

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF MARCH 31, 1988

01.01.1988.06

JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, By Executive Order 01.01.1974.23, the Governor of the State of Maryland created Judicial Nominating Commissions for the purpose of recommending to the Governor the names of persons for appointment to the appellate courts and trial courts of Maryland, and providing for the composition and general functions and procedures of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Order has been revised five times and has provided a system that has worked well and has materially assisted in assuring the appointment of qualified persons in the Judiciary of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, To provide greater local involvement and participation in the process of selecting persons for appointment to the trial courts of Maryland and to strengthen the commitment for fair and appropriate representation of all persons on the Judicial Nominating Commissions, it is necessary to revise the provisions of the Executive Order of January 29, 1987;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY RESCIND EXECUTIVE ORDERS 01.01.1974.23, 01.01.1977.08, 01.01.1979.08, 01.01.1982.05, 01.01.1986.02, AND 01.01.1987.06; AND HEREBY PROMULGATE THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

A. Definitions

(1) In this Executive Order the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Appellate Court" means the Court of Appeals of Maryland the the Court of Special Appeals of Maryland.

(3) "Trial Court" means the District Court of Maryland the the Circuit Court of a County or Baltimore City.

B. Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission

(1) Creation and Composition. The Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission is created as part of the Executive Department. It consists of 13 persons chosen as follows:

(a) One person, who shall be the Chairman, shall be appointed by the Governor. The Chairman may but need not be a lawyer, and shall be selected from the State at large. The Chairman may not hold an office of profit or trust under