

Charles E. Moylan, Jr., At Large	Baltimore, 1987
Edward O. Weant, Jr., At Large	Westminster, 1990
Thomas Hunter Lowe At Large	Wittman, 1989
David T. Mason At Large	Baltimore, 1991
Ridgely P. Melvin, Jr. At Large	Annapolis, 1991
Alan M. Wilner At Large	Baltimore, 1988

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The creation of the Court of Special Appeals was authorized by an amendment to the Constitution, 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; Courts Article, secs. 1-402; (a) and (b), 1-403 (a)-(c)).

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 one judge should be elected from each of the five Appellate Judicial Circuits and two from the Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit representing Baltimore City. By Chapter 361, Acts of 1972, the number of judges was increased from nine to ten. By Chapter 706, Acts of 1974, the number of judges was increased to twelve, with five judges elected from the State at large. By Chapter 252, Acts of 1977, the number of judges was increased to thirteen, with six judges elected from the State at large. Cases before the Court are heard by a panel of not less than three judges. The terms of the judges are for ten years and the Governor designates one member of the court as the chief judge.

Chapter 2, Acts of 1973, Chapters 359 and 448, Acts of 1975, and Chapters 338 and 457,

Acts of 1976, gave the Court of Special Appeals exclusive initial appellate jurisdiction over any reviewable judgment, decree, order, or other action of a Circuit Court or Orphans' Court, except for appeals in criminal cases in which the death penalty is imposed (Chapter 3, Acts of 1978).

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.

CIRCUIT COURT OF MARYLAND

FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Dorchester counties—6 Judges

Daniel T. Prettyman, <i>Chief</i>	Berlin, 1981
Charles E. Edmondson	Cambridge, 1991
Richard M. Pollitt ¹	Salisbury, 1989
Lloyd L. Simpkins	Princess Anne, 1991
Edward O. Thomas	Snow Hill, 1995
Alfred T. Truitt, Jr.	Salisbury, 1993

SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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

George B. Rasin, Jr., ¹ <i>Chief</i>	Chestertown, 1993
Clayton Cann Carter	Centreville, 1995
Harry E. Clark	Easton, 1983
Donaldson C. Cole, Jr.	North East, 1995
K. Thomas Everngam	Denton, 1993
H. Kenneth Mackey	Elkton, 1983

THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Baltimore and Harford counties—13 Judges

John E. Raine, Jr., <i>Chief</i>	Towson, 1987
Paul E. Alpert	Pikesville, 1993
Austin W. Brizendine, Sr.	Towson, 1995
William R. Buchanan	Towson, 1993
Brodnax Cameron, Jr.	Bel Air, 1993
Frank E. Cicone ¹	Towson, 1989
Albert P. Close	Churchville, 1983
Edward A. DeWaters	Towson, 1991
Walter R. Haile	Towson, 1983
Edward D. Higinbotham	Bel Air, 1991
Cullen H. Hormes	Lutherville, 1995
James S. Sfekas	Timonium, 1982
James H. Langrell	Towson, 1982