



2024 Judicial Council

Chief Justice Matthew J. Fader*
Chair
Supreme Court

Hon. Donine Carrington Martin
Charles County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Audrey J. S. Carrión*
Chair
Conference of Circuit Judges

Hon. Karen Christy Holt Chesser
St. Mary's County
District Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Heather DeWees
Vice-Chair
Conference of Circuit Court
Clerks

Nancy Faulkner, Secretary
Deputy State Court
Administrator

Hon. Jeffrey S. Getty
Allegany County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Fred S. Hecker
Vice-Chair
Conference of Circuit Judges

Kathy Hefner
Administrative Clerk
Montgomery County
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Geoffrey Hengerer
Baltimore City
District Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. James A. Kenney III
Chair
Senior Judges Committee

Rebecca Kimball
Administrative Clerk
Cecil County
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Stacy Mayer
Baltimore County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Stephanie Medina
Chair
Conference of Circuit Court
Administrators

Hon. John P. Morrissey*
Chief Judge
District Court of Maryland

Amanda Purnell
Vice-Chair
Conference of Circuit Court
Administrators

Judy Rupp*
State Court Administrator

Hon. Shaem Spencer
Anne Arundel County
District Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kevin Tucker
Chair
Conference of Circuit Court
Clerks

Roberta Warnken
Chief Clerk
District Court

Hon. E. Greg Wells*
Chief Judge
Appellate Court

Hon. Alan Wilner
Chair
Rules Committee

* Denotes Executive Committee Member

Judicial Council Committees 2024

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Committee

Hon. John S. Nugent, Chair

Court Access Committee

Hon. Brett R. Wilson, Chair

Court Operations Committee

Hon. Mark F. Scurti, Chair

Court Technology Committee

Hon. Fred S. Hecker, Chair

District Court Chief Judge's
Committee

Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chair

Domestic Law Committee

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette, Chair

Education Committee

Hon. Laura S. Ripken, Chair

Equal Justice Committee

Hon. Vicki Ballou-Watts, Chair

Juvenile Law Committee

Hon. William V. Tucker, Chair

Legislative Committee

Hon. Stacy A. Mayer, Chair

Major Projects Committee

Hon. John P. Morrissey and
Judy Rupp, Co-Chairs

Senior Judges Committee

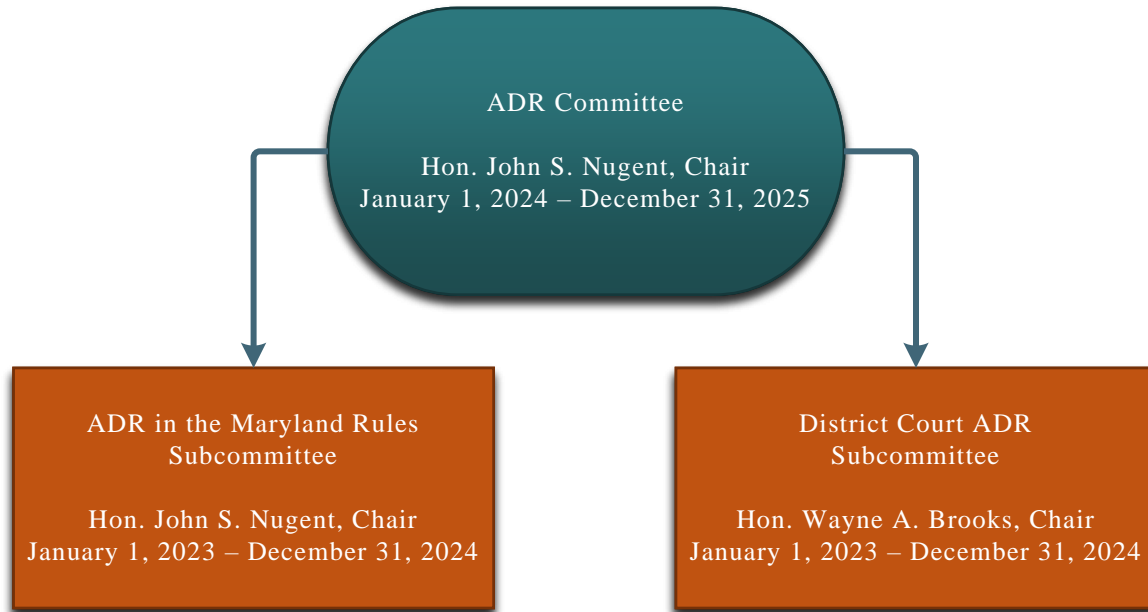
Hon. James A. Kenney III, Chair

Special Projects Committee

Hon. Matthew J. Fader, Chair

Specialty Courts and Dockets
Committee

Hon. Kimberly M. Davis, Chair



Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee

Hon. John S. Nugent, Chair
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Lynne Battaglia
Senior Judge

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Paul M. Bowman
Senior Judge

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Nathan Braverman
Senior Judge

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Wayne A. Brooks
Howard County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Peter Killough
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Amanda Purnell
Court Administrator
Talbot County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Sara Schwartzman
Baltimore City

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Melanie M. Shaw
Appellate Court

January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023

Hon. Dennis M. Sweeney
Senior Judge

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Mark Tyler
Somerset County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: MAUREEN DENIHAN, CYNTHIA JURRIUS, AND ANNAMARIA WALSH

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee will promote the use of appropriate dispute resolution processes throughout the courts. It will provide an avenue for courts to vet changes to their alternative dispute resolution rules and standards of conduct.

WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will review and make recommendations to alternative dispute resolution rules. It will monitor pending legislation that potentially could impact alternative dispute resolution programs and services. The Committee will respond to legislative inquiries in coordination with the Office of Government Relations. It will oversee the development and implementation of alternative dispute resolution programs and processes in the courts. The Committee also will oversee revisions to the standards of conduct for mediators, as well as other publications that govern alternative dispute resolution in the courts. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

DURATION

Indefinite.

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ADR in the Maryland Rules Subcommittee

Hon John S. Nugent, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Earl Bartgis, Jr. Frederick County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Nathan Braverman Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Wendy Cartwright Prince George's County Orphan's Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Mimi Cooper Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Erin M. Danz Carroll County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Maureen Denihan ADR Program Director District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Lenore R. Gelfman Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Barbara Kerr Howe Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Cynthia Jurrius MACRO Program Director AOC January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Margaret Kent Worcester County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Dawne Lindsey Clerk of Court Allegany County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Michael McAuliffe Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Amanda Purnell Court Administrator Talbot County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	VACANT Administrative Clerk January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Mark F. Scurti Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Annamaria Walsh ADR Program Director Appellate Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Alexander Wright, Jr. Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Ricardo Zwaig Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: ANDREW FONTANELLA

PURPOSE

At all levels of the Judiciary, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) is used to assist courts in disposing of cases, helping parties reach mutually acceptable agreements, limiting trial or appellate issues in complex cases, accessing resources used in the courts, or any combination thereof. Over the course of time, the ADR field has matured, as have court ADR programs. The ADR Committee has an interest in ensuring the Rules and the intentions of the court programs are aligned to promote the best, most efficient and effective use possible of ADR options and procedures in the courts. The ADR Committee has made this a goal under the Judicial Council's Strategic Plan Checklist.

WORK PRODUCT

The Subcommittee is tasked with reviewing the Maryland Rules as they relate to ADR, and proposing revisions as needed for consideration by the ADR Committee and, if appropriate, the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

EXPECTED DURATION

November 28, 2025

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District Court ADR Subcommittee
Hon. Wayne A. Brooks, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Catherine Chen
Baltimore City
District Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Mimi Cooper
Senior Judge
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Rebecca Kimball
Administrative Clerk
District 3
July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. David Martz
Wicomico County
District Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Eric J. Nee
Montgomery County
District Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: SHANNON BAKER, MAUREEN DENIHAN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The District Court ADR Subcommittee assists and advises the Chief Judge of the District Court and the ADR Committee with respect to the District Court ADR Department and its programs and serves as a District Court liaison to the broader ADR community.

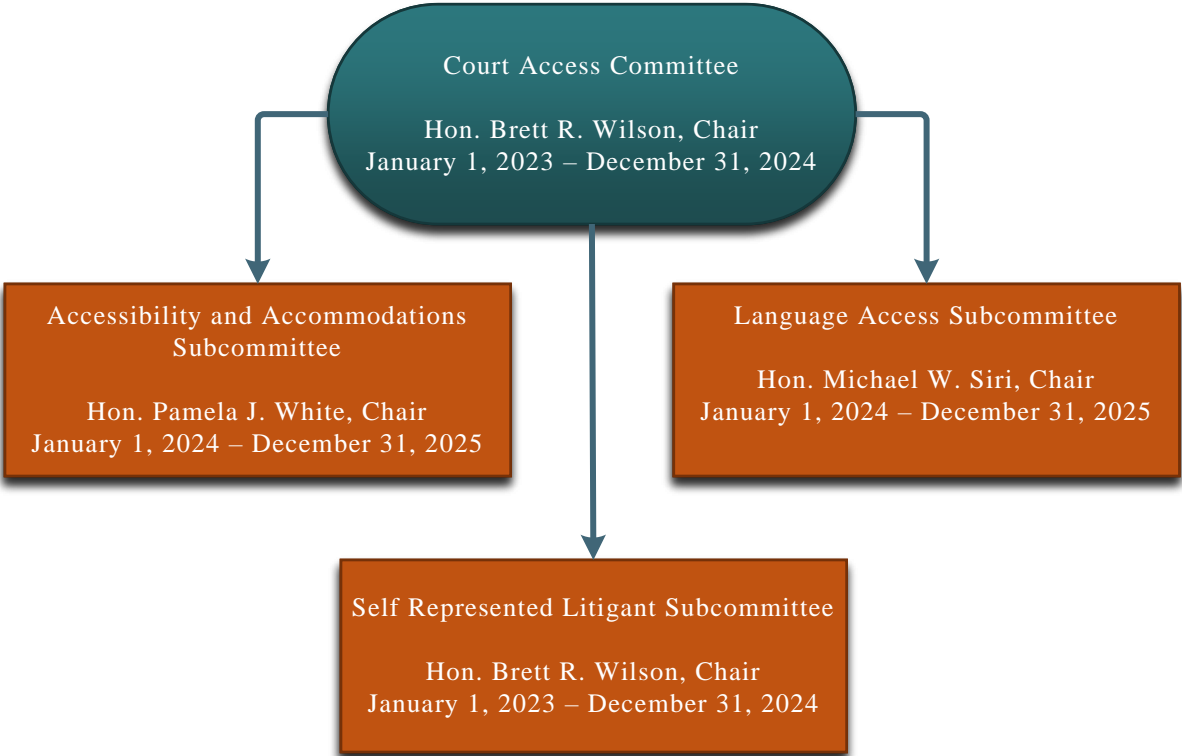
WORK PRODUCT

Continued assistance by the ADR Committee and the District Court Subcommittee to the Chief Judge of the District Court and the District Court ADR Department and its programs and serve as a District Court liaison to the broader ADR community.

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Court Access Committee

Hon. Brett R. Wilson, Chair
Washington County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Carlos Acosta
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. William Bittinger
Clerk of Court
Garrett County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Wytonja L. Curry
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Erin M. Danz
Carroll County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Herman C. Dawson
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Maria Fields
Administrative Clerk
Baltimore County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Sidney Francois
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Julie Glass-Becker
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Ana Hernandez
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Troy K. Hill
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Desiree Reetz
Cecil County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Michael W. Siri
Baltimore County
District Court

January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Donnell W. Turner
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Pamela J. White
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: WARREN HEDGES, PAM ORTIZ

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Court Access Committee will address barriers to access to the courts and legal services in Maryland; strengthen public awareness of the Judiciary's programs, projects, services and initiatives, and promote knowledge and understanding of the Judiciary.

WORK PRODUCT

The Court Access Committee will oversee the expansion of opportunities for greater access to the judicial system through increased funding, improved planning, and coordination in legal service delivery, expanded interpretation services, the development of Maryland Court Help Centers and other resources, and reduced barriers to access. The Committee will ensure increased knowledge and understanding of the Judiciary through various means, such as publications, multimedia resources, and online content. The Committee will also strengthen the public's trust and confidence in the Judiciary through initiatives that heighten public awareness, as well as provide transparency by publishing information about the use of court-based resources and by promoting information about access to court records. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

DURATION

Indefinite

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Accessibility & Accommodations Subcommittee

Hon. Pamela J. White, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Ebonye Caldwell
Human Resources
AOC

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Charles H. Dorsey III
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Warren Hedges
Legal Affairs & Fair Practices
AOC

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Ana Hernandez
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Marina Sabett
Montgomery County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Julie S. Solt
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: KSENIA BOITSOVA, PAMELA ORTIZ

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Accessibility & Accommodations Subcommittee will develop initiatives to enhance access to the courts and the justice system for persons with disabilities. The subcommittee will develop a proactive approach to creating a more accessible justice system by understanding the Judiciary's current ability to address the needs of persons with disabilities, and by developing best practices, serving as a resource to the Bench, and identifying and recommending standards for ensuring accessible facilities, procedures and resources.

The subcommittee will identify existing facilities, resources and practices in the Maryland courts that impact the ability of persons with disabilities to interact with the courts; identify and support best practices in regards to: disability etiquette, jury service, facilities, websites, IT tools including e-filing and access to court records, technology to support persons with disabilities, and emergency preparedness for persons with disabilities; support the education of judges and court staff to ensure alignment within the Judiciary with the policies and priorities established for serving persons with disabilities; and support the efforts of the Office of Fair Practices and Judiciary ADA coordinators in responding to requests for accommodations.

WORK PRODUCT

The subcommittee will develop best practices and resources to support courts in serving the needs of persons with disabilities, and to support the efforts of Maryland courts to create accessible programs, facilities, and services. The subcommittee will play a role in educating judges and court staff about how to respond to requests for accommodations and create accessible courts.

DURATION

Indefinite

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Language Access Subcommittee
Hon. Michael W. Siri, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Carlos F. Acosta Montgomery County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Sherrie Bailey Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Erin Danz Carroll County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Angela Eaves Supreme Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Magistrate Suzanne Farace Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Lydie E. Glynn Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Ana Hernandez Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Magistrate Darren Johnson Prince George’s County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 21, 2024	Hon. Cheri Simpkins Prince George’s County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 21, 2024	Hon. Pamela J. White Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: KSENIA BOITSOVA

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Language Access Subcommittee will develop initiatives to enhance access to the courts and the justice system for persons who face language and cultural barriers to meaningful opportunities for accessing the court and for meaningful participation in court proceedings. This Subcommittee will collaborate with the Court Interpreter Program and the Access to Justice Department in the examination of issues and development of initiatives related to language access; develop resources to aid persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) or from different cultural backgrounds, to aid them in understanding and navigating Maryland courts; evaluate the effectiveness of the Judiciary’s language access initiatives; work to enhance the resources necessary to ensure our courts can meet the language access needs of all Marylanders who use the courts; evaluate educational and other resources of the Judiciary to ensure that officials and employees of the Judiciary have the opportunity to become more culturally competent; work to enhance educational and other resources to ensure that officials and employees of the Judiciary can identify and most appropriately respond to cultural barriers to meaningful access to and participation in court proceedings; and develop and implement strategies for engagement of State, local and specialty bar associations in identification of the needs of LEPs and those for whom cultural barriers exist, making resources available to those populations to aid in their meaningful access to and participation in court proceedings and educating the Judiciary, Bar and those populations.

WORK PRODUCT

It is anticipated that the Subcommittee will produce guidelines for language access and the Court Interpreter Program; translated materials; print, digital and multimedia tools for persons with LEP; information about the Judiciary for persons from various cultures; and evaluations of language access and cultural barrier removal initiatives.

DURATION

Indefinite.

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Self Represented Litigant
Subcommittee
Hon. Brett R. Wilson, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Joan Bellistri
Anne Arundel County Law
Library
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Robert Goldman
Montgomery County
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Kristin Grossnickle
Court Administrator
Washington County
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Llamilet Gutierrez
Prince George’s County
District Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Kevin Hill
St. Mary’s County
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Greg Hilton
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Dawne Lindsey
Clerk of Court
Allegany County
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Lisa Phelps
Baltimore County
District Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Carrie Polley
Baltimore County
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Desiree Reetz
Cecil County
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Michael Siri
Baltimore County
District Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: KRISTIN CRAVATH

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Self-Represented Litigant Subcommittee will identify and recommend implementation of changes to ensure that Maryland courts are accessible for use by self-represented litigants and to ensure that low-income and vulnerable persons are knowledgeable of resources for representation by counsel.

This Subcommittee will: collaborate with the Access to Justice Department in the examination of issues and the development of initiatives to ensure a comprehensive strategy for ensuring our courts are accessible to all, regardless of representational status; oversee the development of written and multimedia resources to address the needs of persons without counsel; develop standards for oversight and guidance to the Judiciary’s network of self-help centers, and for the expansion of those resources as appropriate; maintain and build relationships with State, local and specialty bar associations, along with other key justice partners to help support access to legal help for low-income and vulnerable Marylanders; support the Judiciary’s efforts to enhance pro bono practice by coordinating with the Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Service, and identifying and supporting appropriate legal services innovations that enhance access to the courts; work to enhance the resources necessary to aid the courts in their efforts to remain accessible to persons without counsel and those of limited means; explore and create collaborative programs with State, local and specialty bar associations and community organizations to educate the public on legal representation resources available for low-income and vulnerable persons; survey and evaluate the extent to which persons who are incarcerated or for whom actual physical appearance in court would pose a hardship are able to participate in proceedings by alternative means and make appropriate recommendations on the basis of the evaluation; and review special challenges related to accessing certain Court records by self-represented litigants and communication to self-represented litigants standards that are understood by attorneys.

