

~~attorney may not reveal certain information unless certain conditions are met,~~ and generally relating to the publication release of addresses and telephone numbers of certain victims and witnesses.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 9-501 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5.  
Victims and Witnesses - Publication Release of  
Addresses and Telephone Numbers"  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

Preamble

~~It is the public policy of this State to protect the rights of victims or witnesses from harassment. To that end, it is the legislative intent of this Act to limit the publication of the addresses and telephone numbers of victims and witnesses to the extent that this goal does not conflict with the proper administration of justice or the preparation of the cases or arguments by attorneys, now, therefore,~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

SUBTITLE 5. VICTIMS AND WITNESSES -  
PUBLICATION RELEASE OF ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

9-501.

~~(A) UNLESS DISCLOSURE HAS PREVIOUSLY TAKEN PLACE ON MOTION OF EITHER PARTY, DURING A CRIMINAL TRIAL, A JUDGE MAY NOT REQUIRE PROHIBIT THE RELEASE OF THE ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE VICTIM OR WITNESS UNLESS THE JUDGE DETERMINES THAT, UNDER THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES, THE INFORMATION IS NECESSARY AND RELEVANT AND THE VICTIM OR WITNESS IS FIRST NOTIFIED THAT THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE RELEASED.~~

~~(B) A DEFENSE ATTORNEY MAY NOT REVEAL TO THE DEFENDANT OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THE ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER OF A VICTIM OR A STATE'S WITNESS OF A CRIME, OTHER THAN A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE VICTIM OR WITNESS.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 21, 1985.

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