

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON  
SENIOR JUDGES

WHEREAS, The complexity and volume of case filings having placed considerable strain on judicial resources within the state, and further, certain retired judges having been called upon to hear settlement conferences, status conferences, pretrial conferences, and to try cases if necessary,

WHEREAS, These judges being integral to the operation of the Judiciary, certain clarifications of the procedures for judges subject to recall are appropriate,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and administrative head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, do this 25th day of August 2016, order as follows:

- (a) These judges, having previously been referred to as recalled judges, henceforth shall be referred to as senior judges.
- (b) All senior judges recalled for a temporary court assignment shall receive a per diem, whether for courtroom or non-courtroom time, or when the judge is conducting Judiciary business as directed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. Compensation shall be based on Md. Code Ann., Cts. & Jud. Proc. § 1-302(f)(1).
- (c) All senior judges must be willing to accept whatever cases or matters they are assigned, except in cases of conflict of interest or other such circumstances.
- (d) All senior judges serving in multi-judge jurisdictions, in either circuit courts or District Court, must ensure that no sitting judge on that court needs assistance before leaving for the day.

- (e) All senior judges serving in a single-judge jurisdiction, in either circuit courts or District Court, must remain available to handle matters that come before the court until the close of business.
- (f) When a senior judge participates in judicial education pursuant to the Administrative Order on Continuing Education of Judges, Magistrates, and Commissioners, he or she shall receive a per diem.
- (g) If a senior judge serves on a committee or work group of the Judiciary, including the Maryland Judicial Council, its committees, subcommittees, or workgroups, or is specifically requested to attend such a meeting by its chair, he or she shall receive a per diem.
- (h) Senior judges will be reimbursed for mileage and/or meals in accordance with the State Court Administrator's travel policy.
- (i) The Administrative Order on Status and Per Diem of Recalled Judges, filed May 2, 2007, and the Amending Administrative Order on Status and Per Diem of Recalled Judges, filed August 20, 2008, shall be and hereby are rescinded effective immediately.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera  
Mary Ellen Barbera  
Chief Judge  
Court of Appeals of Maryland

Filed: August 25, 2016

/s/ Bessie M. Decker  
Bessie M. Decker  
Clerk  
Court of Appeals of Maryland