

12TH COMMISSION DISTRICT
(Calvert & St. Mary's Counties)
John Milton Sine, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair): James M. Banagan; Samuel A. Bergin; Shirley E. Colleary; Albertine Thomas Lancaster; Julie T. Mitchell; Dr. Sanford Hardaway Wilson.

Elected by lawyers in 12th Commission District: Karen H. Abrams; David Harris Chapman; Michael Andrew Genz; Thomas C. Hayden, Jr.; David F. Jenny; Thomas Larner Starkey.

13TH COMMISSION DISTRICT
(Prince George's County)
Vacancy, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair): Linda W. Botts; James T. Culbreath; Otis Ducker; Annette Funn; Emory Harman; Dorothy Troutman.

Elected by lawyers in 13th Commission District: Edward P. Camus; Ralph W. Powers, Jr.; G. Richard Collins, Jr.; Howard Edward Goldman; Bruce Lawrence Marcus; James H. Taylor, Jr.

14TH COMMISSION DISTRICT
(Baltimore City)
Nelson I. Fishman, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair): John B. Ferron; Michael M. Hart; William L. Jews; Sally Michel; Rosetta Stith; William H. C. Wilson.

Elected by lawyers in 14th Commission District: Peter F. Axelrad; Paul D. Bekman; Louise Michaux Gonzales; Paula M. Junghans; Theodore S. Miller; Kenneth L. Thompson.

15TH COMMISSION DISTRICT
(Charles County)

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair): not yet appointed

Elected by lawyers in 15th Commission District: not yet elected

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The Commission on Judicial Disabilities was established in 1966 by constitutional amendment (Chapter 773, Acts of 1965; Const., Art. IV, sec. 4A). The Commission is empowered to investigate complaints against members of the Maryland Judiciary. It conducts hearings or takes informal action as it deems necessary, provided that the judge involved has been properly notified.

To determine whether to initiate formal proceedings, the Commission conducts a preliminary investigation after which a hearing may be held regarding the judge's alleged misconduct or disability. If, as a result of these hearings, the Commission, by majority vote, decides that a judge should be retired, removed, censured, or publicly reprimanded, it recommends that course of action to the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals may order a more severe discipline of the judge than the Commission recommends. The Commission also has the power, in limited situations, to issue a private reprimand.

The Commission's primary function is to receive, investigate, and hear complaints against Maryland judges. Formal complaints must be in writing and notarized, but no particular form is required. Individuals also may write or call the Commission to express dissatisfaction concerning the outcome of a case or some judicial ruling.

The Commission also supplies judicial nominating commissions with confidential information concerning reprimands to or pending charges against those judges seeking nomination to judicial offices (Md. Rule 1227).

The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Governor. Members include four judges presently serving on the bench, two members of the bar who have been engaged in legal practice for at least fifteen years, and one lay person representing the public (Code Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, secs. 13-401 through 13-403; Md. Rule 1227).

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Bedford T. Bentley, Jr., *Secretary*

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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES

Chairperson: Theodore G. Bloom, Associate Judge, Court of Special Appeals, 1995

Appointed by Governor: George J. Helinski, 1992; Barbara Kerr Howe, 1992; Martha Eleanor Church, Ph.D., 1993; Nathan Patz, 1993; Charles O. Fisher, Sr., 1995; G. R. Hovey Johnson, 1995.

Howard E. Wallin, *Executive Secretary*