

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 for a ten-year term of office. 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 from the circuit courts. Judges of the Court are empowered to sit in panels of three. A hearing or rehearing of a case before the whole Court may be ordered in any case by a majority of the Court's incumbent judges. The Court also considers applications for leave to appeal in such areas as post conviction, *habeas corpus* matters involving denial of excessive bail, and inmate grievances (Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings 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

1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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

Richard M. Pollitt, <i>Chief and Administrative Judge</i>	Wicomico, 1989
Dale R. Cathell	Worcester, 1997
Theodore R. Eschenburg, Sr.	Worcester, 1999
Donald F. Johnson	Dorchester, 1986
Lloyd L. Simpkins	Somerset, 1991
Alfred T. Truitt, Jr.	Wicomico, 1993

2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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

George B. Rasin, Jr., <i>Chief and Administrative Judge</i>	Kent, 1993
Clayton C. Carter	Queen Anne's, 1995
Donaldson C. Cole, Jr.	Cecil, 1995
John C. North II	Talbot, 1999
Edward D. E. Rollins, Jr.	Cecil, 1999
J. Owen Wise	Caroline, 1999

3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Baltimore and Harford counties—17 Judges

John E. Raine, Jr., <i>Chief Judge</i>	Baltimore, 1987
Frank E. Cicone, <i>Administrative Judge</i>	Baltimore, 1989
Austin W. Brizendine, Sr.	Baltimore, 1985
William R. Buchanan	Baltimore, 1993
Brodnax Cameron, Jr.	Harford, 1993
William O. Carr	Harford, 1986
Albert P. Close	Harford, 1999
Edward A. DeWaters, Jr.	Baltimore, 1991
John F. Fader II	Baltimore, 1997
A. Owen Hennegan	Baltimore, 1999
J. William Hinkel	Baltimore, 1997
Cullen H. Hormes	Baltimore, 1993
Leonard S. Jacobson	Baltimore, 1999
Joseph F. Murphy, Jr.	Baltimore, 1986
James S. Sfekas	Baltimore, 1988
Cypert O. Whitfill	Harford, 1999
<i>one vacancy</i>	

4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties—6 Judges

Frederick A. Thayer III, <i>Chief Judge</i>	Garrett, 1993
Frederick C. Wright III, <i>Administrative Judge</i>	Washington, 1999
John P. Corderman	Washington, 1993
Gary G. Leasure	Allegany, 1999
Daniel W. Moylan	Washington, 1997
J. Frederick Sharer	Allegany, 1997

5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Anne Arundel, Carroll, and Howard counties—15 Judges

Morris Turk, <i>Chief Judge</i>	Anne Arundel, 1991
Raymond G. Thieme, Jr., <i>Administrative Judge</i>	Anne Arundel, 1993
Luke K. Burns, Jr.	Carroll, 1995
James C. Cawood, Jr.	Anne Arundel, 1999
Guy J. Cicone	Howard, 1988
Robert F. Fischer	Howard, 1993
Donald J. Gilmore	Carroll, 1993
H. Chester Goudy, Jr.	Anne Arundel, 1993
Robert S. Heise	Anne Arundel, 1993
Robert H. Heller, Jr.	Anne Arundel, 1986
Raymond J. Kane, Jr.	Howard, 1997
Eugene M. Lerner	Anne Arundel, 1995
J. Thomas Nissel	Howard, 1997
Bruce C. Williams	Anne Arundel, 1991
Martin A. Wolff	Anne Arundel, 1995