

Defender and its district public defenders with respect to panels of attorneys, fees, and other matters pertaining to the operation of the district public defender offices and the Public Defender system.

Composed of five members, each board represents from two to four districts of the District Court of Maryland. Members are appointed to three-year terms by the Governor. Annually, the Governor names the chair (Code 1957, Art. 27A, sec. 10).

APPELLATE DIVISION

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The Appellate Division has statewide responsibility for all appellate litigation involving Public Defender clients and provides research and consultation on legal issues for staff and panel attorneys throughout the twelve Public Defender Districts. The Division also publishes a monthly Digest, containing a cumulative summary of all reported Maryland appellate court and U.S. Supreme Court opinions relating to criminal law, as well as comments and articles on procedure, trial tactics, and changes in rules of procedure and criminal statutes.

CAPITAL DEFENSE DIVISION

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The Capital Defense Division provides representation statewide to persons charged with crimes for which they may be subject to the death penalty. The Division also assists public and private attorneys representing these defendants. Division services apply only to representation in or with respect to the courts of Maryland.

COLLATERAL REVIEW DIVISION

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The Collateral Review Division, formerly the Inmate Services Division, offers legal assistance to all indigent inmates who have legal problems concerning their incarceration. The Division provides representation in a wide range of collateral post-trial proceedings, including post-conviction applications, parole revocation, habeas corpus proceedings (including extradition), interstate and intrastate detainers, and requests for credit for time spent in prison prior to trial and sentencing. Informally, without recourse to litigation, the Division also helps resolve inmate complaints and personal problems that arise from incarceration. Referrals are made to the Prisoners Assistance Project of the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., and the Inmate Grievance Office of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

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The Mental Health Division furnishes counsel to all persons civilly committed to mental institutions, and to criminal clients in cases involving mental health and similar issues. The civil commitment representation takes place at hospitals throughout the State and in related court proceedings. For criminal cases, Division staff assist every district and division in the Public Defender system and appear in cases from the District and Juvenile Courts through the Circuit Courts to the Court of Appeals.

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BUDGET (CODE CG00, formerly 22.07.00)

	FY1994 (actual)	FY1995 (actual)	FY1996 (approp.)
Funds			
General	\$7,966,132 . . .	\$8,236,837	\$8,225,205
Total Funds . . .	\$7,966,132 . . .	\$8,236,837	\$8,225,205
Staff			
Authorized	135	135	131
Contractual (FTE)	2	2	2
Total Staff	137	137	133

MANDATED REPORTS

- Annual Report to Governor & General Assembly due third Wednesday of March.*
- Annual Report to General Assembly on terminations of service during previous heating season due June 1.*

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
(CG0001, formerly 22.07.00.01)
FY1996 appropriation \$3,495,111
FY1996 authorized positions 45
H. Russell Frisby, Jr., *Chair*, 1998

Appointed by Governor (who names chair) with Senate advice & consent: E. Mason Hendrickson, 1995; Susanne Brogan, 1996; Claude M. Ligon, Ph.D., 1997; Gerald L. Thorpe, Ph.D., 1999.

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