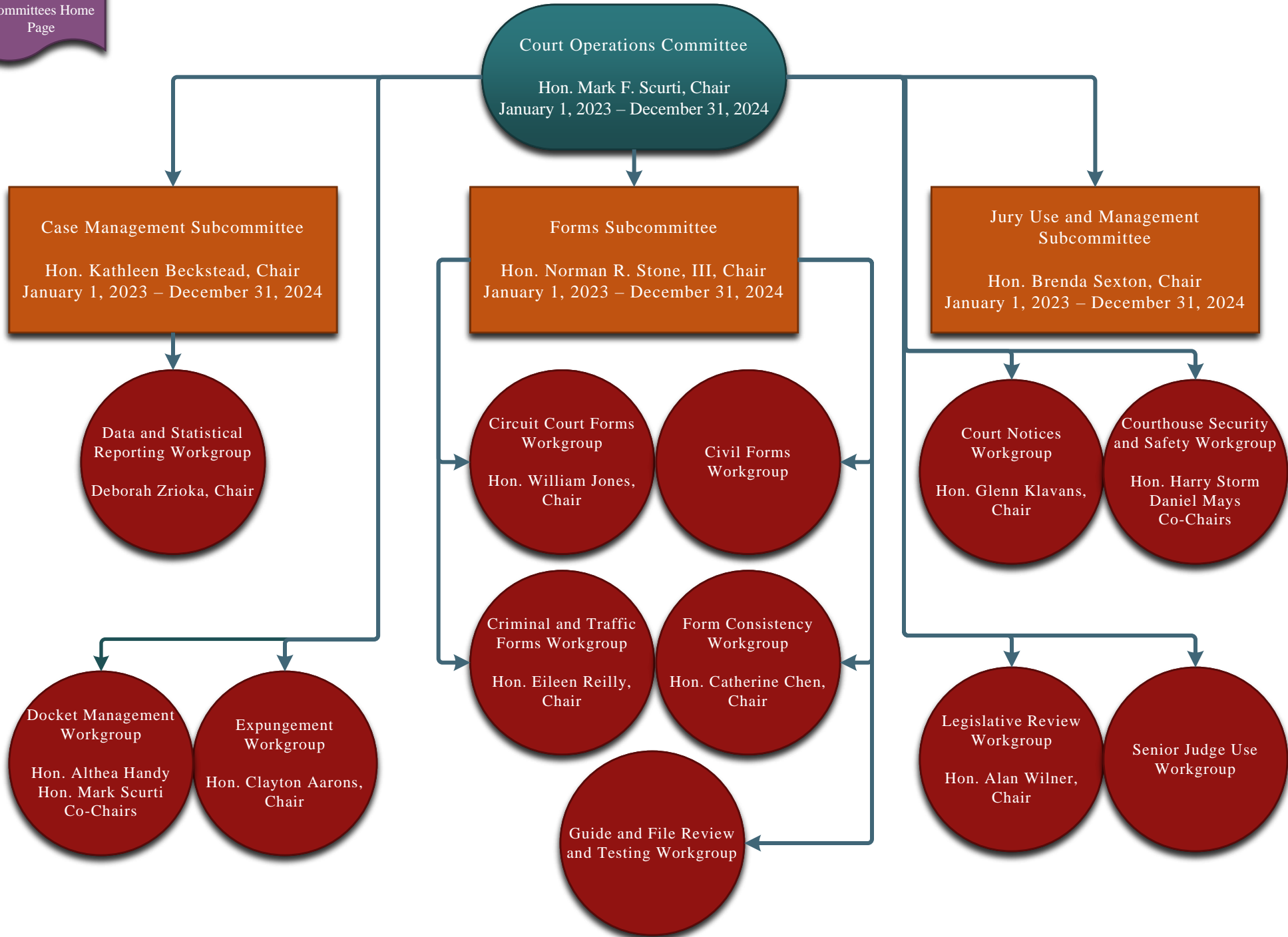
WORK PRODUCT

It is anticipated the Subcommittee will produce: a comprehensive strategy for responding to self-represented litigants; print, digital and multimedia tools to aid the self-represented; resources to aid courts in serving the self-represented; a statewide network of self-help centers; surveys and other evaluation tools

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Indefinite

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Court Operations Committee
Hon. Mark F. Scurti, Chair
Baltimore City
District Court
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Hon. Clayton A. Aarons Prince George’s County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Matthew Barrett Court Administrator Cecil County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Kathleen Beckstead Wicomico County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Jonathan Biran Supreme Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Charles Blomquist Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Markisha Gross Administrative Clerk Calvert County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Magistrate Kevin Hill St. Mary’s County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Gregory Hilton Clerk of Court Supreme Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Glenn L. Klavans Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Lynn Knight Queen Anne’s County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Erica Payne-Santiago Deputy Court Administrator Prince George’s County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Brenda Sexton Cecil County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Norman Stone, III Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Cathleen Vitale Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Alan M. Wilner Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Robert J. Thompson Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025		Kimberly Wagner Chief Deputy Clerk Harford County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025		

STAFF: DOMINIQUE JOHNIGAN SIMMONS, JAMIE WALTER

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Court Operations Committee will address matters related to the efficient operations of the courts and assist in the development of consistent statewide operations policies and best practices.

WORK PRODUCT

The Committee’s activities will encompass a wide variety of operations within the court system, utilizing a number of focused subcommittees and, as necessary, workgroups. The Committee will oversee and approve the work of the subcommittees and workgroups. Various workgroups will meet on an *ad hoc* basis and report directly to the Committee. The workgroups will address such issues as: grants, expungements, court reporters, record retention and other issues deemed appropriate. The Committee, its subcommittees and workgroups will collaborate with other Judicial Council committees as necessary. One of the Committee’s goals is to establish better communication between the different levels of the court system to achieve an enhanced coordination of policies and procedures within the judiciary.

DURATION

Indefinite

Case Management Subcommittee

Hon. Kathleen Beckstead, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Mary Abrams Administrative Clerk District 1 January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Debra Burch Clerk of Court St. Mary's County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Erin Danz Carroll County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Rose Day Assistant Chief Clerk District Court Headquarters January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Rachel Dombrowski Clerk of Court Appellate Court Ex Officio	Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator Ex Officio	Kathryn Glenn Administrative Clerk Anne Arundel County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Gregory Hilton Clerk of Court Supreme Court Ex Officio
Kimberly Hurd Administrative Clerk Washington County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Jennifer Keiser Court Administrator Howard County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. John P. Morrissey Chief Judge District Court Ex Officio	Amanda Purnell Court Administrator Talbot County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Judy Rupp State Court Administrator Ex Officio	Timothy Sheridan Court Administrator Montgomery County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Kathy P. Smith Clerk of Court Calvert County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Roberta Warnken Chief Clerk District Court Ex Officio
	Hon. Brett R. Wilson Washington County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Burgess Wood Court Administrator Calvert County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	

STAFF: JUSTIN BERNSTEIN, DOMINIQUE JOHNIGAN SIMMONS

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee will review and offer recommendations to the Committee and others deemed necessary and appropriate regarding issues arising from the implementation of Differentiated Case Management (DCM), including what events effect case time standards. The subcommittee will review and examine proposed changes to the trial and appellate courts' case time standards, as identified by individual courts and/or jurisdictions or on the subcommittee's own initiative. The subcommittee will forward recommendations for change to the appellate and trial courts' case time standards to the Judicial Council for further consideration. The subcommittee also will review the extent to which specialty courts and/or dockets impact the ability to achieve established case time standards. The subcommittee may offer recommendations regarding compliance with DCM policies, soliciting input from court administrators and other pertinent court staff. The subcommittee will develop best practices in case management for distribution to the courts.

WORK PRODUCT

The subcommittee will recommend guidelines for monitoring compliance with DCM across the various levels of the Judiciary. The subcommittee will monitor the performance of the trial and appellate courts against applicable case time standards. The subcommittee will review how to optimize utilization of the various case management systems to obtain reports and other tools that will assist judges, magistrates and other court staff to manage cases effectively. The subcommittee will develop best practices in case management.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Data and Statistical Reporting
Workgroup

Deborah Zrioka, Chair

Grant Bacon

Pritom Dutta

Danielle Fox

Anne Grant

Kristin Grossnickle

Dominique Johnigan
Simmons

Sarah Parks

Austin Phaire

Hon. Kathy Smith

Hon. Kevin Tucker

Jamie Walter

Bianca West

Monique Willis

Lisa Wyckoff

Hisashi Yamagata

STAFF: BRITTANY CLARK

NATURE AND PURPOSE:

The workgroup supports continued monitoring and analysis of case processing, workload, case management, and court operations in preparation for and following Odyssey implementation. The workgroup will develop a statistical reporting guide that assists courts in their efforts to monitor case processing, workload, case management, and court performance.

EXPECTED DURATION:

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Forms Subcommittee
Hon. Norman Stone, III, Chair
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Hon. Catherine Chen, Vice Chair
Baltimore City
District Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Susan Braniecki
Clerk of Court
Worcester County
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Michael DiPietro
Baltimore City
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hope Gary
Policy & Law Program Manager
AOC
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Robert W. Heffron
Prince George's County
District Court
January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025

Hon. William Jones, Sr.
Dorchester County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. Cara Lewis
Carroll County
District Court
January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. Abigail Marsh
Wicomico County
District Court
January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Thomas Miller
Business Systems Analyst
JIS
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Howard Neugebauer
Managing Commissioner
Anne Arundel County
January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Robert Prender
Administrative Clerk
District 5
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Mimi Rauck
Operations Analyst
District Court Headquarters
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

David Shultie
Policy Law Advisor
AOC
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Cathleen Vitale
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Brittany West
Public Policy Analyst
AOC
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: AMBER SPENCE

CONSULTANT: STEPHANE J. LATOUR

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The subcommittee will be tasked with reviewing and, if necessary, offering suggestions for modifying the various forms used in the District and Circuit Courts, as well as those created and modified by the various Judicial Council committees. It is hoped that the subcommittee will eliminate any inconsistencies between forms in the trial courts and promote standardization, where possible, throughout the jurisdictions. The subcommittee will collaborate with the Court Access and Community Relations Committee to evaluate the usefulness of certain forms being written in a language other than English (e.g. domestic violence forms). The subcommittee will hold an annual Forms Mark Up Day to review drafts of forms revised due to new legislation. Judicial Council committee representatives, Judiciary departments, and other interested parties are invited to participate.

WORK PRODUCT

It is anticipated that the subcommittee will review modifications to existing and newly proposed forms, including electronic forms, and review and test Guide & File interviews. As necessary, the subcommittee will recommend new forms to improve operational efficiencies within the courts. The subcommittee will examine the current Forms Index available to court personnel and the public. The subcommittee develops uniform standards and policies for the creation and revision of forms, including waiver forms, emergency pleadings, domestic violence and peace order forms, judges' worksheets, and charging documents.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Circuit Court Forms Workgroup

Hon. William Jones, Chair

Melissa Appleby

Hon. Susan Braniecki

Hon. Michael DiPietro

Nancy Faulkner

Joseph Kasper

Hon. Cathleen Vitale

STAFF: TBD

NATURE AND PURPOSE

In addition to the Forms Subcommittee members, there are ongoing referrals made to Subject Matter Expert Workgroups for the creation of new forms, the review of drafts, and for distribution of drafts to other interested parties. Referrals are made prior to the Forms Subcommittee final review and approval of Judiciary forms.

WORK PRODUCT

Responsible for the and review of circuit court and joint District and Circuit Court forms.

EXPECTED DURATION

Yearly, as needed.

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Civil Forms Workgroup

STAFF: UNDER REVIEW

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Responsible for the creation and/or review of District Court and joint civil forms. Refers drafts to other subject matter experts, compiles responses, and submits recommendations to the Forms Subcommittee.

WORK PRODUCT

Responsible for the creation and review of District Court and joint civil forms.

EXPECTED DURATION

Yearly, as needed.

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Criminal and Traffic Forms
Workgroup

Hon. Eileen Reilly, Chair

STAFF: TBD

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Responsible for the creation and/or review of District Court and joint criminal forms. Refers drafts to other subject matter experts, compiles responses, and submits recommendations to the Forms Subcommittee.

Work Product

Responsible for the creation and review of circuit court and joint criminal forms.

EXPECTED DURATION

Yearly, as needed.

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Form Consistency
Workgroup
Hon. Catherine Chen, Chair

Jarrett Hendrix

Thomas Miller

Mary Rauck

Michele Schriefer

STAFF: TBD

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Responsible to review paper, online, and MDEC forms for currency and consistency. Compares forms and dockets to verify forms are current versions and revisions have been made correctly in all formats.

WORK PRODUCT

Responsible to review paper, online, and MDEC forms for currency and consistency.

EXPECTED DURATION

Yearly, as needed.

Guide and File Review and
Testing
Workgroup

Hon. David Carey

Nancy Faulkner

Lilian Honeczy

Joseph Kasper

Thomas Miller

Christian Noble

Pam Ortiz

Lisa Preston

Mimi Rauck

Hon. Cathleen Vitale

STAFF: AMBER SPENCE

NATURE AND PURPOSE:

The Judiciary's Forms Subcommittee Guide & File Review and Testing Workgroup will review and test the interviews created by the Guide & File Workgroup to determine:

Does the interview result in a properly completed form?

Do the questions appear to be clear, concise, and easy for layperson to understand?

Are there any errors in logic that result in unintended loops, math errors, or other errors?

EXPECTED DURATION:

Ongoing.

Jury Use and Management
Subcommittee

Hon. Brenda Sexton, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Erik Atas
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Debra Burch
Clerk of Court
St. Mary's County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Geno Frazier
Business System Analyst
JIS

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Paul Ishak
Harford County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Kim Klein
Deputy Court Administrator
Anne Arundel County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Gloria Lewis
Chief Deputy Clerk
Calvert County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Kelly Mullins
Jury Commissioner
Cecil County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Erica Payne-Santiago
Deputy Court Administrator
Prince George's County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Jamie Walter
Director, Research & Analysis
AOC

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Burgess Wood
Court Administrator
Calvert County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Lisa Yates
Clerk of Court
Charles County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: REBECCA RIEMER

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee will focus on examining the policies and procedures used in the various circuit courts. Among other things, it will continually update the Judiciary's Jury Manual, which was adopted by the Judicial Council as a best practice guide for judges and jury commissioners from each circuit. The subcommittee will also examine such topics as: updates to jury management software, creating and updating communications and videos to aid the public in its understanding of the jury selection process, addressing accessibility and nondiscrimination issues, reviewing financial practices including juror *per diem* payment and the generous juror program and reviewing jury policy and procedure recommendations from the Jury Operations Roundtable.

WORK PRODUCT

The subcommittee will consider updating the petit and grand juror orientation videos, the grand jury handbook, jury brochures, and other manuals and publications. The subcommittee will consider the implementation of electronic notifications for jurors. The subcommittee may be called on to make specific recommendations to the Judicial Council about the best use of judicial and financial resources. The Manual for Maryland Jury Commissioners and Jury Officers, a comprehensive manual to ensure uniformity throughout the state, will be maintained.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Courthouse Security and Safety
Workgroup

Hon. Harry Storm and
Daniel Mays, Co-Chairs

Mike Brady

Hon. Pamila Brown

Hon. Sidney Butcher

Ilene Muhlberg

Erica Payne-Santiago

Lisa Ritter

Hon. Keith Truffer

Hon. Cathleen Vitale

Sean Wolcuff

STAFF: LILY KLEPPERTKNOOP

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The mission for this workgroup is to evaluate the current issues with screening in all courts. As well as exploring the best security practices for the use of bar cards and employee entrances and assessing what security protocols are currently in place in all courts (CC/DC) and if these measures are robust.

WORK PRODUCT

Report to the Court Operations Committee on recommendations for best security practices and evaluations of existing security protocols.

EXPECTED DURATION

December 2024

Expungement Workgroup

Hon. Clayton Aarons, Chair

Angela Adams

Amy Bosley

Elizabeth Bova

Brian Campbell

Kristen Filleti

Kathryn Glenn

Markisha Gross

Wendy Hawkins

Sarah Kaplan

Debbie Kiel

Stephanie Kim

Regina Sargent

Aisha Simmons

STAFF: DOMINIQUE JOHNIGAN SIMMONS, MARY RAUCK

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This workgroup will review current policies, as well as legislative and rules changes regarding expungements and continue to make recommendations to the Committee regarding future policies. It might be advisable for this workgroup to work with State's Attorney's Offices and Court Clerk's Offices throughout the State to establish consistent expungement policies.

WORK PRODUCT

It is anticipated that this workgroup will develop a set of guidelines to establish a uniform expungement policy and occasionally review the courts' compliance with the same. The workgroup will update the Expungement manual as needed.

EXPECTED DURATION

Yearly, as needed if there are statutory or rules changes.

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Court Notices Workgroup
Hon. Glenn Klavans, Chair

Mary Katharine
Fowler

Kathryn Glenn

Olya
Jerschkowsky

Jennifer
Northcraft

Hon. Marina
Sabett

Amber Spence

STAFF: COLLEEN HORVATH

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The primary objective of the workgroup is to develop a comprehensive website and database system to facilitate the provision of court notices online and make them easily accessible to the public. The system aims to streamline the dissemination of court-related information, enhance transparency, and improve public access to judicial proceedings.

WORK PRODUCT

Develop a robust online platform that revolutionizes the accessibility of court notices, improves public engagement with the legal system, and enhances the overall efficiency and transparency of court proceedings.

EXPECTED DURATION

Summer 2024

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Legislative Review Workgroup

Hon. Alan Wilner, Chair

Hon. Clayton A. Aarons

Hon. Shannon Avery

Hon. James Bonifant

Hon. Mark F. Scurti

STAFF: JUSTIN BERNSTEIN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This workgroup provides commentary, input, and testimony as needed to assist the Legislative Committee in its review of legislative initiatives in areas affecting the operations of the courts that are under the purview of the Court Operations Committee.

WORK PRODUCT

This workgroup will provide input to the Legislative Committee concerning proposed legislation in the court operations arena. This group will also assist in providing testimony or commentary, upon request from the Legislative Committee, regarding the same.

EXPECTED DURATION

90 days (January – April), yearly

Docket Management Workgroup

Hon. Althea Handy and
Hon. Dave Carey, Co-Chairs

Jennifer Keiser

Rebecca Kimball

Erica Payne-Santiago

Lisa Preston

Hon. Mark Scurti

Jason Thomas

STAFF: LILY KLEPPERTKNOOP, KATE MAHER

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The mission will be to explore, and disseminate information about, best practices in docket management including but not limited to: tools to increase accessibility and inclusion; tools to reduce the amount of time parties and attorneys spend waiting for proceedings without a substantial adverse effect on the efficiency of the court, ways to prioritize jury trials to improve efficiency, “right size” jury pools, facilitate earlier resolution of postponements or settlements, and increase the transparency and certainty in the scheduling process.

WORK PRODUCT

It is anticipated that this workgroup will develop a set of best practice recommendations to improve the management of dockets as identified in the workgroup nature and purpose. Recommendations will consider specific practices for the District Court and circuit courts and for small, medium, and large jurisdictions.

