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## JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

### FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset and Dorchester counties — 4 Judges

Daniel T. Prettyman, *Chief* Berlin, 1981  
Richard M. Pollitt\* Salisbury, 1989  
Charles E. Edmondson Cambridge, 1991  
Lloyd L. Simpkins Princess Anne, 1991

### SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties — 6 Judges

George B. Rasin, Jr., *Chief\**  
Chestertown, 1977  
Harry E. Clark Easton, 1983  
H. Kenneth Mackey\*\* Elkton, 1983  
B. Hackett Turner, Jr. Centreville, 1985  
J. Albert Roney, Jr. North East, 1987  
K. Thomas Everngam Denton, 1978

### THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Baltimore and Harford counties—13 Judges

John E. Raine, Jr., *Chief* Towson, 1987  
Kenneth C. Proctor Phoenix, 1981  
John N. Maguire Towson, 1983

Walter R. Haile Towson, 1983  
H. Kemp MacDaniel\* Relay, 1983  
Albert P. Close\*\* Churchville, 1983  
Frank E. Cicone\*\* Towson, 1989  
Edward D. Higinbothom Bel Air, 1991  
Marvin J. Land Pikesville, 1991  
Edward A. De Waters Towson, 1991  
William E. Brannan Phoenix, 1991  
William R. Buchanan Towson, 1978  
Broadnax Cameron, Jr. Bel Air, 1978

## FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties — 5 Judges

Stuart F. Hamill, *Chief* Oakland, 1977  
Irvine H. Rutledge\* Hagerstown, 1979  
Harold E. Naughton\*\* Cumberland, 1981  
James S. Getty Lonaconing, 1981  
Paul W. Ottinger Hagerstown, 1987

## FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Anne Arundel, Carroll and Howard counties — 10 Judges

James Macgill, *Chief* Ellicott City, 1987  
Matthew S. Evans\* Severna Park, 1987  
Edward O. Weant, Jr. Westminster, 1981  
E. Mackall Childs\*\* Annapolis, 1981  
W. Harvey Beardmore Annapolis, 1985  
James L. Wray Annapolis, 1987  
Morris Turk Annapolis, 1991  
Nathaniel Hopper Annapolis, 1991  
Bruce C. Williams Annapolis, 1991  
Guy J. Cicone Ellicott City, 1978

## SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Frederick and Montgomery counties — 12 Judges

Ralph G. Shure, *Chief* Silver Spring, 1991  
Robert E. Clapp, Jr.\*\* Frederick, 1981  
Joseph M. Mathias\* Kensington, 1981  
Plummer M. Shearin Chevy Chase, 1983  
H. Ralph Miller Silver Spring, 1985  
David L. Cahoon\*\* Rockville, 1987  
Samuel W. Barrick Frederick, 1985  
John F. McAuliffe Germantown, 1989  
Philip M. Fairbanks Potomac, 1989  
John J. Mitchell Rockville, 1989  
Richard B. Latham Rockville, 1991  
Stanley B. Frosh Bethesda, 1991