

**COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS**

**Chief Judge:**

Robert C. Murphy, Second Special Appellate Circuit  
Towson, 1968

**Associate Judges:**

Charles Awdry Thompson, First Special Appellate Circuit  
Cambridge, 1968

Thomas M. Anderson, Third Special Appellate Circuit  
Rockville, 1968

James C. Morton, Jr., Fourth Special Appellate Circuit  
Annapolis, 1968

Charles E. Orth, Jr., Fifth Special Appellate Circuit  
Baltimore, 1968

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The creation of the Court of Special Appeals was authorized by an amendment to the Constitution proposed by Article 10, Acts of 1966, which was ratified on November 8, 1966. The implementing legislation creating the Court was provided by Chapter 12, Acts of 1966 (Const. 1867, Art. IV, sec. 14A; Code 1957, 1966 Repl. Vol., Art. 26, secs. 130-131).

The Court is composed of five judges. One judge is to be elected from each of the five special appellate judicial circuits. The terms of the Judges are for fifteen years. The Governor designates the Chief Judge.

The Court hears criminal appeals (except where a sentence of death is imposed) from the decisions of the Circuit Courts for the counties and the Criminal Court of Baltimore. The Court also considers applications for leave to appeal under the Post Conviction Procedure Act (Code 1957, 1967 Repl. Vol., Art. 27, sec. 645A), and the Defective Delinquent Act (Code 1957, 1967 Repl. Vol., Art. 31B, sec. 11). The term of the Court begins on the second Monday in September in each year.

The Clerk of the Special Court of Appeals is appointed by the Court. He maintains the docket, receives the records and briefs of all appeals filed with the Court and maintains official custody of the decisions of the Court.

**JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS**

**FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

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

E. McMaster Duer, Chief.....	Princess Anne .....	1969
Daniel T. Prettyman.....	Snow Hill .....	1981
C. Burnam Mace.....	Cambridge .....	1981
William W. Travers.....	Salisbury .....	1968

**SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

(Composed of Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties)

J. DeWeese Carter, Chief.....	Denton .....	1981
Edward D. E. Rollins.....	Elkton .....	1973
Thomas J. Keating, Jr.....	Centreville .....	1975
George B. Rasin, Jr.....	Chestertown .....	1977
Harry E. Clark.....	Easton .....	1968
H. Kenneth Mackey.....	Elkton .....	1968