EXPECTED DURATION

July 2024

Senior Judge Use
Workgroup

Hon. James A. Bonifant

Hon. Paul M. Bowman

Hon. Lawrence R. Daniels

Kristin Grossnickle

STAFF: ELIANA PANGELINAN

NATURE AND PURPOSE:

The Workgroup is a joint effort of the Court Operations and Senior Judges Committees. The mission will be to develop a guide that would standardize the ways in which senior judges are weaved into the everyday activities of the courts. The topics of discussion will be:

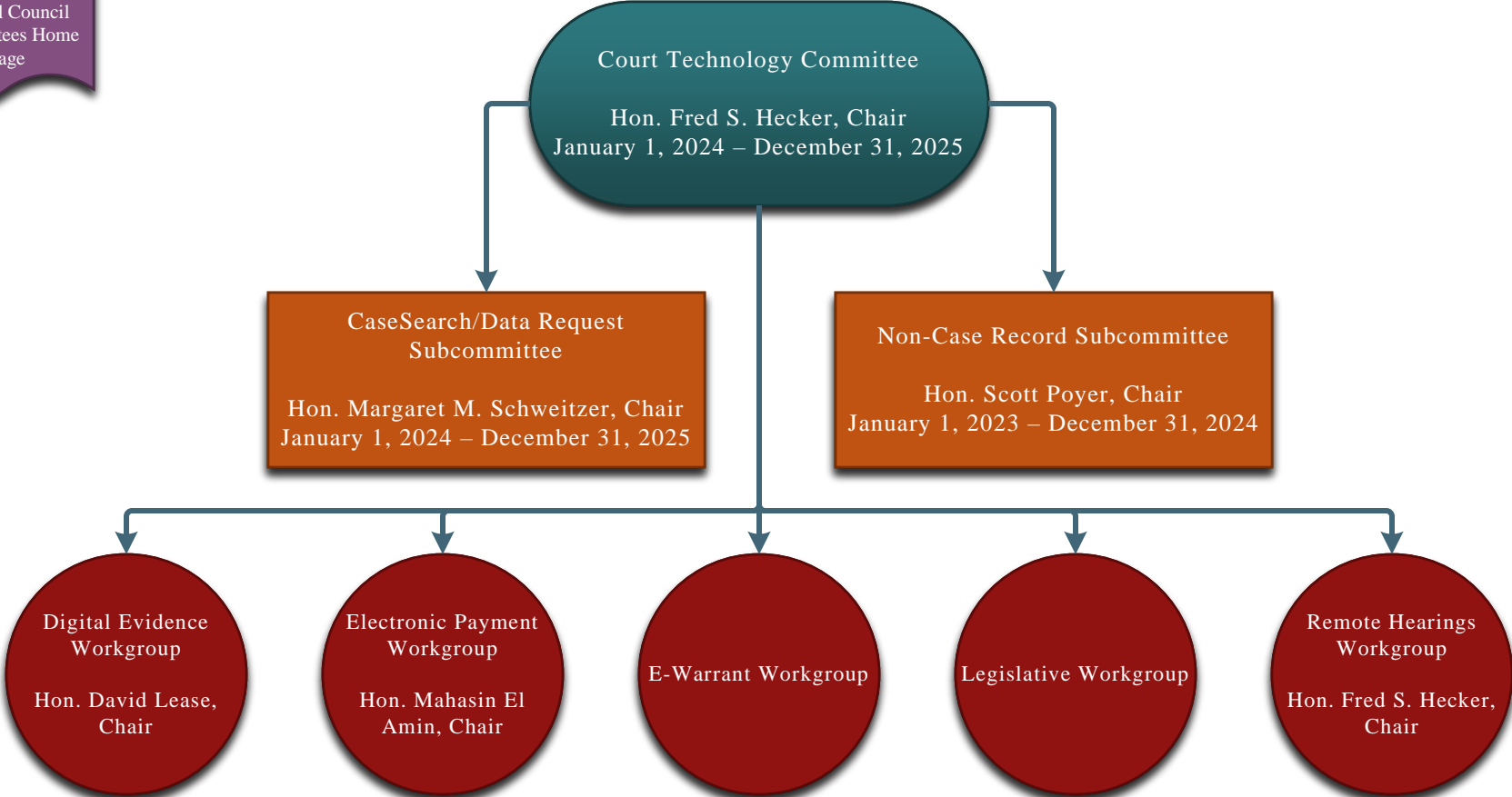
1. Dissemination of advance docket information.
2. Assigning a specific courthouse contact for senior judges.
3. Law clerk and clerical support.
4. Technology concerns.
5. What court matters are best suited for senior judges.

EXPECTED WORK PRODUCT:

Best Practice Manual for Senior Judge Use

EXPECTED DURATION:

Summer 2024



Court Technology Committee

Hon. Fred S. Hecker, Chair
Carroll County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

<p>Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer, Vice-Chair Montgomery County Circuit Court</p> <p>January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025</p>	<p>Matthew Barrett Court Administrator Cecil County</p> <p>January 28, 2024 – December 31, 2025</p>	<p>Matthew Bonner Director of Technical Services Montgomery County</p> <p>January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025</p>	<p>Rose Day Assistant Chief Clerk District Court Headquarters</p> <p>Ex Officio</p>	<p>Hon. Heather DeWees Clerk of Court Carroll County</p> <p>January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025</p>
<p>Hon. Mahasin El Amin Clerk of Court Prince George's County</p> <p>January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024</p>	<p>Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator AOC</p> <p>Ex Officio</p>	<p>Hon. Lydie E. Glynn Baltimore City District Court</p> <p>January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024</p>	<p>Kimberly Hurd Administrative Clerk Washington County</p> <p>January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024</p>	<p>John Kiruri Information Systems Auditor AOC</p> <p>Ex Officio</p>
<p>Hon. Sherri D. Koch Montgomery County District Court</p> <p>January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024</p>	<p>Hon. David W. Lease Montgomery County Circuit Court</p> <p>January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024</p>	<p>Hon. John P. Morrissey Chief Judge District Court</p> <p>Ex Officio</p>	<p>Craig Moskovitz Chief Deputy Clerk Baltimore County</p> <p>January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025</p>	<p>Hon. Scott Poyer Clerk of Court Anne Arundel County</p> <p>January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025</p>
	<p>Judy Rupp State Court Administrator AOC</p> <p>Ex Officio</p>	<p>Hon. Marina L. Sabett Montgomery County District Court</p> <p>January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024</p>	<p>Hon. Richard Titus Carroll County Circuit Court</p> <p>January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025</p>	

STAFF: RENEE ABBOTT, ROBERT BRUCHALSKI, AND JEFF HUDDLESTON

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Court Technology Committee will ensure the technology operations of the Judiciary are efficient and effective. It will provide advice and guidance regarding the implementation of technology and its effect on judicial operations/functions.

WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will solicit advice from the technology experts within the Judiciary regarding all major information technology projects. It will direct the evaluation of major information technology projects. The Committee will make recommendations regarding technology and assist in setting priorities. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Digital Evidence Workgroup
Hon. David Lease, Chair

Matthew Barrett

Joshua Boswell

Jennifer Hopkins

Stephanie Medina

Kashia Stinson

STAFF: ROB HANNON, GREG HILTON, LISA PRESTON, AND JASON THOMAS

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Digital Evidence workgroup will research and report on the opportunities and challenges surrounding use of digital evidence in the courtroom. The group will make recommendations regarding policies relative to submission, acceptance, display, and storage of digital evidence.

DURATION

December 31, 2024

Electronic Payment Workgroup

Hon. Mahasin El Amin, Chair

Amy Bosley

Rose Day

Kristy Hutzell

Laura Jones

Cheryl Miller

Tammy Sitar

STAFF: MAHENDER BHANDARI, ERICA PETERS, AND JASON THOMAS

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The E-payment workgroup will identify the needs within the Judiciary relative to electronic payments of all fines, costs, and fees. The group will make recommendations pertaining to the structure and solution requirements for electronic payments throughout the Judiciary.

DURATION

December 31, 2024

E-Warrant Workgroup

Hon. Fred Hecker

Hon. Margaret Schweitzer

STAFF: DAN SMITH, JASON THOMAS

PURPOSE

The E-warrant workgroup will test and provide feedback relative to processing warrants electronically.

WORK PRODUCT

Guidelines and procedures for using eWarrant system.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Legislative Workgroup

Hon. Mahasin El Amin

Nancy Faulkner
Ex Officio

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Hon. Sherri Koch

Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer

STAFF: JEFF HUDDLESTON

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This workgroup provides commentary, input, and testimony as needed to assist the Legislative Committee in its review of legislative initiatives.

DURATION

Ninety Days (January to April)

Remote Hearings Workgroup

Hon. Fred S. Hecker, Chair

Mary Katharine Fowler

Hon. Katherine Hager

Hon. Sherri Koch

Hon. David Lease

Hon. Michael Pearson

Hon. Marina Sabett

Hon. Margaret Schweitzer

STAFF: RENEE ABBOTT, ROBERT BRUCHALSKI, ROSE DAY, OLYA JERSCHKOWSKY, NOAH PARKER, LISA PRESTON, JASON THOMAS,

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Cross-organizational group consisting of variety of judges, clerks, and support staff members. Chaired by Judge Fred Hecker. The work group will identify, develop, publish and promote solutions and best practices to support hearings where one or more of the parties are not in the same location.

WORK PRODUCT

Reports, recommendations, educational materials, websites and other technical and business process solutions documentation to support and direct the process of holding a remote hearing.

DURATION

December 31, 2024

CaseSearch/Data Request Subcommittee

Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: KAREN LISTA

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee would initially consider all issues relating to CaseSearch and data requests. Any issues that cannot be resolved based on established precedent would be referred to the full committee with a recommendation and reasons therefore. If the full committee is not able to resolve the issue based on established precedent, the matter would, in like manner, be referred to the Chair of the Judicial Council for further instruction. The referral would include the committee's findings and recommendations.

WORK PRODUCT

The work product is anticipated to be the resolution of the majority of case search issues and data requests. Additionally, the Subcommittee will recommend to the full committee guidelines for addressing inquiries.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Non-Case Record
Subcommittee

Hon. Scott Poyer, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Doug Arnold
Deputy Clerk
Queen Anne's County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Heather S. DeWees
Clerk of Court
Carroll County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of Court
Prince George's County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Dawne Lindsey
Clerk of Court
Allegany County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. James "Bo" McAllister
Clerk of Court
Wicomico County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Kathy P. Smith
Clerk of Court
Calvert County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Lisa Yates
Clerk of Court
Charles County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: NATHAN SMITH

NATURE AND PURPOSE

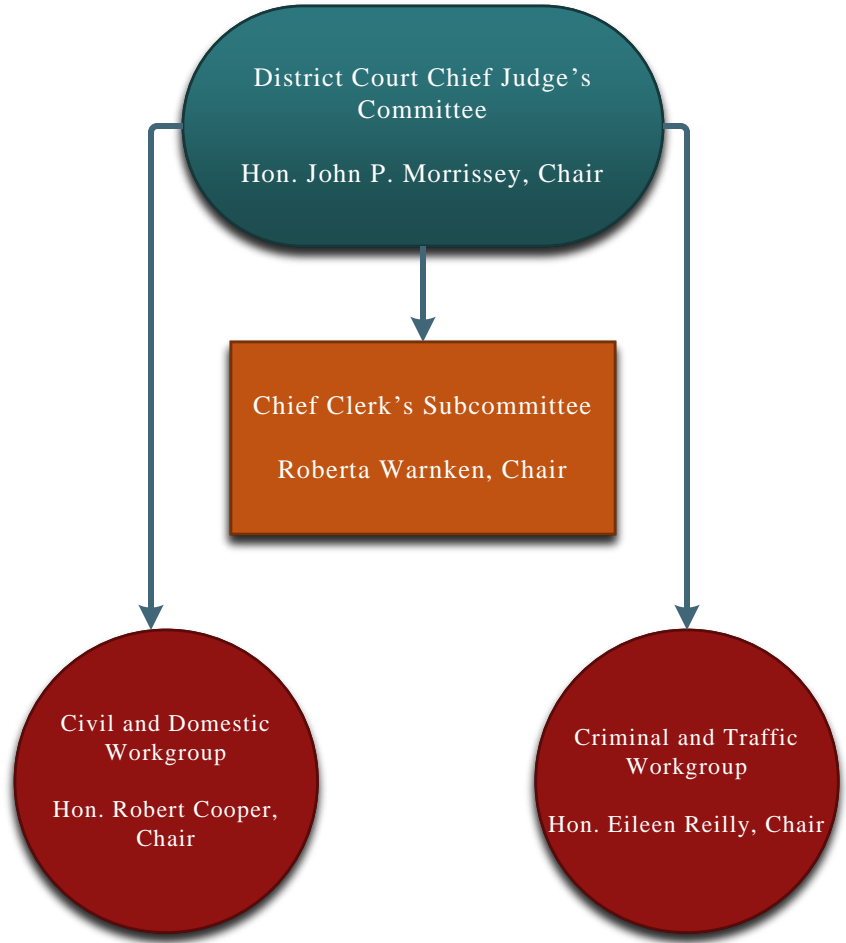
The Non-case Record technology Subcommittee will convene as necessary and will make findings and recommendation regarding the use of technology to preserve and maintain the non-case record of the Judicial Branch that are not managed as part of another case management system.

WORK PRODUCT

One key objective of the subcommittee is the unification and standardization of non-case record technology.

DURATION

Indefinite



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District Court Chief Judge's
Committee

Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chair

Hon. LaKeecia Allen Region 3 January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Pamela J. Brown District 10 Ex Officio	Hon. Christy Holt Chesser District 4 Ex Officio	Hon. L. Robert Cooper Chair, Civil and Domestic Workgroup Ex Officio	Hon. Erin M. Danz Region 5 January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Victor Del Pino Region 4 January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Lisa A. Hall Johnson District 5 Ex Officio	Hon. Susan H. Hazlett District 9 Ex Officio	Hon. Geoffrey Hengerer District 1 Ex Officio	Kimberly Hurd Administrative Clerk District 11 January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Melvin J. Jews Region 2 January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Sherri D. Koch District 6 Ex Officio	Hon. H. Jack Price, Jr. District 12 Ex Officio	Hon. Gerald V. Purnell District 2 Ex Officio	Hon. Eileen Reilly Chair, Criminal and Traffic Workgroup Ex Officio
Hon. Eric W. Schaffer District 11 Ex Officio	Hon. Bonnie G. Schneider District 3 Ex Officio	Hon. Shaem Spencer District 7 Ex Officio	Hon. Nicole Taylor Region 1 January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Roberta Warnken Chief Clerk District Court Ex Officio
		Hon. Dorothy J. Wilson District 8 Ex Officio		

STAFF: JENNY HENDERSON

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The District Court's Chief Judge's Committee will advise the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals on the operation of the Court in all its locations and aid the Chief Judge of the District Court in the administration, operation, and maintenance of the Court statewide.

WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will meet quarterly to advise the Chief Judge on issues regarding administration, operation, and maintenance of the Court statewide. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Civil and Domestic Workgroup

Hon. Robert Cooper, Chair

Hon. Hugh Adkins

Hon. L. Robert Cooper

Maria Fields

Hon. Lisa A. Hall
Johnson

Hon. Stephan M. Moylan

STAFF: JENNY HENDERSON

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Administrative Services Department of the District Court is charged with the responsibility of creating or modifying civil and domestic forms as the result of new or amended legislation. Some of the work product of this Department is ministerial in nature and can be quickly approved by the Chief Judge of the District Court without further review. Other legislative changes can be very complex. It is helpful for the Chief Judge of the District Court to call upon members of the District Court to work in collaboration with the Administrative Services Department on form review, modification and creation. This workgroup, at the request of the Chief Judge of the District Court, reviews rules, statutes, forms, and procedures relating to civil and domestic cases within the District Court. The duration is indefinite.

WORK PRODUCT

The Workgroup conducts all review via email. Upon the request of the Chief Judge of the District Court, the Workgroup will be called upon to review and make suggestions to the Chief Judge with respect to new or revised civil and domestic forms of the District Court.

DURATION

Indefinite

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Criminal and Traffic Workgroup

Hon. Eileen Reilly, Chair

Hon. David B. Aldouby

Hon. Wayne A. Brooks

Hon. Brian C. Denton

Hon. Frank M. Kratovil,
Jr.

Hon. Michelle R.
Saunders

Kathy Webster

STAFF: JENNY HENDERSON

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Administrative Services Department of the District Court is charged with the responsibility of creating or modifying criminal forms as the result of new or amended legislation. Some of the work product of this Department is ministerial in nature and can be quickly approved by the Chief Judge of the District Court without further review. Other legislative changes can be very complex. It is helpful for the Chief Judge of the District Court to call upon members of the District Court to work in collaboration with the Administrative Services Department on form review, modification and creation. This workgroup, at the request of the Chief Judge of the District Court, reviews rules, statutes, forms, and procedures relating to criminal cases within the District Court. The duration is indefinite.

WORK PRODUCT

The Workgroup conducts all reviews via email. Upon the request of the Chief Judge of the District Court, the Workgroup will be called upon to review and make suggestions to the Chief Judge with respect to new or revised criminal forms of the District Court.

DURATION

Indefinite

Chief Clerk's Subcommittee

Roberta Warnken, Chair

Mary Abrams Administrative Clerk District 1 Ex Officio	Amy Bosley Administrative Clerk District 12 Ex Officio	Rose Day Assistant Chief Clerk of Operations Ex Officio	Maureen Denihan Director of ADR Programs Ex Officio	Maria Fields Administrative Clerk District 8 Ex Officio	Kathryn Glenn Administrative Clerk District 7 Ex Officio
Markisha Gross Administrative Clerk District 4 Ex Officio	Timothy Haven Commissioner Activity Coordinator Ex Officio	Kathy Hefner Administrative Clerk District 6 Ex Officio	Kimberly Hurd Administrative Clerk, District 11 Ex Officio	Laura Jones Assistant Chief Clerk of Finance Ex Officio	Carol Llewellyn-Jones Administrative Clerk District 2 Ex Officio
Cheryl Miller Administrative Clerk District 3 Ex Officio	Robert Prender Administrative Clerk District 5 Ex Officio	Lisa Ritter Assistant Chief Clerk of Engineering & Central Services Ex Officio	Mary K. Smith Administrative Clerk District 10 Ex Officio	Amber Spence Assistant Chief Clerk of Administrative Services Ex Officio	Lara Stone Administrative Clerk District 9 Ex Officio

STAFF: MARCELLA REEVES

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee assists and advises the Chief Judge with respect to clerk operations of the Court in all its locations and aids the Chief Clerk in the administration, operation and maintenance of the Court statewide.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

The Committee will meet quarterly to advise the Chief Judge and Chief Clerk on issues regarding clerk operations and the administration, operation, and maintenance of the Court statewide.

