

General Assembly take steps to provide professional administrative staff to assist the Chief Judge with these duties. In that year, the General Assembly created the Administrative Office of the Courts (Chapter 343, Acts of 1955).

The Office is headed by the State Court Administrator appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. The Office helps the Chief Judge oversee and implement court policies established by the Chief Judge, the Court of Appeals, and the General Assembly.

The Office conducts planning and research; provides staff support for the education and training of judges, as well as nonjudicial personnel; and prepares and administers the Judiciary budget. The Office serves as liaison with the legislative and executive branches; provides staff support for the Maryland Judicial Conference and the Conference of Circuit Judges; operates information systems; and gathers and analyzes statistics and other management information. The Office also assists the Chief Judge in the assignment of judges to cope with temporary backlogs or to address shortages of judicial personnel (Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, sec. 13-101).

The staffs of the circuit administrators in the First, Second and Fourth Judicial Circuits are also attached to the Administrative Office.

**OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON THE CIRCUIT COURT REAL PROPERTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENT FUND**

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The Oversight Committee on the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund was established in 1995 (Chapter 566, Acts of 1995). The Committee advises the State Court Administrator on managing and dispersing the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund, created in 1991 (Chapter 327, Acts of 1991). In each county, the Fund is used to repair, replace, modernize, and maintain equipment in the county land records office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. The Fund is financed by surcharges on county land records.

The Committee has five members. Authorization for the Committee and the Fund continues until June 30, 2001.

**STATE REPORTER**

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**BUDGET (CODE CA0007, formerly 22.01.00.07)**

Funds	FY1994 (actual)	FY1995 (actual)	FY1996 (approp.)
General	\$150,907	\$133,279	\$160,060
Total Funds	\$150,907	\$133,279	\$160,060
<b>Staff</b>			
Authorized	1	1	1
Contractual (FTE)	0	0	0
Total Staff	1	1	1

Appointed by the Court of Appeals, the State Reporter is responsible for the publication of the *Maryland Reports* and the *Maryland Appellate Reports*. *Maryland Reports* contains the official opinions of the Court of Appeals (Const., Art. IV, secs. 14-18A). *Maryland Appellate Reports* contains the official opinions of the Court of Special Appeals (Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, secs. 13-201 through 13-204).

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**JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSIONS APPELLATE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**

Albert D. Brault, Esq., *Chair*

*Appointed by Governor (who names chair):*

- 1st Appellate Circuit: Jane B. Lowe
- 2nd Appellate Circuit: James R. (Ron) DeJuliis
- 3rd Appellate Circuit: Amy Schwab Owens
- 4th Appellate Circuit: Charles W. Pinkney
- 5th Appellate Circuit: James W. Densford
- 6th Appellate Circuit: Kenneth R. Taylor, Jr.
- 7th Appellate Circuit: Susan R. Gelman
- At Large: Rosetta M. Stith, Ph.D.

*Terms expire 1999.*

*Elected by lawyers in Circuit:*

- 1st Appellate Circuit: Peter Ayers Wimbrow III, Esq.
- 2nd Appellate Circuit: Augustus F. Brown, Esq.
- 3rd Appellate Circuit: Pamela B. Sorota, Esq.
- 4th Appellate Circuit: Midgett S. Parker, Esq.
- 5th Appellate Circuit: Roger A. Perkins, Esq.
- 6th Appellate Circuit: Benjamin Rosenberg, Esq.
- 7th Appellate Circuit: Roger W. Titus, Esq.
- At Large: Lynn F. Weinberg, Esq.

**TRIAL COURTS JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSIONS**

1st COMMISSION DISTRICT  
(Somerset, Wicomico & Worcester Counties)  
Martin T. Neat, *Chair*

*Appointed by Governor (who names chair):* Harland I. Cottman; Julia E. Foxwell; Jean S. Laws, Esq.; James F. Morris; John D. Smack, Jr.; Kathleen E. Smith, Esq.; Warren Garrison White; William L. Wilkinson.  
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