

---

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

---

Walter E. Black, Jr., *Chief Judge*

*Associate Judges:* Deborah K. Chasanow; Marvin J. Garbis; Benson E. Legg; Peter J. Messitte; J. Frederick Motz; William M. Nickerson; Frederic N. Smalkin.

*Senior Judges:* John Raymond Hargrove, Sr.; Alexander Harvey II; Joseph C. Howard; Frank A. Kaufman; Herbert F. Murray; Edward S. Northrop; Joseph H. Young.

Joseph A. Haas, *Clerk*

Edward J. Garmatz Federal Courthouse  
101 West Lombard St.  
Baltimore, MD 21201

(410) 962-2600

The United States District Courts are trial courts with general federal jurisdiction. Each state has at least one federal district court.

The United States District Court for the District of Maryland was established in 1789 by the federal Judiciary Act of 1789. The Court convened for the first time in 1790 at Baltimore and alternated sessions between Baltimore and Easton until 1822, when the Court moved to the New Masonic Hall on St. Paul Street, Baltimore. The Court moved to its present site in 1976.

Under the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court are the U.S. Bankruptcy Judges, the U.S. Magistrate Judges, probation officers, court reporters, and their staffs.

Judges of the U.S. District Court are appointed by the President of the United States with the advice and consent of the U.S. Senate. Presently, sixteen judges sit on the Court. The Chief Judge and nine associate judges serve full-time. Seven senior judges still hear cases but no longer assume full-time duties.

---

**U.S. DISTRICT COURT BIOGRAPHIES**  
**CHIEF JUDGE**

**WALTER E. BLACK, JR.** Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, since 1991 (Associate Judge, 1982-91). Born in Baltimore, Maryland, July 7, 1926. Harvard University, A.B., 1946; Harvard University Law School, LL.B., 1949. Admitted to Maryland Bar, 1949. Member, American, Maryland State and Baltimore City Bar Associations. Assistant U.S. Attorney for District of Maryland, 1953-55. U.S. Attorney for District of Maryland, 1956-57. Chairman, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Baltimore City, 1963-67. Member, Mayor's Advisory Committee for Workable Program for

Community Improvement, Baltimore City, 1963-67. Chairman, Subcommittee on Community Planning Program, Mayor's Task Force on Civil Rights, Baltimore City, 1965-67. Member, Jail Board, Baltimore City, 1971-73. Member, Governor's Commission to Revise the Annotated Code, 1975-82. Member, Attorney Grievance Commission, 1978-82. Member, Lawyers' Round Table; Rule Day Club; Harvard/Radcliffe Club of Maryland; Harvard Law School Association of Maryland. Office telephone: (410) 962-0107.

**ASSOCIATE JUDGES**

**DEBORAH K. CHASANOW.** Associate Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, since 1993. U.S. Magistrate Judge, 1987-93. Born in Washington, DC, April 23, 1948. Douglass College, Rutgers University, B.A., 1970, Phi Beta Kappa; Stanford University, J.D., 1974. Admitted to Maryland Bar, 1974; District of Columbia Bar, 1975. Law clerk to Judge David L. Cahoon, Montgomery County Circuit Court, 1974-75. Member, Maryland State Bar Association (committee on pattern jury instructions—criminal, past chair, section on criminal law & practice; council member, section on litigation). Member, Prince George's County and Women's Bar Associations. Private practice of law, Cole and Groner, Washington, DC, Aug.-Dec. 1975. Chief, Criminal Appeals Division, Office of Attorney General, 1979-87. Member, Court of Appeals Standing

Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure (consultant to criminal & appellate rules subcommittees). Member, Governor's Advisory Board on Rape and Sexual Offenses, 1982-84; Governor's Task Force to Review the Defense of Insanity, 1982-84. Past lecturer (constitutional criminal procedure), University of Maryland School of Law and University of Baltimore School of Law. Faculty member, Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers (MICPEL). Member, Marlborough American Inn of Court (past president); Wrangler's Law Club; National Association of Women Judges. Office telephone: (410) 962-4953.

**MARVIN J. GARBIS.** Associate Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, since 1989. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, June 14, 1936. The Johns Hopkins