

James C. Morton, Jr., Fifth Appellate Circuit	Davidsonville, 1983
Solomon Liss, Sixth Appellate Circuit	Baltimore, 1988
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
John J. Bishop, Jr. At Large	Towson, 1991
Alan M. Wilner At Large	Baltimore, 1988
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The Court of Special Appeals, Maryland's intermediate appellate court, was created in 1966 as the result of an increasingly overwhelming caseload in the Court of Appeals, which had caused that court to develop a substantial backlog.

The Court of Special Appeals sits in Annapolis and, although it was originally composed of five judges, now consists of thirteen members. One member of the Court is elected from each of the first five Appellate Judicial Circuits while two members are elected from the Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit (Baltimore City). The remaining six judges are elected from the State at large. Members of the Court of Special Appeals are initially appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and thereafter run on their records without formal opposition. They are elected to a ten-year term of office in the same manner as are members of the Court of Appeals. The Chief Judge of the Court of Special Appeals is designated by the Governor.

The Court of Special Appeals, except as otherwise provided by law, has exclusive initial appellate jurisdiction over any reviewable judgment, decree, order, or other action of a circuit court and generally hears cases appealed as of right from the circuit courts. Judges of the Court are empowered to sit in panels of three. A hearing or rehearing before the Court *en banc* may be ordered in any case by a majority of the incumbent judges of the Court. The Court also considers ap-

plications for leave to appeal in such areas as post conviction, *habeas corpus* matters involving denial of excessive bail, and inmate grievances (Code Courts Article, secs. 1-401 through 1-403).

The clerk of the Court of Special Appeals is appointed by the Court. The clerk 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

Richard M. Pollitt <sup>1</sup> , <i>Chief Judge</i>	Wicomico, 1989
Dale R. Cathell	Worcester, 1997
Charles E. Edmondson	Dorchester, 1991
Lloyd L. Simpkins	Somerset, 1991
Edward O. Thomas	Worcester, 1995
Alfred T. Truitt, Jr.	Wicomico, 1993

### SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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

George B. Rasin, Jr., <sup>1</sup> <i>Chief Judge</i>	Kent, 1993
Clayton C. Carter	Queen Anne's, 1995
Harry E. Clark	Talbot, 1983
Donaldson C. Cole, Jr.	Cecil, 1995
H. Kenneth Mackey	Cecil, 1983
James Owen Wise	Caroline, 1984

### THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Baltimore and Harford counties—16 Judges

John E. Raine, Jr., <i>Chief Judge</i>	Baltimore, 1987
Austin W. Brizendine, Sr.	Baltimore, 1995
William R. Buchanan	Baltimore, 1993
Brodnax Cameron, Jr.	Harford, 1993
Frank E. Cicone <sup>1</sup>	Baltimore, 1989
Albert P. Close	Harford, 1983
Edward A. DeWaters, Jr.	Baltimore, 1991
John F. Fader II	Baltimore, 1997
Walter R. Haile	Baltimore, 1983
Edward D. Higinbotham	Harford, 1991
J. William Hinkel	Baltimore, 1997
Cullen H. Hormes	Baltimore, 1995
James H. Langrall	Baltimore, 1997
James S. Sfekas	Baltimore, 1997
A. Owen Hennegan	Baltimore, 1984
Cypert O. Whitfill	Harford, 1984