

**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND**  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AS TO APPLICATION OF MARYLAND RULE 4-271  
IN CECIL COUNTY

WHEREAS, An Administrative Order, dated May 12, 2003, suspended Maryland Rule 4-271(a)(1) for all cases transferred from the District Court on jury trial demand in recognition of the critical impact on the Circuit Court's efficient operation; and

WHEREAS, Authority for the County Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court for Cecil County to designate judges to grant postponements was unnecessary during the period for which suspension of Maryland Rule 4-271(a)(1) was to be effective; and

WHEREAS, That period expired on December 12, 2003; and

WHEREAS, The County Administrative Judge has requested reinstatement of the authority under Maryland Rules 4-217(a)(2) and 16-101d3(ii) to designate other judges to postpone appeals from the District Court or cases transferred on jury trial demand;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert M. Bell, 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 and Maryland Rule 16-101d3(ii), do hereby order, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004, that, effective immediately:

1. The County Administrative Judge has my approval to authorize, under Maryland Rule 16-101d3, one or more judges to postpone cases transferred to the Circuit Court for Cecil County from the District Court on demand for jury trial or appealed to the Circuit Court for Cecil County from the District Court;
2. The Administrative Order, dated May 12, 2003, is rescinded.

/s/ Robert M. Bell  
Chief Judge  
Court of Appeals of Maryland

Filed: February 4, 2004

/s/Alexander L. Cummings  
Clerk  
Court of Appeals of Maryland