

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

Part of the Executive Branch, independent agencies are those offices, commissions, boards, departments, and other agencies of State government established by statute as independent units of government. Generally, the law creating an independent agency originates with the Maryland General Assembly, but occasionally an agency is formed pursuant to a mandate of the U.S. Congress. While statutorily distinct from principal departments of State government, independent agencies may receive budgetary or administrative support from them.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

John W. Hardwicke, *Chief Administrative Law Judge*

Administrative Law Building
Green Spring Station
10753 Falls Road
Lutherville, MD 21093 (410) 321-3993

BUDGET (CODE 23.01.11)

Funds	FY1992 (actual)	FY1993 (actual)	FY1994 (approp.)
General	\$ 728,700		
Special	\$ 10,184	\$ 11,565	\$ 25,000
Reimbursable	\$ 6,159,017	\$ 6,803,476	\$ 6,845,657
Total Funds	\$ 6,897,901	\$ 6,815,041	\$ 6,870,657
Staff			
Authorized	139.1	121.5	117.5
Contractual (FTE)	3.0	.0	
Total Staff	142.1	121.5	

MANDATED REPORTS

Annual Report to Governor & General Assembly.
Annual Report of State Advisory Council on Administrative Hearings to Legislative Policy Committee.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

John W. Hardwicke, *Chief Administrative Law Judge*, 1996 (appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent) (410) 321-3993

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

(410) 321-2191
Paul A. Tiburzi, Esq., *Chairperson*, 1996

Appointed by Governor: Susan Dishler Shubin, 1996; Dorothy A. Phillips, 1997; Scott M. Uhl, 1997; Nathan J. Greenbaum, Esq., 1998; W. Marshall Rickert, 1998.

Appointed by Senate President: F. Vernon Boozer

Appointed by House Speaker: Carol S. Petzold

Ex officio: Robert A. Zarnoch, Esq., designee of Attorney General

DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

James G. Klair (410) 321-3993

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Judith S. Singleton, *Executive Administrative Law Judge* (410) 321-3993

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

(410) 321-3993

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Mary S. Barranco, *Executive Administrative Law Judge* (410) 321-3993

ADMINISTRATION

Benjamin C. Rudo, *Director of Administration* (410) 321-2038

The Office of Administrative Hearings was authorized in 1989 and established in January 1990 (Chapter 788, Acts of 1989). An administrative hearing provides the opportunity for a citizen to appear before an Administrative Law Judge to obtain an unbiased and objective review of an action taken by a State administrative agency with which the citizen disagrees. The Office is responsible for hearing all contested State administrative law cases except for those concerning agencies exempted by law.

The Office is headed by the Chief Administrative Law Judge who is appointed to a six-year term by the Governor with Senate advice and consent (Code State Government Article, secs. 9-1601 through 9-1610).

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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Authorized in 1989, the State Advisory Council on Administrative Hearings, was created in 1990 (Chapter 788, Acts of 1989). The Council advises the Chief Administrative Law Judge and identifies issues of importance to Administrative Law Judges that should be addressed by the Chief Administrative Law Judge. The Council also reviews matters relating to administrative hearings and the administrative process, as well as policies and regulations proposed by the Chief Administrative Law Judge.

The Council is composed of nine members. Six are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor. The Senate President chooses a senator and the House Speaker a delegate to serve on the Council. The Attorney General (or designee) serves *ex officio* (Code State Government Article, secs. 9-1608 through 9-1610).