WORK PRODUCT

The District Court's Chief's Clerk's Subcommittee is the primary vehicle used by the Chief Clerk for administration of the 12 Judicial Districts that comprise the District Court. The agenda for each meeting is derived collaboratively from issues raised by judges and clerks with respect to the effective operation of the District Court. The work product varies but the primary purpose is to advise Chief Judge and Chief Clerk on policy and administration issues.

DURATION

Indefinite

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Domestic Law Committee

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette, Chair
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Domestic Violence and Peace Order
Subcommittee

Hon. Ada Clark-Edwards, Chair
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2024 Family Law Bench
Book Workgroup

Hon. Fred S. Hecker, Chair

Child Support Workgroup

Hon. Julia Weatherly,
Chair

Court Process Workgroup

Hon. Richard Sandy, Chair

Custody Evaluator
Training & Standards
Workgroup

Hon. Kathleen Dumais,
Chair

Domestic Forms
Workgroup

Hon. Mary M. Kramer,
Chair

Family Mediation and
Abuse Screening
Workgroup

Hon. Ruth A. Jakubowski

Guardianship and
Vulnerable Adults
Workgroup

Hon. Karen Murphy
Jensen, Chair

Legislative Workgroup

Hon. Kathleen Dumais,
Chair

LGBTQ+ Family Law
Workgroup

Hon. Michael DiPietro,
Chair

Parental Education
Seminar Workgroup

Hon. Ginina Jackson-
Stevenson, Chair

Special Status
Workgroup

Hon. James H. Green
Hon. Cathy H. Serrette
Co-Chairs

Domestic Law Committee

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette, Chair
Prince George's County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Ada Clark-Edwards Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Michael A. DiPietro Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Kathleen Dumais Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Wendy Epstein Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Magistrate Alisia Ferguson Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Julie Glass-Becker Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Margaret Kent Worcester County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Lili Khozeimh Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Lynn Knight Queen Anne's County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Mary Kramer Howard County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Magistrate Mary O'Donnell Dorchester County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Scott Poyer Clerk of Court Anne Arundel County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Joanie Raymond Frederick County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Sara Schwartzman Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Magistrate Sara D. Walsh Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. E. Greg Wells Appellate Court of Maryland March 27, 2024 – December 31, 2025		Hon. Judy Woodall Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025		

STAFF: RICHARD ABBOTT, NISA C. SUBASINGHE

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Domestic Law Committee will provide guidance and direction regarding policies, rules, and legislation surrounding family domestic law, including domestic violence. The Committee will recommend policies, rules, and legislation that improve the effective administration of domestic law.

WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will review all policies, rules and legislation regarding family domestic matters to include areas such as adult guardianship, domestic violence, custody, and child support. It will make recommendations regarding the same. The Committee will review systemic issues regarding domestic law and make recommendations for improvement. It also will collaborate with justice partners to ensure a holistic approach to the development, implementation and evaluation of initiatives involving domestic matters. The Committee will oversee the review and update of the Domestic Violence Manual and other Judiciary publications and forms related to domestic law. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

DURATION

Indefinite

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2024 Family Law Bench Book
Workgroup

Hon. Fred S. Hecker, Chair

Hon. Jennifer Fairfax

Hon. Mary M. Kramer

Hon. Julia Minner

Magistrate James Speis

CONSULTANTS: JENNA FORMAN CLOTHIER, ESQ., FORMAN CLOTHIER GROUP, LLC
JAMES D. MILKO, ESQ., TRAINOR, BILLMAN, BENNETT & MILKO LLP
CHRISTOPHER W. NICHOLSON, ESQ., TURNBULL, NICHOLSON, AND SANDERS, P.A.
CATELYN SLATTERY, ESQ., MODERN FAMILY FORMATION LAW OFFICES
SAMANTHA Z. SMITH, ESQ., TIMCHULA & SMITH, P.A.
VINCENT M. WILLS, ESQ., MEISELMAN, HELFANT & WILLS, LLC

STAFF: NISA C. SUBASINGHE

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This workgroup will update the Maryland Trial Judge Family Law Bench Book.

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

This workgroup will make regular updates to the Maryland Trial Judge Family Law Bench Book on legislative, caselaw, and practice changes.

EXPECTED DURATION

November 2024

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Child Support Workgroup
Hon. Julia Weatherly, Chair

Hon. Yvette M. Bryant

Magistrate Maurice C. Frazier

Magistrate Tracey Henline

Magistrate Kevin Hill

Hon. Darren Johnson

Magistrate Andrea Khoury

Magistrate Lili Khozeimeh

Magistrate Connie Marvel

Hon. Julia A. Minner

Hon. Maria L. Oesterreicher

Hon. Stephanie Porter

STAFF: RICHARD ABBOTT, SARAH KAPLAN

CONSULTANT: KEVIN P. GUISTWITE, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION
JENNIFER CAFFREY, ESQ., ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This workgroup will identify issues concerning child support law, policy, and court practices that require attention and response by the Domestic Law Committee and Judiciary. In its work, the work group will be attentive to the possible disparate impact that child support practices and laws can have on people across the State.

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

The workgroup will submit a report on its activities and recommendations to the Domestic Law Committee, including any recommended changes to the work group itself.

EXPECTED DURATION

December 2024

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Court Process Workgroup

Hon. Richard Sandy, Chair

Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais

Magistrate Alisia Ferguson

Hon. Mary M. Kramer

STAFF: NISA C. SUBASINGHE

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This workgroup will explore how states employ parenting plans and address expedited hearings, both emergency and non-emergency.

WORK PRODUCT

The workgroup will work to implement the recommendations for a parenting plan process.

EXPECTED DURATION

December 2024

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Custody Evaluator Training &
Standards Workgroup

Hon. Kathleen Dumais, Chair

Richard Abbott

Nancy Faulkner

Hon. Julia A. Minner

Hon. Judy L. Woodall

STAFF: NISA C. SUBASINGHE

CONSULTANTS: DARREN MITCHELL, ESQ.
LINDSAY PARVIS, ESQ., JOSEPH GREENWALD & LAAKE, PA
GINA SANTORO, PH.D., NCSP, SANTORO PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES
REBECCA SNYDER, PSY.D., REBECCA SNYDER LLC
MARY MCNEISH STENGEL, LCSW-C

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The workgroup will review the custody evaluation rule (Md. Rule 9-205.3) to ensure the rule provides sufficient guidance to custody evaluators for legally, effectively and ethically conducting custody evaluations. The workgroup will review model standards and guidelines developed by national organizations for conducting custody evaluations and determine whether the Maryland Judiciary should adopt any standard guidelines or best practices for conducting court-ordered custody evaluations. The workgroup will determine whether it will be necessary to provide any training to custody evaluators and judicial officers on the best practices and/or standard guidelines.

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

The workgroup will issue a report on the best practices and, if necessary, standard guidelines for court-ordered custody evaluations. If necessary, make recommendations for any rule changes. Assist in the development and provision of any necessary trainings and/or training materials related to the best practices and/or standard guidelines for conducting custody evaluations.

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Domestic Forms Workgroup
Hon. Mary M. Kramer, Chair

Richard Abbott

Hon. Karen A. Bushell

Nancy Faulkner

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Lisa Mohink

Magistrate Mary O'Donnell

Magistrate Sara
Schwartzman

Magistrate James Speis

Magistrate Catherine
Woods

STAFF: NISA C. SUBASINGHE

CONSULTANTS: EMILY ANGEL, ESQ.

COREY M. RUDOLPH, ESQ., MARYLAND CENTER FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE, LLC

MARY SANDERS, ESQ., TURNBULL, NICHOLSON & SANDERS, P.A.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The workgroup will review and revise domestic relations court forms to ensure legal sufficiency, consistency, and clarity.

WORK PRODUCT

The workgroup will overhaul the existing domestic forms (divorce, custody/visitation, child support, alimony, name change, etc.) and develop new forms as needed.

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Family Mediation and Abuse
Screening Workgroup

Hon. Ruth A. Jakubowski, Chair

Richard Abbott

Hon. Angela M. Eaves

Lou Gieszl

Anne Hurwitz

Cynthia M. Jurrius

Magistrate Hope
Tipton

AnnaMaria Walsh

Hon. Judy L. Woodall

STAFF: DAVID SHULTIE

CONSULTANTS: REBECCA FLEMING, ESQ., TURNBULL, NICHOLSON, & SANDERS, P.A.
TRACEE FORD, COMMUNITY MEDIATION MARYLAND
DEENA HAUSER, ESQ., HOUSE OF RUTH
JENNIFER RANKIN, ESQ., JENNIFER LEIGH RANKIN, LLC
JEANNE YEAGER, ESQ., MID-SHORE COUNCIL ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

NATURE AND PURPOSE:

The workgroup will review the Mediation of Child Custody and Visitation Disputes rule (Md. Rule 9-205) to ensure it sufficiently guides courts in (1) screening custody and visitation cases for abuse of a party or child; and (2) referring appropriate cases for mediation. The workgroup will review nationally recognized best practices and protocols for properly screening cases for abuse and for determining which cases are appropriate for mediation. The workgroup will analyze the various screening tools developed by national organizations to screen parties for abuse in potential mediation cases and determine whether one of those tools, or possibly a customized tool, should be recommended for Statewide use. The workgroup will determine whether it will be necessary to provide any training to mediators, judicial officers, and court staff on screening and recognizing abuse in custody and visitation cases, both before referral to mediation and throughout the mediation process.

WORK PRODUCT:

The workgroup will issue a report on the best practices and, if necessary, standard protocol for screening and referring custody and visitation cases for mediation. The recommendations may include a recommended screening tool and the policies for its application. If necessary, the workgroup will make recommendations for any rule changes. Finally, the workgroup will assist in the development and provision of any necessary trainings and/or training materials related to the best practices and/or standard protocol for screening and referring custody and visitation cases for mediation.

EXPECTED DURATION:

December 2024

Guardianship and Vulnerable
Adults Workgroup

Hon. Karen M. Jensen, Chair

Hon. Alison L. Asti	Hon. Louis Becker	Sharon Christmas- Deberry	Hon. DaNeeka V. Cotton	Hon. Lawrence Fletcher- Hill
Magistrate Lili Khozeimh	Hon. Mary M. Kramer	Hon. Matthew Maciarelo	Andrea Parks	Hon. Patrick L. Woodward

STAFF: NISA C. SUBASINGHE

CONSULTANTS: RANDI AMES, ESQ., DISABILITY RIGHTS MARYLAND
PATRICIA BROWN, MA, HARFORD COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING
LEONARD CROFT, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGING
JANET FEDDER, ESQ., MARYLAND VOLUNTEER LAWYERS SERVICE
ANGELA GRAU, ESQ., DAVIS, AGNOR, RAPAPORT, AND SKALNY, LLC
BARRETT KING, ESQ., KING, HALL LLC
PAM LUBY, ESQ., MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF ADULT SERVICES
JENNIFER M. SULLUM, ESQ., OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This workgroup has been tasked with implementing best practices in guardianship matters to ensure the safety and well-being of those subject to guardianship and the effective management and accounting for guardianship assets. It will also address emerging issues that impact persons under guardianship and other vulnerable adults.

WORK PRODUCT

This workgroup will implement its 25 recommendations for improving guardianship court practices across the state and promote best practices in the monitoring of guardianships. This workgroup will also address other issues (civil and criminal) that affect vulnerable adults.

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Legislative Workgroup
Hon. Kathleen M. Dumais, Chair

Hon. Ada Clark-Edwards

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Hon. Karen M. Jensen

Hon. Douglas R. M.
Nazarian

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette

Magistrate James Speis

STAFF: DAVID R SHULTIE, NISA C. SUBASINGHE

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This workgroup provides commentary, input, and testimony as needed to assist the Legislative Committee in its review of legislative initiatives in the domestic law arena.

WORK PRODUCT

This workgroup will provide input to the Legislative Committee concerning proposed legislation in the domestic law arena. This group will also assist in providing testimony or commentary, upon request from the Legislative Committee, for legislative matters in the domestic law area.

EXPECTED DURATION

This workgroup will meet throughout the legislative session, subject to extension if there are study groups or commissions that require legislative input outside the legislative session. This workgroup will likely be re-formed in December each year, in anticipation of the legislative session.

LGBTQ+ Family Law
Workgroup

Hon. Michael DiPietro, Chair

Hon. Jennifer Fairfax

Hon. Douglas R. M.
Nazarian

Magistrate Mary
O'Donnell

Hon. Scott Poyer

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette

Magistrate Sara Walsh

STAFF: NISA C. SUBASINGHE

CONSULTANTS: LEE BLINDER, TRANS MARYLAND
C.P. HOFFMAN, ESQ., NATIONAL CENTER ON TRANSGENDER EQUALITY
ELIZABETH PINOLINI, ESQ., WHITMAN-WALKER HEALTH

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The workgroup will examine how circuit courts handle issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community.

Anticipated Work Product

The workgroup will review name change, gender change, adoption, and other court processes and make recommendations to ensure these processes are handled fairly and efficiently.

Expected Duration

June 2024

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Parental Education Seminar
Workgroup

Hon. Ginina Jackson-Stevenson,
Chair

Suzanne Bannister

Melissa Buskirk

Alisha Dicus

Hon. Michael DiPietro

Terri Harger

Anne Hurwitz

Hon. Stenise Rolle

Magistrate Sara
Schwartzman

Annamaria Walsh

STAFF: RICHARD ABBOTT, KELLY FRANKS

CONSULTANTS: NICOLE BRISCOE, LCSW-C, MONTGOMERY COUNTY

STACIE GOLD, YWCA OF ANNAPOLIS

SAMANTHA L. SCOTT, PH. D., THE CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER

NAEEMAH STAGGS, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

SMITA VARIA, FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

NATURE AND PURPOSE:

The workgroup will review Maryland Rule 9-204 on co-parenting classes in child access cases to ensure that the content requirements in the Rule continue to meet the needs of Maryland families. The workgroup will also review the content of courses offered in Maryland to ensure the content complies with Maryland Rule 9-204 and that the courses effectively deliver the seminars so that the overall goal of the Rule – to minimize the disruptive effects of separation and divorce on the lives of children – is achieved.

WORK PRODUCT:

The workgroup will issue a report on what the educational seminars need to require, as well as the best practices on how providers should deliver the seminars in order to achieve the goal of minimizing the disruptive effects of separation and divorce on the lives of children. If necessary, the workgroup will make recommendations for any rule changes.

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Special Status Workgroup

Hon. James H. Green
Hon. Cathy H. Serrette,
Co-Chairs

Hon. Carlos Acosta

Hon. Kendra Ausby

Hon. Monise Brown

Hon. Ada Clarke-
Edwards

Hon. Fred Hecker

Abigail Hill, Esq.

Hon. Richard Sandy

David R. Shultie

STAFF: NISA SUBASINGHE

CONSULTANTS: VAN T. DOAN, ESQ., LAW OFFICE OF VAN T. DOAN, LLC

JONATHAN GREENE, ESQ., THE GREENE LAW FIRM

MICHELLE MENDEZ, ESQ., NATIONAL IMMIGRATION PROJECT, NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

LESLYE ORLOFF, ESQ., NATIONAL IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

CATE SCENNA, ESQ., MARYLAND IMMIGRANT LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT, PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTER

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The workgroup will develop guidance for the Judiciary on U-Visa certifications, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) cases, and other matters involving foreign-born litigants.

WORK PRODUCT

The workgroup will develop recommendations on best practices and, if necessary, assist in the development of proposal for rule changes, training programs, and resources.

EXPECTED DURATION

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Domestic Violence and Peace Order
Subcommittee

Hon. Ada Clark-Edwards, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Margaret Kent
Vice-Chair
Worcester County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31,
2024

Hon. Catherine Chen
Baltimore City
District Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31,
2024

Hon. Tracy Delp
Harford County
District Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31,
2025

Hon. Dino Flores
Frederick County
District Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31,
2024

Hon. Kemp Hammond
Anne Arundel County
District Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31,
2024

Hon. Barbara K. Howe
Senior Judge
January 1, 2024 – December 31,
2025

Hon. Cara Lewis
Carroll County
District Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31,
2024

Hon. Maria Oesterreicher
Carroll County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31,
2024

Hon. Lisa A. Phelps
Baltimore County
District Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31,
2025

Hon. Karen Pilarski
Baltimore County
District Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31,
2025

Magistrate Gwendolyn Tate
Baltimore City
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31,
2025

Ajene Turnbull
Chief Deputy Clerk of Court
Wicomico County
January 1, 2023 – December 31,
2024

Hon. Kevin Y.T. Wiggins
Baltimore County
District Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31,
2025

Hon. Susan Zellweger
Baltimore County
District Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31,
2024

Hon. Ricardo D. Zwaig
Senior Judge
January 1, 2024 – December 31,
2025

STAFF: DAVID R. SHULTIE

CONSULTANTS: ROSE DAY, MARKISHA GROSS, TIMOTHY HAVEN, ROBERTA WARNKEN

Nature and Purpose

The Domestic Violence and Peace Order Subcommittee will provide guidance and direction regarding policies, rules, and legislation that relate to domestic violence and peace orders. The Subcommittee will recommend policies, rules, and legislation that improve the effective management of domestic violence and peace order proceedings. The Subcommittee will also review and update the Domestic Violence Manual, together with the Domestic Violence and Peace Order forms in use in the Circuit and District Courts.

Work Product

This subcommittee will prepare an annual update to the Domestic Violence Manual, and update on line Judiciary forms for Peace Order and Domestic Violence cases to ensure compliance with periodic statutory revisions. The Subcommittee also will assist in preparing trainings, in addition to those offered through the Judicial College, for commissioners and other court staff on issues related to domestic violence. The Subcommittee will screen and comment on legislative initiatives referred to the Domestic Law Committee that relate specifically to domestic violence and peace order matters.

