

Louis D. Harrington 1992  
 Jerry H. Hyatt 1996  
 Stanley Klavan 1995  
 Henry J. Monahan 1991  
 Douglas H. Moore, Jr. 1987  
 John C. Tracey 1993  
 Cornelius J. Vaughney 1994  
*one vacancy*

DISTRICT 7

Anne Arundel County—6 Judges

Thomas J. Curley, *Administrative Judge* 1992  
 Donald M. Lowman 1992  
 Robert N. Lucke, Sr. 1987  
 Lawrence H. Rushworth 1995  
 George M. Taylor 1990  
 Martha G. Wyatt 1994

DISTRICT 8

Baltimore County—12 Judges

John H. Garmer, *Administrative Judge* 1990  
 William S. Baldwin 1988  
 A. Gordon Boone, Jr. 1992  
 Alfred L. Brennan, Sr. 1994  
 Edward D. Hardesty 1991  
 Barbara Kerr Howe 1995  
 Christian M. Kahl 1994  
 Patricia S. Pytash 1992  
 John P. Rellas 1996  
 Werner G. Schoeler 1991  
 Gerard W. Wittstadt 1996  
*one vacancy*

DISTRICT 9

Harford County—3 Judges

Edwin H. W. Harlan, Jr. 1988  
 Lawrence S. Lanahan, Jr. 1995  
 John S. Landbeck, Jr. 1995

DISTRICT 10

Carroll and Howard counties—5 Judges

Francis M. Arnold, *Administrative Judge*  
 Carroll, 1990  
 R. Russell Sadler Howard, 1990  
 Diane G. Schulte Howard, 1990  
 Donald M. Smith Carroll, 1991  
 James N. Vaughan Howard, 1992

DISTRICT 11

Frederick and Washington counties—4 Judges

Herbert L. Rollins, *Administrative Judge*  
 Frederick, 1995  
 Frederick J. Bower Frederick, 1996  
 Darrow Glaser Washington, 1992  
 James F. Strine Washington, 1992

DISTRICT 12

Allegany and Garrett counties—3 Judges

Paul J. Stakem, *Administrative Judge*  
 Allegany, 1991  
 Jack R. Turney Garrett, 1992  
*one vacancy*

The District Court of Maryland was created by a constitutional amendment ratified in 1970 (Chapter 789, Acts of 1969; Const. 1867, Art. IV, secs. 41A through 41-I). The District Court began operating in July 1971. It replaced an existing miscellaneous system of trial magistrates, people's, and municipal courts. It is a court of record and has statewide jurisdiction.

The District Court has jurisdiction in both criminal (including motor vehicle) and civil areas. It has little equity jurisdiction and has jurisdiction over juvenile cases only in Montgomery County. The exclusive jurisdiction of the District Court generally includes all landlord/tenant cases; replevin actions; motor vehicle violations; criminal cases if the penalty is less than three years imprisonment or does not exceed a fine of \$2,500, or both; and civil cases involving amounts not exceeding \$2,500. It has concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit courts in civil cases over \$2,500 (but not exceeding \$10,000) and concurrent jurisdiction in misdemeanors and certain enumerated felonies. Since there are no juries provided in the District Court, a person entitled to and electing a jury trial must proceed to the circuit court (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 586, 594D, 616 1/2, 643A; Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, secs. 1-601 through 1-608, 2-601 through 2-607, 4-101 through 4-405, 6-403, 7-301, 7-302, 9-201, 11-402, 11-701 through 11-703, 12-401 through 12-404; Code Family Law Article, secs. 4-501 through 4-510).

District Court judges are appointed by the Governor to ten-year terms, subject to Senate confirmation. They do not stand for election. The Chief Judge is appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.