

6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Frederick and Montgomery counties—15 Judges

- Samuel W. Barrick, *Chief Judge* Frederick, 1985
 - David L. Cahoon, *Administrative Judge* Montgomery, 1987
 - DeLawrence Beard Montgomery, 1986
 - William M. Cave Montgomery, 1995
 - Stanley B. Frosh Montgomery, 1991
 - Richard B. Latham Montgomery, 1991
 - James S. McAuliffe, Jr. Montgomery, 1997
 - John F. McAuliffe Montgomery, 1989
 - William C. Miller Montgomery, 1997
 - John J. Mitchell Montgomery, 1989
 - Irma S. Raker Montgomery, 1997
 - L. Leonard Ruben Montgomery, 1999
 - Calvin R. Sanders Montgomery, 1994
 - William W. Wenner Frederick, 1997
- one vacancy

7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties—19 Judges

- Ernest A. Loveless, Jr., *Chief and Administrative Judge* Prince George's, 1993
 - Arthur M. Ahalt Prince George's, 1999
 - Albert T. Blackwell, Jr. Prince George's, 1991
 - Perry G. Bowen, Jr. Calvert, 1997
 - George W. Bowling Charles, 1991
 - Howard S. Chasanow Prince George's, 1993
 - Richard J. Clark Charles, 1995
 - Vincent J. Femia Prince George's, 1993
 - G. R. Hovey Johnson Prince George's, 1999
 - Jacob S. Levin Prince George's, 1991
 - Robert H. Mason Prince George's, 1993
 - Joseph A. Mattingly St. Mary's, 1987
 - William H. McCullough Prince George's, 1985
 - Audrey E. Melbourne Prince George's, 1995
 - James M. Rea, Sr. Prince George's, 1994
 - David Gray Ross Prince George's, 1995
 - James H. Taylor Prince George's, 1985
 - Robert J. Woods Prince George's, 1993
- one vacancy

8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Baltimore City—23 Judges

- Robert I. H. Hammerman, *Chief Judge* Baltimore, 1999
 - Joseph H. H. Kaplan, *Administrative Judge* 1993
 - Milton B. Allen 1993
 - Edward J. Angeletti 1999
 - Mary Arabian 1990
 - Solomon Baylor 1992
 - Elsbeth Levy Bothe 1995
 - John Carroll Byrnes 1997
 - Hilary D. Caplan 1986
 - Arrie W. Davis 1999
 - Martin B. Greenfeld 1991
 - Kenneth L. Johnson 1997
 - Marshall A. Levin 1987
 - David B. Mitchell 1986
 - James W. Murphy 1985
 - Thomas E. Noel 1999
 - Joseph I. Pines 1992
 - David Ross 1985
 - Edgar P. Silver 1993
 - Thomas Ward 1997
 - Robert B. Watts 1985
- two vacancies

The Circuit Courts are the highest common law and equity courts of record exercising original jurisdiction within the State. Each has full common law and equity powers and jurisdiction in all civil and criminal cases within its county, and all the additional powers and jurisdiction conferred by the Constitution and by law, except where by law jurisdiction has been limited or conferred exclusively upon another tribunal (Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, sec. 1-501).

In each county of the State, there is a circuit court, which is a trial court of general jurisdiction. Its jurisdiction is very broad, but generally it handles the major civil cases and the more serious criminal matters. Circuit courts may also decide appeals from the district court and from certain administrative agencies.

These courts are grouped into eight geographical circuits. Each of the first seven circuits contains two or more counties. The Eighth Judicial Circuit consists of Baltimore City.

Judges of the Baltimore City Circuit Court were formerly appointed to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. The Supreme Bench was composed of six courts, each of which exercised a varying degree of overlapping or separate jurisdiction in relation to the others. As a result of constitutional amendments ratified by the voters in November 1980, the six courts of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore were consolidated. The separate courts became the Circuit Court for Baltimore City on January 1, 1983. This court operates much