Duration

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Hon. Patricia L. Mitchell, Chair
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Diversity and Inclusion Education
Subcommittee
Hon. Yolanda Curtin, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Human Trafficking Subcommittee
Hon. Barbara Waxman, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Judicial Education Subcommittee
Hon. Bibi Berry, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Education Subcommittee
Magistrate Jamie Adkins, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

New Trial Judge Mentoring
Subcommittee
Hon. Michael Siri and
Hon. Richard Trunnell, Co-Chairs
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Professional Development
Subcommittee
Kristin Grossnickle, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Public Education & Outreach
Subcommittee
Hon. Jennifer Schiffer, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Technology Education Subcommittee
Hon. James “Bo” McAllister, Chair
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Hon. Kimberly Davis Baltimore County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Heather DeWees Clerk of Court Carroll County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Kristin Grossnickle Court Administrator Washington County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Troy Hill Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Ginina Jackson Stevenson Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Dawne D. Lindsey Clerk of Court Allegany County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Amy Lorenzini St. Mary's County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. James "Bo" McAllister Clerk of Court Wicomico County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Julia Minner Frederick County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Patricia L. Mitchell Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Valerie Pompey Chief Deputy Clerk Supreme Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Donna Schaeffer Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Stephen Sfekas Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Michael Siri Baltimore County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Kathy P. Smith Clerk of Court Calvert County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Lara Stone Administrative Clerk Harford County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
	Hon. Richard Trunnell Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Barbara Waxman Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Judy Woodall Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: SHAMIKA DENT-WILLIAMS

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Education Committee guides, promotes, and encourages the education, training, and professional development of all Judiciary judges and employees. The Committee's goal is a quality workforce that is well prepared to assist the public in every capacity. The Education Committee oversees continuing legal education for the Judiciary, including all judges, family magistrates, Orphans' Court judges, and judicial officers. The Committee will ensure ample training opportunities for professional staff development and encourage participation, support the mission of the Maryland Professionalism Center, and report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

WORK PRODUCT

The committee will work with other committees, departments, and justice partners to coordinate and communicate training opportunities to all. It will seek new technologies and innovative delivery methods. It will facilitate mentoring and peer support relationships throughout the Judiciary.

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Commissioner Education Subcommittee

Hon. Patricia L. Mitchell, Chair
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Xerxes Grant
Commissioner
Prince George's County

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Hon. Robert W. Heffron
Prince George's County
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Allison McConaghy
Commissioner
Worcester County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Leslie Perry
Commissioner
Baltimore City

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Diana Smith
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Courtney Towles
Commissioner
St. Mary's County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: RACHEL BOWEN, RAUL GALINDO, AND TIM HAVEN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This Subcommittee (the CEC) provides education oversight and courses and provides advice to the 260+ District Court Commissioners working throughout the State of Maryland.

WORK PRODUCT

Commissioner Academy program and courses, Annual Commissioner Conference, Proficiency-Based education.

DURATION

Indefinite

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Diversity and Inclusion Education Subcommittee

Hon. Yolanda L. Curtin
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Karen Bushell
Clerk of Court
Montgomery County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Charleston Carter
Court Administrator
Prince George's County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Ada Clark-Edwards
Prince George's County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Maurice Frazier
Howard County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Kathryn Glenn
Administrative Clerk
Anne Arundel County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. James Green
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Llamilet Gutierrez
Prince George's County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Troy Hill
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Jeannie J. Hong
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Sherri D. Koch
Montgomery County
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Stephanie Medina
Deputy Court Administrator
Baltimore County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Dilip Paliath
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: SHAMIKA DENT-WILLIAMS

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Diversity and Inclusion Education Subcommittee will create a mandatory program at all levels of the Judiciary, including Judicial Units and where appropriate external stakeholders, to promote inclusiveness and develop a greater understanding of and appreciation for diversity through education.

WORK PRODUCT

The subcommittee will:

1. Determine how best to assess which topics should be addressed through training and education, and which target groups will receive the training and education.
2. Build training or programming modules for each target group (i.e., videos, podcasts, bench books, and other resources developed by or procured through the Judicial College).
3. Enhance new employee training/orientation to include diversity and inclusion to establish expectations.
4. Examine implementation of implicit bias testing as a tool for the Judiciary and the use of a facilitator to assist with follow-up discussions.
 - a. Ensure the testing is not used in human resources evaluations, and the results of individual tests are not captured by the Judiciary.
 - b. Provide resources and support for personnel to work through the topics and to assist those who would like to improve their outlook.
5. Include diversity and inclusion topics in retreats, conferences, and meetings.
6. Examine and implement tools to assess the effectiveness of diversity and inclusion training and education.

DURATION

Indefinite

Human Trafficking Subcommittee

Hon. Barbara Waxman
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Diane Adkins-Tobin
Harford County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Stacey Cobb Smith
Prince George's County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Mark Crooks
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Lou Gieszl
Programs
AOC

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Kristin Hileman-Adams
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Patrick Mays
Montgomery County
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Karen Pilarski
Baltimore County
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Dana Moylan Wright
Washington County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: ABBY HILL

NATURE AND PURPOSE:

The workgroup is charged with developing and implementing plans to educate judges, magistrates, appropriate judiciary staff, and justice partners on issues related to human trafficking. In addition, the workgroup may identify other resources and best practices for helping victims of human trafficking who come into contact with the court system. The workgroup will review information about programs in Maryland, as well as in other states, and will make recommendations to the Judicial Council accordingly. The workgroup will work in coordination with the Judicial Council's committees on Education, Family Law, Juvenile Law, and Specialty Courts and Dockets. The chairs of each of the above-mentioned committees will identify at least two people from within their membership to serve on the workgroup and to communicate information back to their respective committees.

EXPECTED DURATION

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Judicial Education Subcommittee

Hon. Bibi Berry, Chair
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Hon. Pamela Alban Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Krystal Alves Prince George’s County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Kendra Ausby Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Shannon E. Avery Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Lynne Battaglia Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Brynja Booth Supreme Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Nathan Braverman Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Pamila Brown Howard County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Donine Carrington Martin Charles County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Christine Celeste Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Ada Clark-Edwards Prince George’s County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Paul Cucuzzella Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Wytonja L. Curry Prince George’s County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025	Hon. Herman Dawson Prince George’s County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Barbara Howe Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. James Kenney III Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Matthew Maciarello Wicomico County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Magistrate Sarah Malik Montgomery County January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Karen Pilarski Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Terrence Zic Appellate Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: PETER SAQUELLA

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Judges’ Education Subcommittee oversees the development of in-house judicial education and training to over 500 judges and magistrates annually, including all of Maryland’s District Court, Circuit Court, Appellate Court and Orphans’ Court judges, as well as retired recalled judges and magistrates. The Subcommittee is also responsible for all of the educational programing for the Annual Maryland Judicial Conference.

WORK PRODUCT

The Subcommittee assists in developing a comprehensive and innovative curriculum each year to enhance the ability of Maryland’s judges and magistrates to hear the cases that come before them, culminating in 40-45 in-person courses and special trainings, including the 6 day residential New Trial Judge Orientation (NTJO) program and the 2 day NTJO Refresher.

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Magistrate Education Subcommittee

Magistrate Jamie Adkins, Chair
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Magistrate Paul Eason
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

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Magistrate Maurice Frazier
Howard County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Kevin Hill
St. Mary's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Lili Khozeimeh
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Sarah Malik
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Carrie Polley
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Desiree Reetz
Cecil County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Danielle Sartwell
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate James Speis
Allegany County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Charles Steuart
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: BENJAMIN CHARLICK

NATURE AND PURPOSE

To identify specific course curriculum, communication venues and professional development opportunities to enhance the skills of magistrates.

WORK PRODUCT

The Magistrate Subcommittee oversees the identification and development of in-house magistrate education and training to over 85 magistrates specializing in Juvenile and Family law.

This subcommittee will identify and submit to the Judicial Education Committee a minimum of six courses annually to be part of Judicial Education programming including identification of course, faculty and resource specific information. The subcommittee goals are to have magistrate specific courses to enhance the growth and quality of a magistrate's working knowledge.

DURATION

Indefinite

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New Trial Judge Mentoring Subcommittee

Hon. Michael Siri and
Hon. Richard R. Trunnell, Co-Chairs
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Donine Carrington Martin
Charles County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Melissa Copeland
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Brian DeLeonardo
Carroll County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Leo Green, Jr.
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kemp Hammond
Anne Arundel County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Geoffrey Hengerer
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Jonas Legum
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Michael McAuliffe
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: PETER SAQUELLA

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Trial Judge and Magistrate Mentoring program contributes to the preparation and future success of Maryland's judges and magistrates through the integration and maintenance of a formal, structured and rigorous mentoring program for new trial judges and magistrates. Further, the program will support the effective execution of judicial duties by offering a coaching experience for judges and magistrates who have served their roles more than one year.

WORK PRODUCT

The Trial Judge and Magistrate Mentoring Subcommittee will: develop and oversee the program, create all necessary materials to support the program, and create an evaluation process to follow the mentees through their mentoring experience.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Professional Development Subcommittee

Kristin Grossnickle, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Debra Burch
Clerk of Court
St. Mary's County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Heather DeWees
Clerk of Court
Carroll County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Kathryn Glenn
Administrative Clerk
Anne Arundel County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Greg Hilton
Clerk of Court
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Megan Howell
Administrative Commissioner
Wicomico County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Rebecca Kimball
Administrative Clerk
Cecil County

July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Dawne Lindsey
Clerk of Court
Allegany County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Stephanie Medina
Court Administrator
Baltimore County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Valerie Pompey
Chief Deputy Clerk
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Joseph Riley
Caroline County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kathy P. Smith
Clerk of Court
Calvert County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Mary K. Smith
Administrative Clerk
Howard County

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: ALLISON GINGELL, NICHELE INBODEN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Sub-Committee works closely with the Education Division: Office of Professional Development to conduct annual training needs assessments and, using new technologies and delivery methods, will develop proficiency based training programs and classes that address gaps in knowledge, skill and abilities that enhances mission-critical performance.

The Professional Development Sub-Committee oversees the selection and evaluation of faculty members and administers the selection of candidates for the Court Professional Certificate, Court Supervisor Manager, and Institute for Court Management programs.

WORK PRODUCT

The Professional Development Sub-Committee serves as a vehicle for the development of educational programs that identify and develop future leaders, encourage succession planning, coaching, mentoring, and participation in training throughout the Judiciary in furtherance of the strategic plans and goals of the Education Committee.

DURATION

Indefinite

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Public Education and Community
Outreach Subcommittee

Hon. Jennifer Schiffer, Chair

Hon. Carlos Acosta
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Shamika Dent-Williams
Judicial College
AOC

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. William Dunn
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kerwin Miller
Harford County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Kelley O'Connor
Government Relations & Public
Affairs

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Laura Ripken
Appellate Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Bradley Tanner
Public Information Officer
AOC

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: DIANA KEAN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The focus of this workgroup is to ensure that meaningful opportunities exist for the Judiciary, stakeholders, and the public to exchange views and remain current as to the operations of the Judiciary. It will develop initiatives to educate the public with respect to the form and function of the third branch of government; why the Judiciary is a critical component of democracy; and, how the courts fit into their lives and communities. The workgroup's focus will include:

- Enhancing communication within the Judiciary among all members and employees.
- Identifying educational opportunities to mitigate misinformation and disinformation to multiple target audiences.
- Working to ensure consistent and active messaging within the Judiciary and from the Judiciary to the public and other stakeholders are delivered.
- Identifying stakeholders for the purpose of such messaging, marketing and branding, public education, joint bench-bar programs, and other collaborative projects.
- Developing creative outreach programs, which may include replication of successful, existing programs and projects.
- Developing strategies for various communication channels and web presences for educating and interacting with the public including, electronic/social media, newsletter, public relations, website and printed collateral.
- Developing a robust speakers bureau program that permits organizations and agencies to easily access members of the Judiciary for speaking engagements and to understand necessary parameters, as well as to ensure that speakers have information that will be responsive to nature of a speaker engagement.
- Creating materials for judges to better market and brand the Judiciary, as well as increase public education efforts.
- Developing and implementing strategies for partnership with state, local and specialty bar associations in educating the public about the law and the Judiciary, including joint efforts as an element of the speaker's bureau.

WORK PRODUCT

It is anticipated that the workgroup will produce and execute a comprehensive public education plan to include a robust speakers bureau program, resources for speaking engagements, and a plethora of program, communication and messaging tools.

EXPECTED DURATION

Indefinite

Technology Education Subcommittee
Hon. James “Bo” McAllister, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024



STAFF: JOHN HAMMELL, NOAH PARKER

NATURE AND PURPOSE

To provide informed advocacy for the development, implementation, and delivery of technology education throughout the Maryland Judiciary. The mission of the Technology Training Subcommittee will be advanced through activities that continuously educate the subcommittee members at a high level as it pertains to ongoing technology education project planning and implementation. This education includes, but is not limited to, formal and informal presentations, attendance at regularly scheduled meetings, and serving as a sounding board and/or sample audience as necessary. The members of the subcommittee will undertake other activities as a group or individually when called upon to do so.

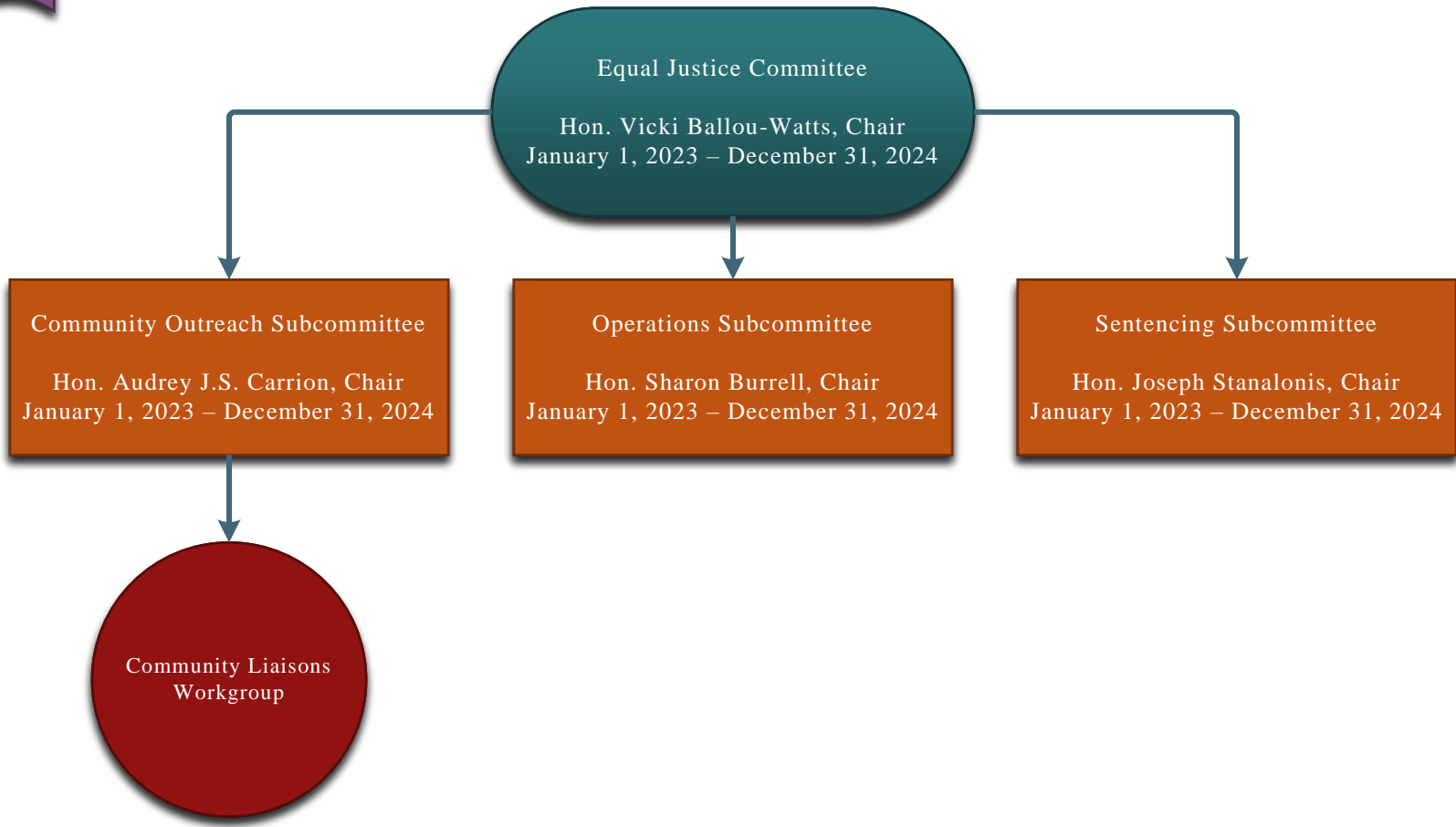
WORK PRODUCT

Oversight of technology education for the Judiciary, thinking partner for the Manager of the school of technology Education and the Assistant Administrator of the Judicial College of Maryland.

DURATION

Indefinite

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Equal Justice Committee

Hon. Vicki Ballou-Watts, Chair
Baltimore County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Clayton A. Aarons Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Shannon Avery Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Sharon V. Burrell Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Audrey J.S. Carrion Baltimore City Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Yolanda L. Curtin Harford County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Angela M. Eaves Supreme Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator Ex Officio	Markisha Gross Administrative Clerk Calvert County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Lydie E. Glynn Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Lisa Hall Johnson Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Amy Lorenzini St. Mary's County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Stephanie Medina Court Administrator Baltimore County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. John P. Morrissey Chief Judge District Court Ex Officio	Ilene Muhlberg Court Administrator Worcester County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Douglas Nazarian Appellate Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Magistrate Dilip Paliath Baltimore County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Laura S. Ripken Appellate Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Judy Rupp State Court Administrator Ex Officio
Hon. Cathy H. Serrette Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Joseph Stanalonis St. Mary's County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Larry Tucker Finance DCHQ January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Donnell Turner Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Roberta Warnken Chief Clerk District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. E. Greg Wells Appellate Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Pamela J. White
Senior Judge
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: LOU GIESZL, WARREN HEDGES, AND PAMELA ORTIZ

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Equal Justice Committee will build the knowledge and proficiencies of judges and judiciary personnel to strengthen the judiciary's commitment to equal justice under law for all.

WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will ensure the increased knowledge and understanding of judges and judiciary personnel regarding ethnic disparities, discrimination and systemic racism, including implicit bias (both conscious and unconscious), micro-inequities, and micro-aggressions. The Committee will make recommendations on strategies to educate and dismantle any discriminatory behaviors toward others in all aspects of the judiciary's functions. The Committee will suggest areas of improvement, resources, support services, educational opportunities, and develop training curriculum for on-going judiciary-wide engagement in the pursuit of equality, fair and impartial justice for all.

