

COURT OF APPEALS

Chief Judge:

Frederick W. Brune, Fourth Appellate Circuit.....Baltimore, 1971

Associate Judges:

William R. Horney, First Appellate Circuit.....Centreville, 1973
 Hall Hammond, Second Appellate Circuit.....Stevenson, 1969
 Stedman Prescott, Third Appellate Circuit.....Rockville, 1973
 William L. Henderson, Fourth Appellate Circuit...Baltimore, 1961
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The Court of Appeals is the highest tribunal of the State of Maryland. It was created by the Constitution of 1776. From 1777 to 1805 the Court sat in Annapolis, on the Western Shore. Between 1805 and 1851 it sat at Easton on the Eastern Shore, as well. Since 1851 the Court has met only at Annapolis.

By the terms of the reorganization Act of 1943, the Court is composed of five judges, one being elected from each of the first three Appellate Judicial Circuits and two from the Fourth Appellate Judicial Circuit, which is Baltimore City. The terms of the Judges are for fifteen years. The Governor designates the Chief Judge.

The Court hears appeals from the decisions of the Circuit Courts for the counties and the several courts of Baltimore and also considers applications for leave to appeal denial of relief under the Post Conviction Procedure Act (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 645A-645J). The Court also admits all eligible candidates to the State Bar. The term of the Court begins the second Monday of September in each year.

The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals is the chief administrative officer of the State's judiciary. The Court of Appeals makes rules for the conduct of its own practice and procedure and that of the various trial courts of the State. The Chief Judge may also assign the Judges of the various Circuits to duties in other Circuits and to the Court of Appeals for any purpose.

The Clerk of the Court of Appeals is appointed by the Court. He is the administrative officer of the Court. He maintains the docket, receives the briefs and transcripts of all appeals filed with the Court, and maintains official custody of the decisions of the Court, the Acts of the General Assembly, and of all other records which the law may require to be filed with the Court.

The State Reporter, also appointed by the Court, is responsible for the publication of the *Maryland Reports*, which contain the official opinions of the Court (Const. 1867, Art. IV, secs. 14-18A).

JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS
 FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

(Composed of Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Dorchester counties)

W. Laird Henry, Jr., Chief.....	Cambridge	1961
E. McMaster Duer.....	Princess Anne	1969
Rex A. Taylor.....	Salisbury	1969
Godfrey Child.....	Pocomoke	1960