

COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

Chief Judge:

Robert C. Murphy, Second Appellate Circuit.....Towson, 1983

Associate Judges:

Charles Awdry Thompson, First Appellate Circuit

Cambridge, 1983

Thomas M. Anderson, Third Appellate Circuit.....Rockville, 1983

Jerrold V. Powers, Fourth Appellate Circuit

Upper Marlboro, 1972

James C. Morton, Jr., Fifth Appellate Circuit.....Annapolis, 1983

Charles E. Orth, Jr., Sixth Appellate Circuit.....Baltimore, 1983

Richard P. Gilbert, Sixth Appellate Circuit.....Baltimore, 1972

Charles E. Moylan, Jr., At Large.....Baltimore, 1972

J. DeWeese Carter, At Large.....Denton, 1972

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The creation of the Court of Special Appeals was authorized by an amendment to the Constitution proposed by Chapters 10 and 11, Acts of 1966, which was ratified on November 8, 1966. The implementing legislation creating the Court was provided by Chapters 11 and 12, Acts of 1966 (Const. 1867, Art. IV, sec. 14A; Code 1957, 1966 Repl. Vol., Art. 26, secs. 130-131).

The Court was originally composed of five judges, each of whom was elected from a special appellate circuit. Its jurisdiction was limited to hearing primarily criminal appeals except where the death sentence was imposed.

By Chapter 99, Acts of 1970, the number of judges was increased from five to nine. The special appellate judicial circuits were abolished and the new law provided that each judge should be elected from each of the five Appellate Judicial Circuits and two from the Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit representing Baltimore City. Two judges are elected from the state at large. Cases before the Court are to be heard by a panel of not less than three judges. The terms of the judges are for fifteen years and the Governor designates one member of the court as the Chief Judge.

The same act enlarged the jurisdiction of the Court to encompass appeals in numerous civil matters, such as negligence cases arising out of motor vehicle accidents, Workmen's Compensation cases, domestic cases and paternity proceedings.

The Clerk of the Court of Special 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	1985
Daniel T. Prettyman.....	Snow Hill	1981
C. Burnam Mace.....	Cambridge	1981
William W. Travers*.....	Salisbury	1983