DURATION: Indefinite

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Community Liaisons Workgroup

Stephanie Medina, Chair

Karen Bushell

Xavier Conaway

Amy Craig

Heather DeWees

Markisha Gross

Sherise Kennard

Melissa Lahey

Lionel Moore

Erica Payne-Santiago

Burgess Wood

STAFF: WARREN HEDGES, DIANA KEAN

WORK PRODUCT

The workgroup will make recommendations to address the feasibility of developing advisory boards in each jurisdiction with rotating memberships and establishing a community advisory officer in each jurisdiction to serve as the community liaison/point of contact for the community.

DURATION

December 31, 2024

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Community Outreach Subcommittee

Hon. Audrey J.S. Carrion
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Krystal Alves Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Pamela Brown Howard County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Karen Bushell Clerk of Court Montgomery County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Herman Dawson Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Angela Eaves Supreme Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Ana Hernandez Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Amy Lorenzini St. Mary's County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Stephanie Medina Court Administrator Baltimore County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Elizabeth Morris Anne Arundel County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Douglas Nazarian Appellate Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Magistrate Dilip Paliath Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Krystin Richardson Baltimore County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Wennesa Bell Snoddy Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024			

STAFF: TERRI CHARLES, LOU GIESZL, BRADLEY TANNER

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Community Outreach Subcommittee provides opportunities for the public to interact with the Judiciary through ongoing dialogue in order to learn more about community concerns and enable the Judiciary to gain a better understanding of the communities it serves. Through this continuing dialogue, the Judiciary also has an opportunity to increase public awareness of court programs and services, which will in turn, promote trust and confidence in the judicial system.

WORK PRODUCT

The subcommittee will:

1. Hold forums in each jurisdiction, facilitated by a third party neutral, to listen to the community and community partners in order to understand their needs and the ways the courts can better serve the community.
2. Develop advisory boards, with rotating membership, in each jurisdiction, ensuring diversity of voices.
3. Work with the courts to establish a community advisory officer in each court to serve as the community liaison/point of contact for community members.

DURATION

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Operations Subcommittee

Hon. Sharon Burrell, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Clayton A. Aarons Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Debra Burch, Clerk of Court St. Mary's County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Yolanda Curtin Harford County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator AOC January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Markisha Gross Administrative Clerk Calvert County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Lisa Hall Johnson Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Greg Hilton Clerk of Court Supreme Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. John P. Morrissey Chief Judge District Court Ex Officio January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Larry Tucker Deputy Director of Finance District Court Headquarters January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Roberta Warnken Chief Clerk District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Pamela White Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024				

STAFF: WARREN HEDGES, JAMIE WALTER

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Operations Subcommittee will formulate recommendations regarding policies and procedures to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all who work within, utilize the services of, or do business with the Judiciary.

WORK PRODUCT

The subcommittee will:

1. Examine internal and external relationships to determine where and if implicit bias exists.
2. Develop a framework to allow individuals to comment without retaliation.
3. Review hiring, retention, and disciplinary practices.
4. Review Judiciary, both courthouse and administrative, policies, procedures, and practices to ensure equitable treatment of all.

DURATION

Indefinite

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Sentencing Subcommittee

Hon. Joseph Stalonis, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Shannon Avery
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Donine Carrington Martin
Charles County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Theresa Chernosky
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Brian DeLeonardo
Carroll County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Lydie E. Glynn
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Peter K. Killough
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Abigail Marsh
Wicomico County
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Danielle M. Mosley
Anne Arundel County
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Heather L. Price
Caroline County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Andrew Rappaport
Calvert County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Cathy H. Serrette
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Ronald Silkworth
Senior Judge

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: JUSTIN BERNSTEIN, DOMINIQUE JOHNIGAN SIMMONS

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Sentencing Subcommittee will consider sentencing improvements to ensure equal justice.

WORK PRODUCT

The subcommittee will:

1. Review Rules to determine if there are ways to achieve more equity in sentencing.
2. Compile data to understand trends and potential bias.
3. Distinguish judicial from legislative functions.
4. Explore if disproportionality is present before the matter gets to the Judiciary, i.e., charging decisions.
5. Examine Rules changes for sentence reconsideration.

DURATION

Indefinite

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Hon. William Tucker, Chair
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Foster Care Court Improvement
Program Subcommittee
Hon. Theresa Adams, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Juvenile Justice Subcommittee
Hon. William V. Tucker, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Juvenile Justice Best
Practices Workgroup
Hon. Michael J. Stamm,
Chair

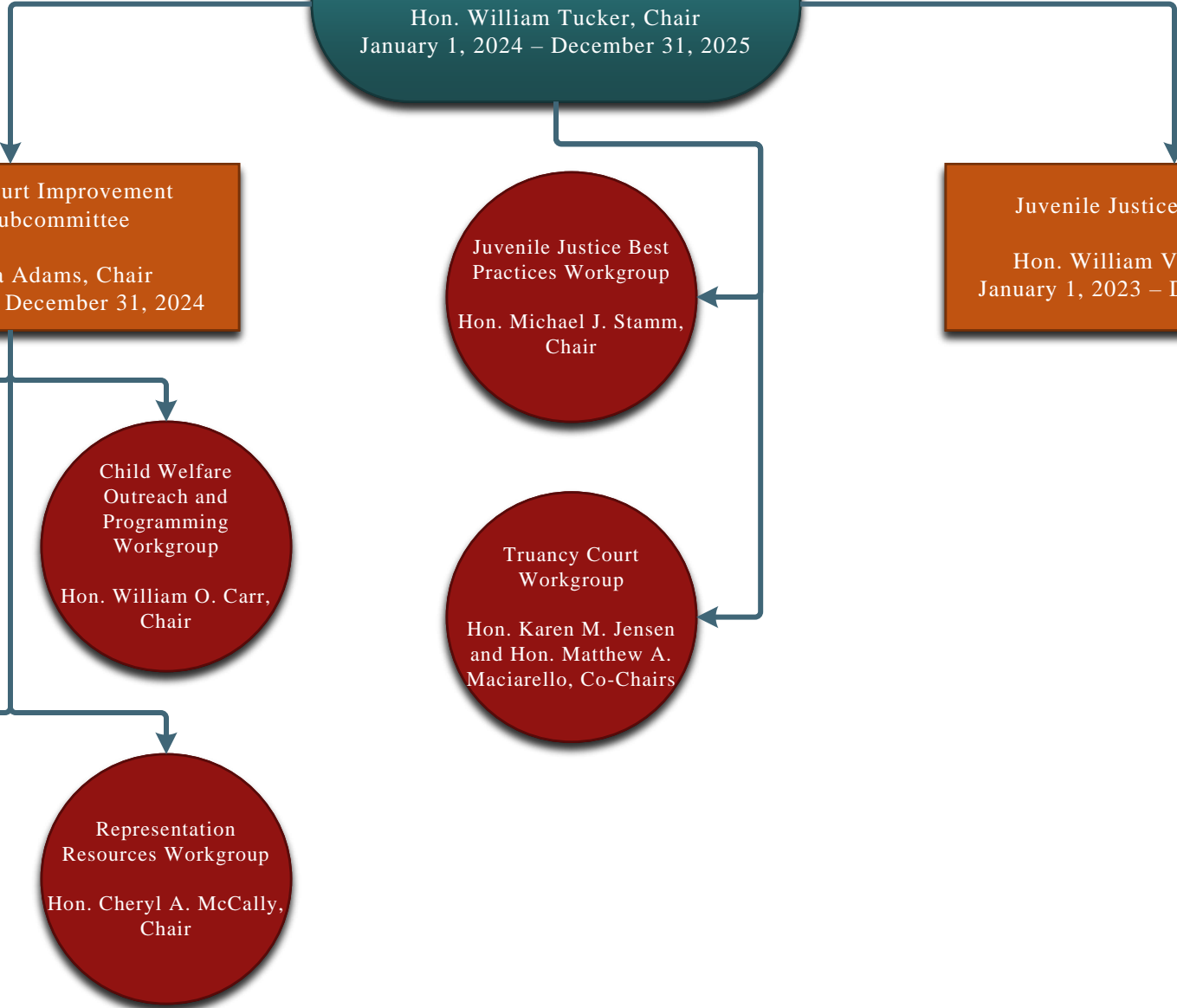
Truancy Court
Workgroup
Hon. Karen M. Jensen
and Hon. Matthew A.
Maciarello, Co-Chairs

Child Welfare
Education Workgroup
Hon. Yolanda Tanner,
Chair

Child Welfare
Outreach and
Programming
Workgroup
Hon. William O. Carr,
Chair

Reporting, Analysis,
And Data Workgroup
Hon. Anne Albright,
Chair

Representation
Resources Workgroup
Hon. Cheryl A. McCally,
Chair



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Juvenile Law Committee
Hon. William Tucker, Chair
Howard County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Theresa M. Adams
Frederick County
Circuit Court
January 29, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Charles Blomquist
Baltimore City
Circuit Court
January 29, 2023- December 31, 2024

Hon. Wytonja Curry
Prince George’s County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025

Hon. Kathleen Dumais
Montgomery County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Julie Glass-Becker
Baltimore County
Circuit Court
January 29, 2023- December 31, 2024

Magistrate Lena Kim
Montgomery County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2023- December 31, 2024

Hon. Matthew A. Maciarello
Wicomico County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Julia Minner
Frederick County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Jeffrey D. Moffat
Carroll County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Mary O’Donnell
Dorchester County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Stephanie Porter
Howard County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Erica Wolfe
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Dana M. Wright
Washington County
Circuit Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: HOPE GARY, ABBY HILL, SARAH KAPLAN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Juvenile Law Committee will provide guidance and direction regarding policies, rules, and legislation surrounding juvenile law, including juvenile justice and child welfare. It will recommend policies, rules, and legislation that improve the effective administration of juvenile law.

WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will review all policies, rules and legislation regarding juvenile matters. It will make recommendations regarding the same. The Committee will review systemic issues regarding juvenile law and make recommendations for improvement. It also will collaborate with justice partners to ensure a holistic approach to the development, implementation and evaluation of initiatives involving juvenile matters. The Committee will oversee the review and update of all Judiciary publications and forms related to juvenile law. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

DURATION

Indefinite.

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Juvenile Justice Best Practices
Workgroup

Hon. Michael J. Stamm, Chair

Hon. Theresa Adams

Hon. Robert Kershaw

Hon. Matthew A. Maciarelo

Magistrate Jeffrey Moffatt

Hon. William V. Tucker

Hon. Dana M. Wright

STAFF: ABBY HILL, SARAH KAPLAN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Juvenile Justice Best Practices Workgroup is established by the Juvenile Law Committee to identify best practices in the implementation of 2022 legislation and rules creating substantial changes in court practices in juvenile justice. The Workgroup will advise the Committee concerning: (1) recommended best practice standards to implement the aforementioned legislation and rules; (2) recommended training for judges, magistrates, and court staff; (3) recommended materials for judges, magistrates, and court staff, such as bench cards; and (4) whether any additional changes to statute or rule are recommended to effectuate their implementation. With the approval of the Committee, the Workgroup will take steps to develop, implement, and refine trainings and material.

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

The Workgroup will report regularly to the Committee and will submit a final report and recommendations to the Committee by December 31, 2023, summarizing its work and including draft materials and outlines of any proposed statute or rule changes.

DURATION

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Truancy Court Workgroup

Hon. Karen M. Jensen and
Hon. Matthew A. Maciarelo,
Co-Chairs

Hon. William W. Davis, Jr.

Magistrate Ted Hart

Hon. Joanie Raymond

Sally Reed

Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth

Magistrate Althea Stewart
Jones

Kendall E. Timmons

STAFF: GRAY BARTON, SARAH KAPLAN

Nature and Purpose

The Truancy Court Workgroup is established jointly by the Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee and the Juvenile Law Committee, with the purpose of advising both Committees concerning: (1) the various court-related programs within the State which address truancy, including Truancy Reduction Pilot Program courts, truancy reduction efforts in District Courts, and the University of Baltimore Truancy Court Program; and (2) whether changes to statute, rule, policy, or practice are recommended to support court-related truancy reduction efforts, including changes to addressing the Truancy Reduction Pilot Program, and Maryland Rules, Rule 16-207, addressing problem-solving court programs, or Title 11, addressing the juvenile court. The Workgroup also will continue efforts towards passage of the previously proposed amendments to CJP Title 3, Subtitle 8C.

Work Product

The Workgroup will submit a report and recommendations to both Committees, summarizing its work and including the proposed language of any recommended amendments to the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article or the Maryland Rules.

Duration

December 31, 2024

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Foster Care Court Improvement
Program Subcommittee

Hon. Julia A. Minner, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Theresa Adams
Senior Judge

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Anne K. Albright
Appellate Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. William O. Carr
Senior Judge

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Wendy Epstein
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Robert B. Kershaw
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Stephen Liggett-Creel
Acting Director
DHHS

Ex Officio

Hon. Cheryl A. McCally
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Althea Stewart Jones
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Yolanda A. Tanner
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: HOPE GARY

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The scope of activity for the Foster Care Court Improvement Program Subcommittee would be all matters related to juveniles and young adults involved in Child in Need of Assistance (CINA), termination of parental rights, and adoption and will provide oversight of the Federal Court Improvement Program grant awarded to the Court. The subcommittee review all of these matters, make recommendations to the Juvenile Law Committee, to include, but not be limited to, recommendations as to possible legislative matters, update of foster care and neglect related petitions, Maryland Rules, recommend and identify new program initiatives, review and recommend all grant awards related to foster care and corroborate with the Department of Social Services as to ongoing and possible issues affecting juveniles in the Court system.

This subcommittee, through its Chairperson, will present its recommendations to the Juvenile Law Committee for discussion, review and possible recommendation to the Chief Judge and the Judicial Council.

DURATION

Indefinite.

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Child Welfare Education Workgroup

Hon. Yolanda Tanner, Chair

Hon. William Davis

Magistrate Neeta Kataria

Magistrate Erica Wolfe

STAFF: HOPE GARY AND JOANNE KERR

CONSULTANT: Janet Hartge, Esq.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Child Welfare Education Workgroup will plan, host and conduct post training assessment of CANDO.

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

The workgroup will develop training materials and review, revise and update the current Child Welfare Benchbook.

DURATION

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Child Welfare Outreach and
Programming Workgroup

Hon. William O. Carr, Chair

Magistrate David Addison

Magistrate Althea Stewart
Jones

STAFF: HOPE GARY

CONSULTANTS: Jim Becker, Shawna Johnson, Erica LeMon, John McGinnis, Brandi Stocksdales

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Child Welfare Outreach and Programming Workgroup focuses on enhancing the availability and understanding of court programs and initiatives designed to improve permanency outcomes for families involved in child welfare matters.

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

Expand access to CASA to every youth in foster care; enhance relative/kin caregiver engagement with the courts; develop a pilot program using an educational liaison to solely focused on monitoring/implementation of IEPs for youth in a jurisdiction; and continue efforts to establish border agreements with Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Virginia.

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Reporting, Analysis, and Data (RAD)
Workgroup

Hon. Anne Albright, Chair

Richard Abbott

April Andrade

Grant Bacon

Laurie Baker

Cathy Boyer

Staci Cook

Deborah Elms

Hope Gary

Wendy Hawkins

Austin Phaire

Corey Shdaimah

Debbie Simpson

Dominique Johnigan
Simmons

Calvin Tribbitt

Kelly Uhas

Mark Vitale

Geneva Warren

Lisa Wyckoff

Hisashi Yamagata

STAFF: JOANNE KERR

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The workgroup is responsible for child welfare data continuous quality improvement (CQI) and reviewing the accuracy of statewide child welfare data reports. The workgroup meets quarterly to review the child welfare data reports and conducts a frontline analysis of the statewide data. RAD primarily reviews the Foster Care Court Improvement Program Timeliness Statistics and Court Performance Measures reports. These reports provide our federal partners court data that reflect our progress towards achieving safety, permanency, and well-being goals for children, youth, and families. The workgroup will develop recommendations and best practice tools to assist jurisdictions with handling child welfare data. The workgroup is responsible for hosting a biennial child welfare data workshop.

The work group composition includes judiciary information systems staff, court researchers, permanency planning liaisons, and Department of Social Services Administration representatives.

DURATION

Six Months

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Representation Resources Workgroup
Hon. Cheryl McCally, Chair

Hon. Julia Minner

Magistrate Kathryn Brewer
Poole

STAFF: HOPE GARY, ABBY HILL

CONSULTANTS: Audra Davis, Carol Ann Smith, David Wagner and Karolyn Bowe

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Representation Resources Workgroup will develop a plan to ensure that all parties involved in child welfare system have quality legal representation. The workgroup will expand resources and provide training opportunities to enhance legal representation in CINA and related TPR matters.

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

The workgroup would like to create a Dependency 101 video and accompanying handbook to educate, support, and assist parents in navigating through the court process and also to develop a parent peer/mentor program.

