

207 a. The clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore shall have power at any time to take bail when authorized by the court, whether the court is in session or not, and although the defendant is not present or does not join in the recognizance; but in all cases, before bail is taken by the clerk, the court shall fix the amount thereof. Bail taken.

207 b. Whenever any person charged with a criminal offense desires to be admitted to bail, his recognizor, except as provided for in the next succeeding section, shall sign and make oath to an application in which shall be stated the location of his property, his interest therein, its value, ground rent, mortgages and other recognizances and incumbrances, if any, to which it may be subject, and such other matters as may be inquired of, and required to be inserted in the application by the clerk to whom such application is made, to enable such clerk to determine the value of the security offered. Admitted to bail.

207 c. The clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore may, when so ordered by the Court, admit any person to bail on his own recognizance, or may accept a recognizor without stated property qualifications. Duty of clerk.

207 d. It shall be sufficient for recognizances taken in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, when signed by the judge or the clerk thereof, to conform to the following formula: "You and each of you acknowledge yourselves to owe and stand indebted to the State of Maryland in the sum of _____ dollars for the appearance of _____ at this court on the _____ day of _____ 18____, to answer the charge alleged against him, and to attend this court thenceforth from day to day until discharged therefrom in due course of law." Formula to follow.

207 e. Every recognizance taken in any criminal proceeding in Baltimore city shall be a lien upon the property of the recognizor mentioned in his application from the date of the acknowledgment of such recognizance, unless such recognizance shall have been acknowledged before a police justice or before a court upon writ of habeas corpus, in which case it shall be a lien from the time it is filed with the clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore. When any recognizance is forfeited it shall become a judgment, and shall have all the effect of judgments rendered in civil causes, and may be enforced by execution by order of the State's Attorney at any time within six years from the date of the forfeiture, and not afterwards. Lien of property.

207 f. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore immediately to record, in a properly