

How to Apply

Interested attorneys may download an application at mdcourts.gov or email their contact information, including jurisdictional preferences, to: appointedattorneys@mdcourts.gov, or call 410-260-1230.

Applications can be emailed to the above email, faxed to (410) 260-1217 or mailed to:

Commissioner Headquarters

ATTN: Appointed Attorney's Program
251 Rowe Boulevard, Suite 341
Annapolis, MD 21401

ADA Compliance

The Judiciary is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you have a disability and need an accommodation, please contact Lee Robinson at 410-260-1205.

For additional information:

mdcourts.gov/district/appointedattorneys

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It is the policy of the Judiciary, under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 13166; 40 U.S.C. 122 and other related Maryland statutes and regulations, that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, creed, political affiliation, belief or opinion, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression or genetic information, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination, retaliation or harassment under any federally or non-federally funded program or activity administered by the Judiciary.



Appointed Attorneys Program



**District Court
of Maryland**

The Program

The Maryland Judiciary is actively seeking attorneys to serve in the District Court of Maryland Appointed Attorneys Program.

The program was created in response to a ruling issued by the Maryland Court of Appeals that held that indigent criminal defendants have a state constitutional right to appointed counsel at initial appearances before District Court commissioners.

This program provides attorneys with the opportunity to contribute their valuable legal expertise to assist low income Marylanders, while receiving compensation from the state.

Selection of Attorneys

To be eligible for the District Court of Maryland Appointed Attorneys Program, an attorney must:

- Be licensed to practice in the State of Maryland, in good standing and not subject to any pending disciplinary proceedings;
- Certify that the information videos and the Maryland Rules on initial appearances have been reviewed;
- Agree to compensation of \$60 an hour, plus reimbursement of mileage and tolls, for services rendered or receive pro bono credit; and
- Complete an application form and an anti-discrimination acknowledgement.

Scheduling

The scheduling process for the Appointed Attorney Program is quite complex and is affected by a multitude of factors including the number of hearings held, the demand for attorneys at these locations, and shifts available for staffing and funding.

The Appointed Attorney Program Coordinators (Coordinators) strive to make the scheduling process as fair as possible and to include as many attorneys as possible, but the overriding goal is to fulfill the Constitutional mandate to ensure those who are arrested and cannot afford an attorney have the opportunity of being represented by an attorney.

The Coordinators continually adjust the process and are continually adding new attorneys in scheduling. Due to this, the Coordinators will not provide information on scheduling, cannot accept unsolicited calls to be scheduled and will only accept emails regarding preferences. The Coordinators will contact attorneys for all scheduling.

Applying to the program does not guarantee any selection to serve as an appointed attorney and any selection does not guarantee further or continued selection to serve as an appointed attorney.