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By Rule of the Court of Appeals, the Attorney Grievance Commission was created in 1975 to supervise and administer the discipline and inactive status of lawyers. The Commission consists of eight lawyers and two lay persons appointed by the Court of Appeals for four-year terms. The chairperson of the Commission is designated by the Court. The Commission appoints, subject to approval of the Court of Appeals, a lawyer to serve as bar counsel and principal executive officer of the disciplinary system. Duties of the bar counsel and his staff include investigation of all matters involving possible misconduct, prosecution of disciplinary proceedings, and investigation of petitions for reinstatement.

By the same Rule of Court, the Court of Appeals also established a disciplinary fund to cover expenses of the Commission and provided for an Inquiry Committee and a Review Board to act upon disciplinary cases. The fund is composed of annual assessments upon members of the bar as a condition precedent to the practice of law. The Review Board consists of eighteen persons appointed to three-year terms by the Commission. Fifteen are attorney members selected by the Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association. Three are lay members from the State at large. Judges are not permitted as members of the board. Appointed by the Commission, the Inquiry Committee consists of attorneys selected by the Bar Associations of the appropriate county or Baltimore City, and lay members (Rule 1100, Chap. BV).

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The State Law Library was originally established as the State Library in 1827. At that time, the Library was an agency of the executive branch (Chapter 53, Acts of 1827). Its primary purpose was to serve the legal and general reference needs of the legislative and judicial branches of State government. The Library operated under this organizational structure until 1978, when it was placed under the Judicial Department and renamed the State Law Library (Chapter 128, Laws of 1978).

The Library Committee, which acts as the governing board of the Library, is composed of at least three members who are appointed by the Court of Appeals. The Committee's powers include appointment of a director of the Library, appropriate rule-making, and purchase authorization for new titles (Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, secs. 13-502, 13-503).

Besides the primary purpose of serving the legal information needs of the State's appellate courts and other branches of State government, and also acting as a resource center for circuit court libraries throughout the State, the Library is open to the public and encourages the use of a number of extremely valuable reference resources, including laws, general reference materials, State and federal government documents, and State and local history and genealogy. With a total collection of over 226,000 volumes, the Library offers the researcher access to a unique information resource. The collection, basically composed of reference material, does not circulate, except to State agency personnel. Much of the collection, however, is available on interlibrary loan and photocopy facilities are available to patrons.

Law-related materials constitute the major portion of the collection. These include reported court decisions from all appellate jurisdictions across the country and Great Britain. Legislative