DURATION

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Juvenile Justice Subcommittee

Hon. Lara Weathersbee, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kathleen Dumais
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Kathleen English
Frederick County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Jeffrey Moffatt
Carroll County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Mary O'Donnell
Dorchester County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Magistrate Kristin Peacock
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Joanie Raymond
Frederick County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Magistrate Erica J. Wolfe
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court

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STAFF: ABBY HILL, SARAH KAPLAN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

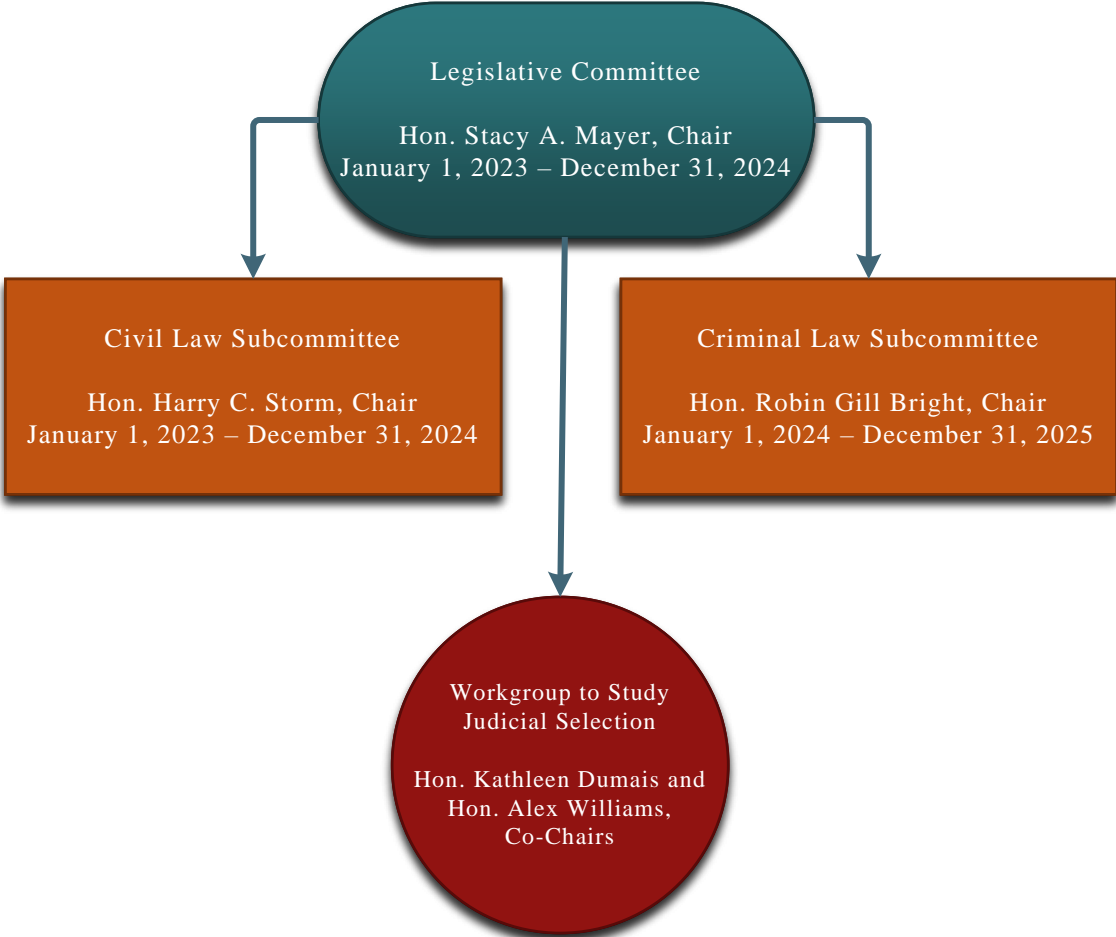
The scope of activity for the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee is all matters related to juveniles in delinquent related cases whether in the juvenile or adult courts. The subcommittee will review all of these matters, make recommendations to the Juvenile Law Committee, to include, but not be limited to, recommendations as to possible legislation, update of juvenile forms and Maryland Rules, and collaborate with the Department of Juvenile Services as to ongoing issues affecting juveniles in the court system.

This subcommittee, through its Chairperson, will present its recommendations to the Juvenile Committee for discussion, review and possible recommendation to the Chief Judge and the Judicial Council.

EXPECTED DURATION

Indefinite.

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Legislative Committee

Hon. Stacy A. Mayer, Chair
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

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Hon. Richard Sandy
Vice-Chair
Frederick County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. LaKeecia Allen
Prince George's County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Brynja Booth
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Robin D. Bright
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Yvette M. Bryant
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Mark S. Chandlee
Calvert County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Joseph Getty
Senior Judge

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. James Green
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. LaTina Greene
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. John P. Morrissey
Chief Judge
District Court

Ex Officio

Hon. Aileen E. Oliver
Montgomery County
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Judy Rupp
State Court Administrator

Ex Officio

Hon. Margaret M. Schweitzer
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Harry C. Storm
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: SUZANNE PELZ

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Legislative Committee will protect and promote the Judiciary's interests regarding new laws and initiatives. It will defend and/or advance the Judiciary's interests by determining and implementing the most effective strategy for doing so given the political climate and other factors impacting the current landscape. The Committee members rely on collective institutional knowledge, history, and political experience.

WORK PRODUCT

The Legislative Committee will review and analyze legal and policy implications and how they affect the Judiciary. It also will serve as a clearinghouse for all legislation, advise the Chief Judges and Judicial Council on legislative issues, review pending legislation, and formulate a single, unified position for the Judiciary. The Committee reviews internally generated requests for new legislation and makes recommendations to the Judicial Council. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Workgroup to Study Judicial Selection

Hon. Kathleen Dumais, Co-Chair
Hon. Alexander Williams, Jr., Co-Chair

Hon. Diane Adkins-Tobin	Hon. Mary Ellen Barbera Ex Officio	Carville Collins, Esq.	Morgan Drayton	William Flowers	Ron Jarashow
Mary Kane	Hon. Stacy Mayer	William "Billy" Murphy, Esq.	Hon. Marie L. Oesterreicher	Hon. Stephen Platt	John (Jack) Quinn, Esq.
Hon. Kurt Schmoke	Hon. Sheila Tillerson Adams	Hon. Donald Tobin	Donna VanScoy	Ralph Watkins	Hon. Brett R. Wilson

STAFF: KELLEY O'CONNOR, SUZANNE PELZ

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Perform a fair, balanced and exhaustive examination of the various methods of selecting and retaining trial judges throughout the country and make recommendations based on that study.

The Workgroup will:

1. Perform a study that will include, but not be limited to: a current academic literature and research review including sources such as the Brennan Center; the National Center for State Courts; the Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System; the American Bar Association; academia; and, advocacy materials on all sides of the issue.
2. Review the current and historical judicial complement in Maryland based on gender, race, and ethnicity.
3. Hold public hearings for stakeholders and citizens on all sides of the issue and schedule meetings with subject matter experts.

WORK PRODUCT

1. A report on the current state of judicial elections and the findings of the Workgroup based on academic examination, public testimony, and discussions with subject matter experts.
2. Recommendations for change or to retain the status quo to the Legislative Committee.

EXPECTED DURATION

September 1, 2023 – September 1, 2024

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Civil Law Subcommittee

Hon. Harry C. Storm, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Catherine Chen
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Kathleen Dumais
Montgomery Court
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Angela M. Eaves
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Michael E. Malone
Anne Arundel County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. H. Jack Price
Allegany & Garret Counties
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Richard Titus
Carroll County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: RICHARD KEIDEL

NATURE AND PURPOSE

To review legislation pertaining to civil law during the legislative session and make recommendations to the full Committee.

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

Make recommendations to the Committee pertaining to civil law during the legislative session.

EXPECTED DURATION

Ninety Days (January to April)

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Criminal Law Subcommittee

Hon. Robin D. Bright, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kent J. Boles, Jr.
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Garret P. Glennon
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Karen Ketterman
Talbot County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Daniel W. Powell
Somerset County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Michelle R. Saunders
Calvert County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Robert K. Taylor
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: RICHARD KEIDEL

NATURE AND PURPOSE

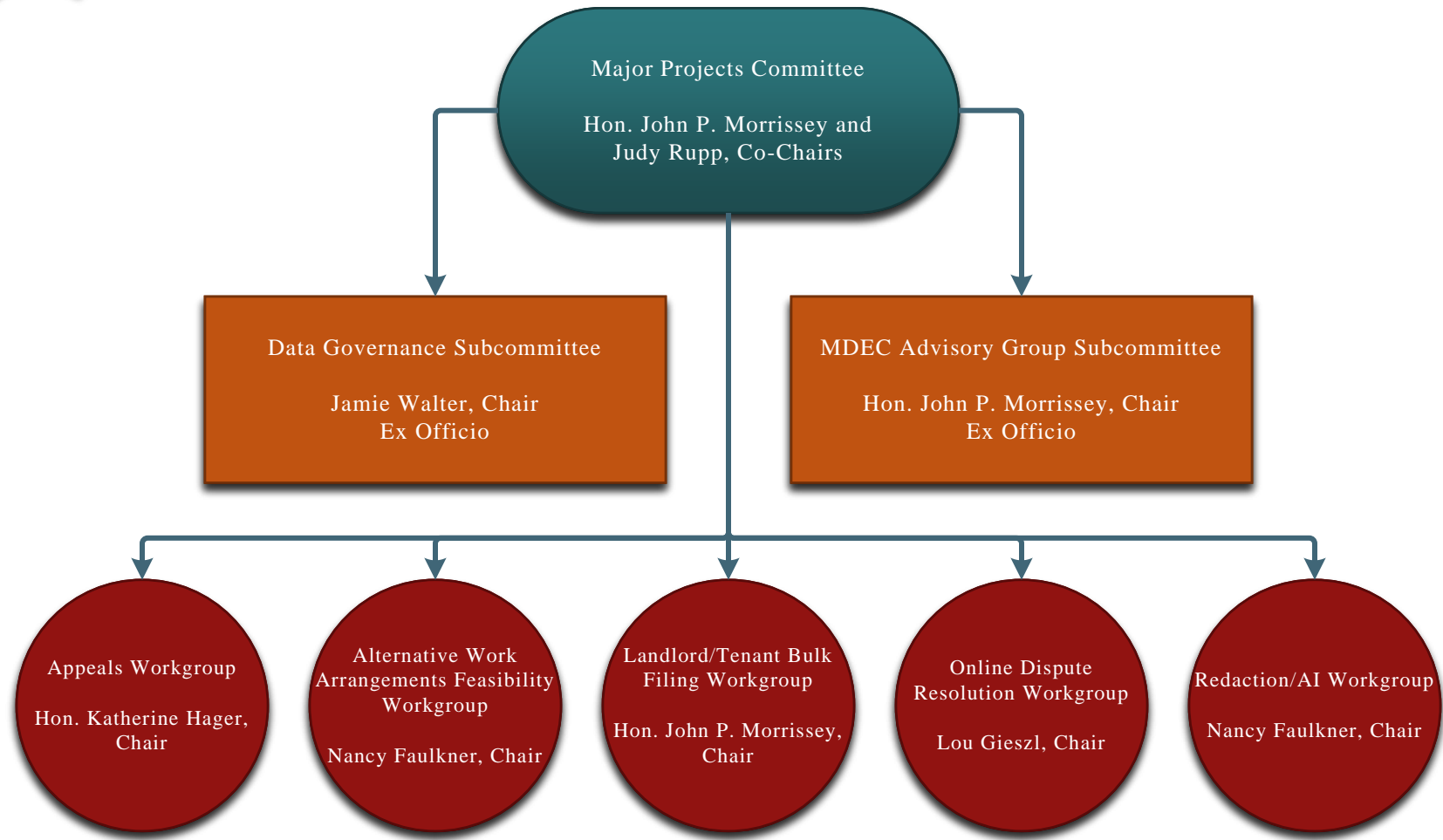
To review legislation pertaining to criminal law during the legislative session and make recommendations to the full committee.

WORK PRODUCT

Make recommendations to the Committee pertaining to civil law during the legislative session.

EXPECTED DURATION

Ninety Days (January to April)



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Major Projects Committee

Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chief Judge
District Court and
Judy Rupp, State Court Administrator
Co-Chairs

Robert Bruchalski
Information Technology
JIS

Ex Officio

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator
AOC

Ex Officio

Olya Jerschowsky
Project Management
JIS

Ex Officio

Stephanie Medina
Chair, Conference of Circuit
Court Administrators

Ex Officio

Lisa Preston
Case Management Systems
JIS

Ex Officio

Hon. S. James Sarbanes
Wicomico County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Norman Stone
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Kevin Tucker
Chair, Conference of Circuit
Court Clerks

Ex Officio

Roberta Warnken
Chief Clerk
District Court

Ex Officio

Hon. Alan Wilner
Chair, Rules Committee

Ex Officio

STAFF: CARLY ROCHE

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Major Projects Committee addresses policy-related matters regarding the implementation and ongoing operation of new and existing technology projects, as well as the establishment of priorities for the implementation of those projects. The Committee works collaboratively with the Court Technology Committee and Judicial Information Systems.

WORK PRODUCT

The Committee is the final decision-making body for policy decisions regarding MDEC. The more complex and policy-related concerns of court users and justice partners are brought to the Committee for consideration. The Committee also addresses the functionality of the different components of MDEC by reviewing system change requests submitted by users or that result from changes in practice or process. This review includes weighing the time and cost of making changes against the overall benefit to operations. The Committee oversees the Government Agency Access process under Maryland Rule 20-109 which governs remote access to MDEC by authorized government entities. The Committee also oversees the administration of the contract with Tyler Technologies and is directly involved with making decisions regarding modifications and amendments. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Appeals Workgroup
Hon. Katherine Hager, Chair

Angela Adams

Debra Burch

Doneice Burnette

Daniel Campbell

Kathy Dixon

Rachel Dombrowski

Carolyn Fleary

Mary Katherine
Fowler

Greg Hilton

Yvette Moore

Lisa Preston

Wayne Robey

Michelle Rollins

Wendy Stackhouse

Jamie Walter

STAFF: MEGAN COLLIER

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The purpose of the workgroup is to review how the appeals process works in MDEC and make recommendations on business process changes.

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

The Workgroup plans to accomplish the following: (1) re-write QRGs for clerks in processing appeals in Odyssey to the Appellate Court of Maryland and one for the Supreme Court of Maryland, (2) work on proposed language to update Title 8 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure for Appellate Review in the Supreme Court and the Appellate Court, (3) update appeals manual created by Appellate Court and include the Supreme Court; (4) address exhibits and transcripts process, (5) update Research & Analysis Guide to Appeals to the Appellate Court, and (6) make recommendations for any possible MDEC changes if needed (remote access issues).

EXPECTED DURATION

December 2024

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Alternative Work
Arrangements Feasibility
Workgroup

Nancy Faulkner, Chair

Doug Arnold

Robert Bruchalski

Ebonye Caldwell

Hon. Audrey J.S.
Carrión

Danielle Fox

Hon. Steven
Gould

Kristin
Grossnickle

Hon. Susan
Hazlett

Greg Hilton

Doug Hofstedt

Daniel Mays

Hon. John
Morrissey

Valerie Pompey

Hon. Scott Poyer

Judy Rupp

Tim Sheridan

Annamaria Walsh

Roberta Warnken

STAFF: MELISSA CANADA

PURPOSE

The March 2022 Report of the Joint Subcommittee on Post-COVID Judicial Operations recommended that a workgroup be formed to study the prospect of alternative work arrangements. The workgroup will:

1. Perform a study guided by the principles set forth in the Report of the Joint Subcommittee on Post-COVID Judicial Operations that will evaluate:
 - Job functions that are suitable for telework, including but not limited to: law clerks, judicial assistants, clerks, IT, staff, AOC and District Court Headquarters staff, and supervisors/managers.
 - Whether certain job functions can be performed during non-standard hours.
 - Whether administrative heads should have the authority to implement other forms of alternative work arrangements.
 - Methods that should be employed to ensure the productivity of employees while teleworking.
2. Review current Maryland Judiciary data on telework, including: data from JIS' evaluation of telework monitoring software; results of telework surveys; and information from Human Resources and Payroll regarding the extent of current employee telework.
3. Utilize available data regarding productivity of teleworkers in multiple fields and positions, alternative work arrangements in other court systems, and best practices for telework policies.

WORK PRODUCT

A report in compliance with the Report of the Joint Subcommittee on Post-COVID Judicial Operations. The report will provide recommendations on the feasibility of alternative work arrangements and include guidance on ensuring consistent and equitable supervision of employees and ensuring productivity of employees utilizing alternative work arrangements.

DURATION

Spring 2024

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Landlord/Tenant E- Filing
Project Workgroup

Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chair

Hon. Bryon
Bereano

Rose Day

Nicole DiFonzo

Maria Fields

Carolyn Fleary

Jarrett Hendrix

Olya
Jerschowsky

Laura Jones

Priscilda
Menjares

Preena Patel

Robert Prender

Lisa Preston

Marquita
Spriggs

Hon. Norman
Stone

Jason Thomas

John Todd

Ryan
Villalpando

Roberta
Warnken

Hon. Dorothy
Wilson

STAFF: TOBA OWONUBI

NATURE/PURPOSE OF WORKGROUP: The purpose of the Workgroup is to define and validate the work and business processes including producing the requirements needed by Tyler to produce the electronic filing system. Members of the Workgroup are also responsible performing User Acceptance Testing (UAT).

WORK PRODUCT: Tyler developed software solution using Baltimore County as the pilot jurisdiction. The work product is a system where bulk filers, single filers or Vendor Electronic Filer Service Providers (VEFSPs) may file the failure to pay rent action electronically. A filer may also use the Tyler created Odyssey File and Serve (OFS) intermediate User Interface (UI) for filing.

DURATION: December 2024

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Online Dispute Resolution
Work Group

Lou Gieszl, Chair

Richard Abbott

Justin Bernstein

Rose Day

Maureen Denihan

Cynthia Jurrius

Christian Noble

Theresa Nudell

Lisa Preston

Nick White

STAFF: SHANNON BAKER

NATURE/PURPOSE OF WORKGROUP: The Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) Work Group monitors the development of court-connected ODR initiatives and develops recommendations about possible ODR projects in the Maryland Judiciary.

WORK PRODUCT: The work group has been tasked with developing and analyzing options for ODR projects in the following areas, in order of priority: (1) non-incarcerable traffic cases, (2) small claims, and (3) child support enforcement. The workgroup will engage a technical consulting firm to assist in discovering and documenting ODR requirements and how ODR software can be adopted and incorporated into the Judiciary's existing case management practices. Tasks include defining the technical and business requirements, along with identifying the necessary policy and business process changes needed to implement an ODR solution.

DURATION: September 2024

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Redaction/AI Workgroup
Nancy Faulkner, Chair

Charleston Carter	Amy Craig	Rose Day	Missy Gallagher	Roberta Grubb	Mallori Heely	Jeff Luoma
Theresa Nudell	Lisa Preston	Wayne Robey	Rakhi Sawhney	Dan Smith	Jason Thomas	Gillian Tonkin
		Kevin Tucker	Roberta Warnken	Alex Yufest		

STAFF: THERESA NUDELL

PURPOSE

The Major Projects Committee recommended that a workgroup be formed to oversee the implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) and redaction technologies within case management practices. The redaction software will integrate with Odyssey and File and Serve. The project will be accomplished with two vendors, CSI Intellidact Software and Tyler Technologies CSI Intellidact Redaction Integration Connector.

The immediate need is to define how to use this technology to assist with expungements and unit charge removals that are eligible under Criminal Law §§10-105 and 10-107. This law affects the offenses under Criminal Law §5-601 and became effective January 1, 2023.

