
COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

Alan M. Wilner, <i>Chief Judge</i>	At Large, 1998
Dale R. Cathell, <i>Judge</i>	1st Appellate Circuit, 1992
Paul E. Alpert, <i>Judge</i>	2nd Appellate Circuit, 1994
William W. Wenner, <i>Judge</i>	3rd Appellate Circuit, 1995
John J. Garrity, <i>Judge</i>	4th Appellate Circuit, 1994
Theodore G. Bloom, <i>Judge</i>	5th Appellate Circuit, 1994
Diana J. Gibbon Motz, <i>Judge</i>	6th Appellate Circuit, 1992
Arrie W. Davis, <i>Judge</i>	6th Appellate Circuit, 1992
Rosalyn B. Bell, <i>Judge</i>	At Large, 1994
John J. Bishop, Jr., <i>Judge</i>	At Large, 1992
Robert F. Fischer, <i>Judge</i>	At Large, 1990
Charles E. Moylan, Jr., <i>Judge</i>	At Large, 1997
Glenn T. Harrell, Jr., <i>Judge</i>	At Large, 1992

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BUDGET (CODE 22.01.00.02)

FY1991 appropriation	\$4,371,732
FY1991 authorized positions	72

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

CHIEF JUDGE

Alan M. Wilner, *Chief Judge* (designated by
 Governor) 974-2297

JUDGES

CLERK

Leslie D. Gradet, *Clerk* (appointed by Court
 of Special Appeals) 974-3646

CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Susan L. Rosenblum 974-3646

DEPUTY CLERKS

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The Court of Special Appeals, Maryland's intermediate appellate court, was created in 1966 to alleviate a substantial backlog of cases in the Court of Appeals (Const., Art. IV, sec. 14A). The Court of Special Appeals sits in Annapolis.

Except as otherwise provided by law, the Court of Special Appeals has exclusive initial appellate jurisdiction over any reviewable judgment, decree, order, or other action of a circuit court or an orphans' court and generally hears cases appealed from the circuit courts (Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, sec. 12-308). 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 or excessive bail, and inmate grievances (Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, secs. 1-401 through 1-403).

The Court of Special Appeals is composed of thirteen judges. Initially, judges are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Thereafter, they run on their records without formal opposition for a ten-year term. One judge is elected from each of the first five Appellate Judicial Circuits and two are elected from the Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit (Baltimore City). The remaining six judges are elected from the State at large. The Chief Judge of the Court of Special Appeals is designated by the Governor.

The clerk is appointed by the Court of Special Appeals. The clerk maintains the docket, receives the records and briefs of all appeals filed with the Court, and maintains official custody of Court decisions.