before a commissioner or judge; in post-conviction proceedings; and in any other proceeding where incarceration may result pursuant to a judicial commitment of individuals to public or private institutions.

The Board of Trustees of the Public Defender system consists of three members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. Two members must be practicing attorneys-at-law.

Appointed by the Board of Trustees, the Public Defender must be an attorney-at-law, who has been admitted to practice in Maryland by the Court of Appeals and engaged in the practice of law for a period of five years prior to appointment. The Public Defender, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, appoints the Deputy Public Defender and, for each district of the District Court, appoints one District Public Defender who must possess the same qualifications as the Public Defender. With the advice of the District Public Defender, Assistant Public Defenders may be appointed by the Public Defender (Code 1957, Art. 27A, secs. 1-14).

Within the Office of the Public Defender are four divisions: Appellate; Capital Defense; Collateral Review; and Mental Health.

PUBLIC DEFENDER REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARDS

Effective October 1, 1996, four regional advisory boards for the Public Defender system will study and observe the operation of district public defender offices. Each board will advise the Public