

(3) A master, at the time of appointment and at all times while serving as a master, shall be a member in good standing of the Maryland Bar.

[(4) (i) In Prince George's County, the judges of the circuit court may not appoint or continue the appointment of masters for juvenile causes, except for the purpose of conducting:

1. Probable cause hearings, detention hearings, arraignments, acceptances of admissions, and restitution hearings in delinquency cases under Subtitle 8A of this title;

2. Shelter care, adjudicatory, and disposition hearings in CINA cases under this subtitle; and

3. Voluntary placement hearings under this subtitle.

(ii) A master in Prince George's County may not conduct:

1. An adjudicatory hearing in delinquency cases under Subtitle 8A of this title, unless the adjudicatory hearing is limited to the acceptance of an admission;

2. A disposition hearing in delinquency cases under Subtitle 8A of this title; or

3. A peace order proceeding under Subtitle 8A of this title.]

(b) (1) A master appointed for juvenile causes may conduct hearings.

(2) Each proceeding shall be recorded, and the master shall make findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations as to an appropriate order.

(3) The proposals and recommendations shall be in writing, and, within 10 days after the hearing, the original shall be filed with the court and a copy served on each party to the proceeding.

(c) (1) Any party, in accordance with the Maryland Rules, may file written exceptions to any or all of the master's findings, conclusions, and recommendations, but shall specify those items to which the party objects.

(2) The party who files exceptions may elect a hearing de novo or a hearing on the record before the court unless the party is the State in proceedings involving juvenile delinquency under Subtitle 8A of this title.