

Robert H. Heller, Jr.	Anne Arundel, 2001
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. Wolf	Anne Arundel, 1995

6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Frederick and Montgomery counties—16 Judges

John J. Mitchell, <i>Chief Judge and Circuit Administrative Judge</i>	Montgomery, 1989
DeLawrence Beard	Montgomery, 2001
William M. Cave	Montgomery, 1995
G. Edward Dwyer, Jr.	Frederick, 2001
Stanley B. Frosh	Montgomery, 1991
Richard B. Latham	Montgomery, 1991
James S. McAuliffe, Jr.	Montgomery, 1997
J. James McKenna	Montgomery, 2001
Peter J. Messitte	Montgomery, 2001
William C. Miller	Montgomery, 1997
Irma S. Raker	Montgomery, 1997
L. Leonard Ruben	Montgomery, 1999
Calvin R. Sanders	Montgomery, 1994
Clater W. Smith, Jr.	Frederick, 2001
Mary Ann Stepler	Frederick, 1988
Paul H. Weinstein	Montgomery, 1988

7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties —20 Judges

Ernest A. Loveless, Jr., <i>Chief Judge and Circuit Administrative Judge</i>	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
John H. Briscoe	St. Mary's, 1988
Joseph S. Casula	Prince George's, 2001
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
William H. McCullough	Prince George's, 2001
Audrey E. Melbourne	Prince George's, 1995
Darlene G. Perry	Prince George's, 2001
James M. Rea	Prince George's, 1994
David Gray Ross	Prince George's, 1995
James H. Taylor	Prince George's, 2001
Robert J. Woods	Prince George's, 1993

8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Baltimore City—23 Judges

Robert I. H. Hammerman, <i>Chief Judge</i>	1999
Joseph H. H. Kaplan, <i>Circuit Administrative Judge</i>	1993
Edward J. Angeletti	1999
Mary Arabian	1990
Elsbeth Levy Bothe	1995
John Carroll Byrnes	1997
Hilary D. Caplan	2001
Arrie W. Davis	1999
Kathleen O'Ferrall Friedman	2001
Clifton J. Gordy, Jr.	2001
Martin B. Greenfeld	1991
Ellen M. Heller	1988
Mabel H. Hubbard	2001
Kenneth L. Johnson	1997
Marshall A. Levin	1987
David B. Mitchell	2001
Thomas E. Noel	1999
Joseph I. Pines	1992
John N. Prevas	1988
David Ross	2001
Edgar P. Silver	1993
Marvin B. Steinberg	2001
Thomas Ward	1997

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.

Presently, there are 109 Circuit Court judges, with at least one judge for each county. Unlike the other three levels of courts in Maryland, there is no chief judge for the Circuit Court. Instead, eight circuit administrative judges are appointed by the chief judge of the Court of Appeals. They