The workgroup will:

- Formally identify pilot courts, both District and circuit courts.
- Review Maryland Judiciary case practices and determine how AI and redaction technologies can best serve the immediate needs imposed under Criminal Law §§10-105 and 10-107.
- Identify parameters to “teach” redaction software how to recognize terms associated with cannabis expungement.
- Identify and set future direction on the use of redaction technologies for the shielding of personally identifiable information (PII) within case documents. PII is data that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s identity, such as name, social security number, date of birth, etc.
- Identify and set future direction on the use of AI technologies to streamline the case document review process and case record updates within the MDEC system.
- Identify other areas that may benefit from redaction software, such as Human Resources, Procurement, JIS, and Legal Affairs.
- Identify Maryland rules and policies that may require changes with future AI and redaction use being considered for adoption.

WORK PRODUCT

The workgroup will spearhead the implementation and integration of AI and redaction technologies to support the cannabis reform law. The policies and practices defined for the pilot courts will serve as the model to leverage this technology across all other courts in the State of Maryland. After initial redaction/AI goals related to cannabis reform are implemented, the workgroup will assist with defining how redaction and AI can be utilized in other areas.

DURATION

March 2023 – July 2024

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Data Governance Subcommittee

Jamie Walter, Chair
Ex-Officio

Robert Bruchalski
Information Technology
JIS

Ex Officio

Terri Charles
Government Relations and Public
Affairs

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Nancy Faulkner
Deputy State Court Administrator

Ex Officio

Lou Gieszl
Programs
AOC

July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Jeff Huddleston
Deputy CIO
JIS

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Lily Kleppertknoop
Research and Analysis
AOC

July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Erica Peters
System Development
JIS

July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Scott Poyer
Clerk of Court
Anne Arundel County

July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Margaret Schweitzer
Circuit Court
Montgomery County

July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Timothy Sheridan
Court Administrator
Montgomery County

July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Bradley Tanner
Government Relations and Public
Affairs

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Roberta Warnken
Chief Clerk
District Court

Ex Officio

STAFF: COLLEEN HORVATH

CONSULTANT: MARK BITTNER

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Data Governance Subcommittee was formed to create a centralized structure for policies regarding the Judiciary's data. The Subcommittee meets on a quarterly basis or when needed.

WORK PRODUCT

The Subcommittee will be divided into small groups to work on four different policy areas: (1) scope of data; (2) data ownership and retention; (3) data access; and (4) data usage.

EXPECTED DURATION

Indefinite

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MDEC Advisory Subcommittee

Hon. John P. Morrissey, Chair
Ex Officio

Judy Rupp, Vice-Chair State Court Administrator Ex Officio	Mary J. Abrams Administrative Clerk Baltimore City	Bobbi Ager System Analyst JIS	Rachel Bowan Commissioner Activity	Robert Bruchalski JIS Ex Officio	Hon. Audrey J.S. Carrión Circuit Court Baltimore City
Brittany Clark Operation Analyst AOC	Meghan Collier Business Systems JIS	Hon. Xavier Conaway Clerk of Court Baltimore City	Amanda Davis Commissioner Technology	Sharon Davis Business Systems JIS	Rose Day Operations District Court
Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator Ex Officio	Tim Haven Commissioner Activity	Hon. Geoffrey Hengerer Baltimore City Circuit Court	Greg Hilton Clerk of Court Supreme Court	Olya Jerschowsky Project Management JIS Ex Officio	Linda Lewis Administrative Commissioner District Court Baltimore City
Lionel Moore Court Administrator Circuit Court Baltimore City	Toba Owonubi MDEC Projects JIS	Lisa Preston Case Management JIS Ex Officio	Sarah Parks Business Analysis JIS	Roberta Warnken Chief Clerk District Court Ex Officio	Jamie Walter Research & Analysis AOC Ex Officio

STAFF: CARLY ROCHE, GILLIAN TONKIN

TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.: JOHN TODD AND KEVIN KENNEDY

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The MDEC Advisory Subcommittee is a subcommittee with revolving membership of court leadership during the MDEC implementation process. The Subcommittee primarily focuses on operational concerns for courts in the process of going live on MDEC.

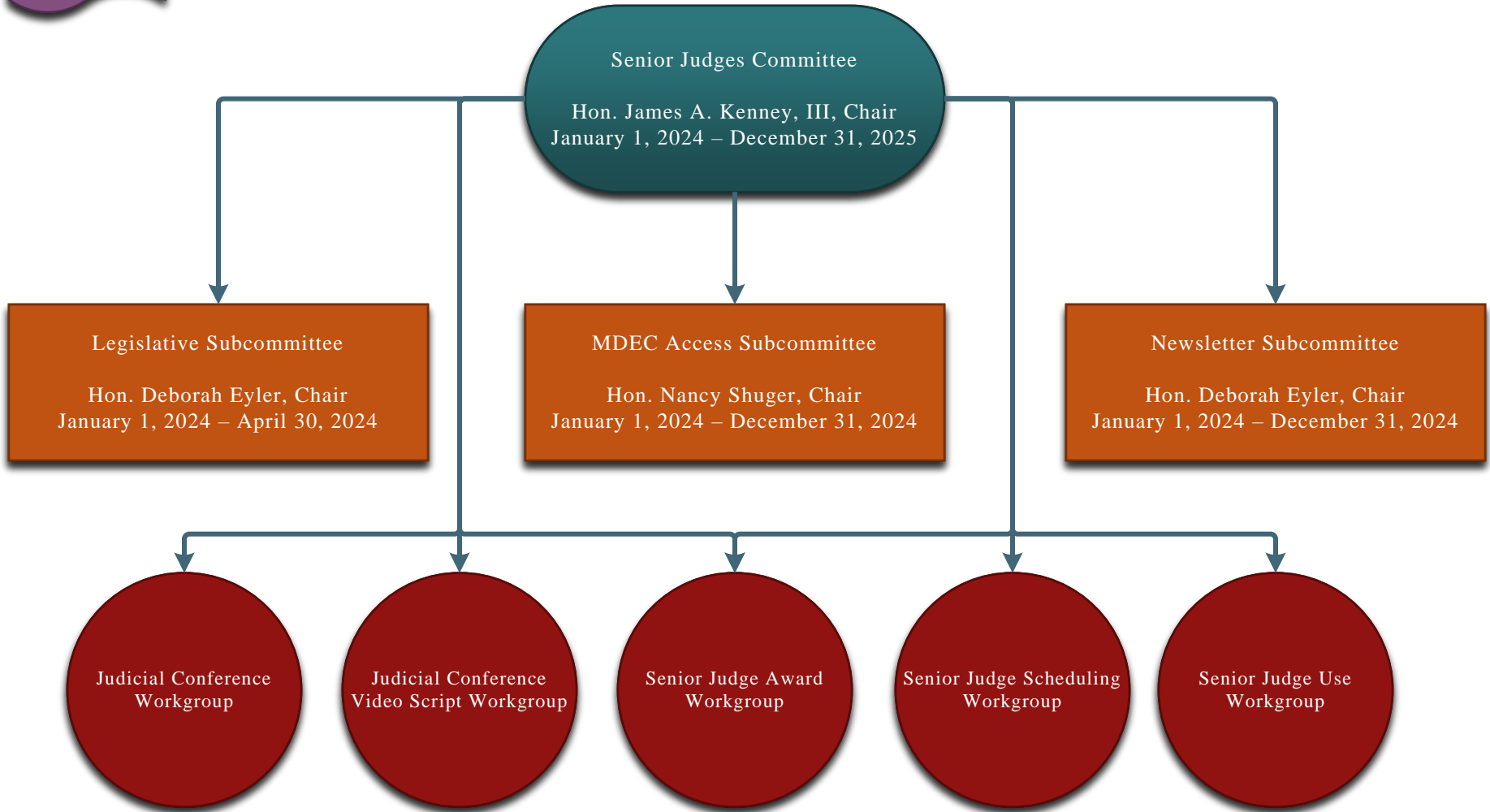
WORK PRODUCT

Throughout the year the Subcommittee will meet to address issues related to MDEC implementation.

DURATION

This subcommittee will end once MDEC is fully implemented.

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Senior Judges Committee

Hon. James Kenney III, Chair
Senior Judge
Appellate Court
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Deborah S. Eyler
Vice Chair
Senior Judge
Appellate Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Jean Baron
Senior Judge
Prince George's County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia
Senior Judge
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Lawrence Daniels
Senior Judge
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Glenn Harrell
Senior Judge
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Steven I. Platt
Senior Judge
Prince George's County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Amanda Purnell
Court Administrator
Talbot County

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Irma S. Raker
Senior Judge
Supreme Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Sharon Reed
Executive Aide to the Chief Judge
District Court Headquarters

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Marcus Z. Shar
Senior Judge
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Nancy B. Shuger
Senior Judge
Baltimore City
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Norman Stone
Senior Judge
Baltimore County
District Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Dennis Sweeney
Senior Judge
Howard County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

STAFF: ELIANA PANGELINAN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Senior Judges Committee will advise the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Judicial Council on matters relevant to retired/recalled judges.

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will monitor changes to laws, rules, and policies that impact retired/recalled judges. It will ensure retired/recalled judges are apprised of those changes and that they receive the requisite training to effectively address the same. The Committee also will ensure retired/recalled judges receive the tools necessary to perform their duties. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

Duration

Indefinite.

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Judicial Conference Workgroup
Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia, Chair

Hon. Jean S. Baron

Hon. James A. Kenney, III

Sharon Reed

STAFF: ELIANA PANGELINAN

CONSULTANTS: THERESA COFFEY, PETER SAQUELLA

NATURE AND PURPOSE:

The Workgroup will plan the Senior Judges Meeting and Reception at the Judicial Conference.

EXPECTED WORK PRODUCT:

The Workgroup will select facilitators, invite guests to the meeting, and review materials provided to Retired Judges and Senior Judges at that meeting.

EXPECTED DURATION:

ANNUALLY, JANUARY – MAY

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Judicial Conference Video
Script Workgroup

Hon. Jean S. Baron

Hon. Deborah S. Eyler

Hon. Barbara K. Howe

Hon. Irma S. Raker

Hon. Thurman H. Rhodes

Hon. Glenn Harrell

STAFF: SHARON REED

NATURE AND PURPOSE:

The Judicial Conference Video Script Workgroup will plan and be featured in the Senior Judges Committee's presentation at the Judicial Conference.

EXPECTED WORK PRODUCT:

Develop the Senior Judges Committee's presentation for the Judicial Conference.

EXPECTED DURATION:

ANNUALLY, JANUARY – MAY

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Senior Judge Award
Workgroup

Hon. Irma S. Raker, Chair

Hon. Jean S. Baron

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia

Hon. Barbara K. Howe

STAFF: ELIANA PANGELINAN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Senior Judges Award Group will award a senior judge with the annual Senior Judge Award based on their work in the community.

WORK PRODUCT

Recommend a senior judge to receive the annual Senior Judge Award at the Judicial Conference.

DURATION

ANNUALLY, JANUARY – SEPTEMBER

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Senior Judge Scheduling Workgroup

Hon. Paul Bowman

Hon. Lawrence Daniels

Hon. Fred Hecker

Lisa Preston

Amanda Purnell

Hon. Dennis Sweeney

STAFF: ELIANA PANGELINAN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The mission will be to explore options to provide schedulers the ability to efficiently schedule circuit court-designated Senior Judges to preside over hearings at various court locations as approved.

WORK PRODUCT

A centralized calendar where circuit court-designated Senior Judges will add their availability to preside over cases.

DURATION

DECEMBER 31, 2024

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Senior Judge Use Workgroup

Hon. James Bonifant

Hon. Paul Bowman

Hon. Lawrence Daniels

Kristin Grossnickle

STAFF: ELIANA PANGELINAN AND BRADLEY POWERS

NATURE AND PURPOSE:

The Workgroup is a joint effort of the Court Operations and Senior Judges Committees. The mission will be to develop a guide that would standardize the ways in which senior judges are weaved into the everyday activities of the courts.

The topics of discussion will be:

1. Dissemination of advance docket information.
2. Assigning a specific courthouse contact for senior judges.
3. Law clerk and clerical support.
4. Technology concerns.
5. What court matters are best suited for senior judges.

EXPECTED WORK PRODUCT:

Best Practice Manual for Senior Judge Use

EXPECTED DURATION:

June 2024

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Legislative Subcommittee

Hon. Deborah Eyler, Chair
January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Kathleen G. Cox
Vice Chair
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Lawrence Daniels
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Leo Green, Jr.
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Glenn Harrell
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. James A. Kenney, III
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Jonas Legum
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Brooke M. Murdock
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Emory Plitt
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Hon. Dennis Sweeney
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

STAFF: ELIANA PANGELINAN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Review and monitor legislation that affects retired judges generally and recalled judges in particular

WORK PRODUCT

Advice to the Judicial Legislative Committee.

DURATION

Operates during the legislative session.

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MDEC Access Subcommittee

Hon. Nancy Shuger, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Deborah Eyler
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Sharon Reed
District Court Headquarters

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: ELIANA PANGELINAN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Subcommittee will review MDEC issues pertinent to all Senior Judges.

WORK PRODUCT

Review of current MDEC protocol and creation of recommendations concerning MDEC access for Senior Judges.

DURATION

Indefinite

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Newsletter Subcommittee

Hon. Deborah S. Eyler, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Hon. James A. Kenney III
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Steven Platt
Senior Judge

January 1, 2024 – December 21, 2024

Sharon Reed
District Court Headquarters

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

STAFF: ELIANA PANGELINAN

CONSULTANTS: EBONYE CALDWELL, SHAMIKA DENT-WILLIAMS, SHANNA EDWARDS, ALEX HOYLE, AND DANIEL MAYS

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Newsletter Subcommittee will create a quarterly newsletter that could be used on an ongoing basis to provide timely and relevant information to the retired judges as a whole.

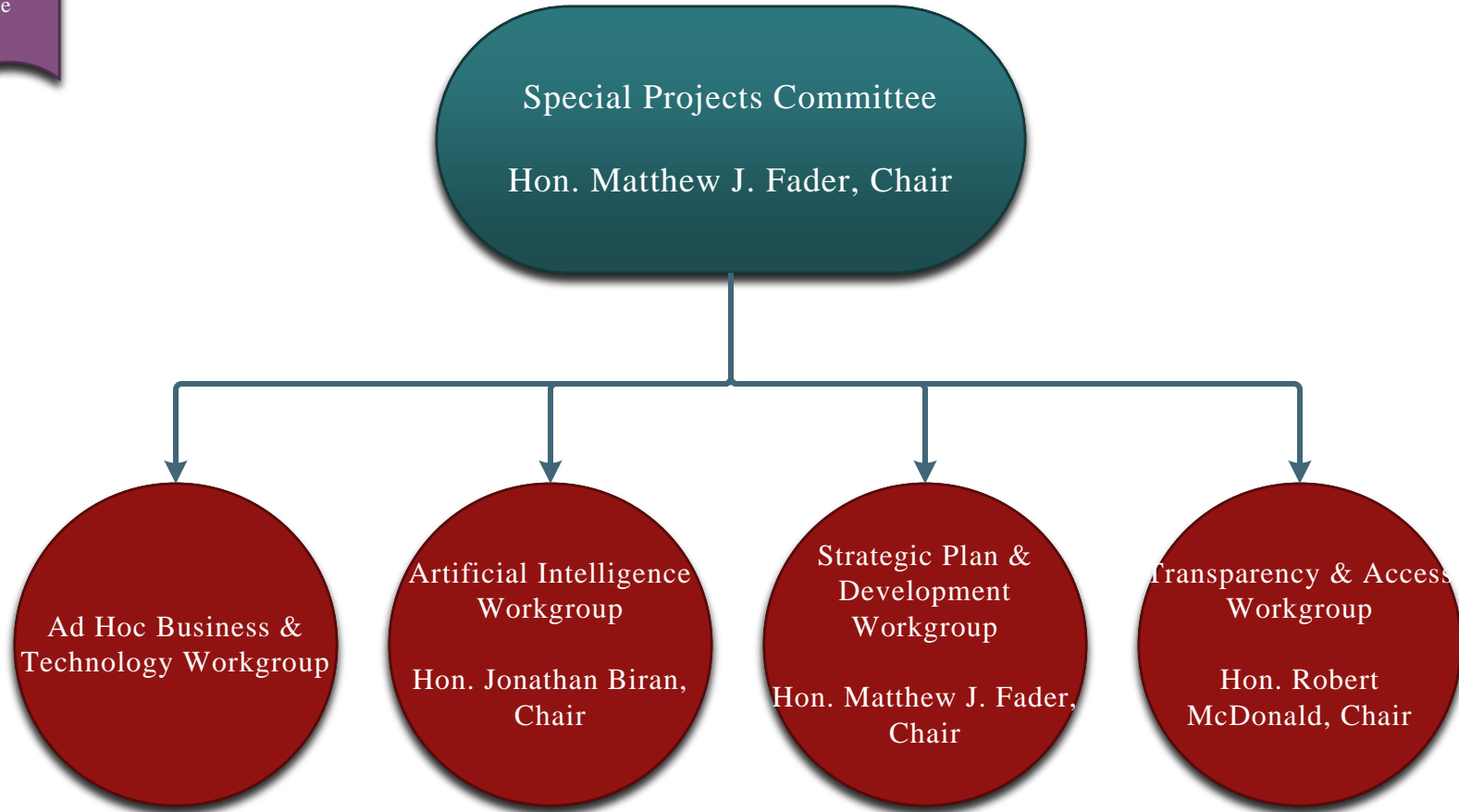
WORK PRODUCT

Quarterly newsletter to be distributed to retired judges.

DURATION

Indefinite

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Special Projects Committee

Hon. Matthew J. Fader, Chair
Ex Officio

Hon. Audrey J. S. Carrion
Chair
Conference of Circuit Judges

Ex Officio

Hon. John P. Morrissey
Chief Judge
District Court

Ex Officio

Judy Rupp
State Court Administrator
Administrative Office of the Courts

Ex Officio

Hon. E. Greg Wells
Chief Judge
Appellate Court

Ex Officio

STAFF: TBD

NATURE AND PURPOSE

TBD

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

TBD

Duration

Indefinite.

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Ad Hoc Business & Technology
Workgroup

Hon. Brynja Booth, Chair

Hon. Kevin Arthur

Hon. Rosalyn Tang

STAFF: TBD

NATURE AND PURPOSE
TBD

WORK PRODUCT
TBD

DURATION
TBD

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Artificial Intelligence
Workgroup

Hon. Jonathan Biran,
Chair

Hon. Kevin Arthur

David DelGaudio

Hon. Lydie Glynn

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Hon. Rachel McGuckian

Leland Sampson

Jason Thomas

STAFF: BRENDA IAZZETTA

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Develop and make recommendations concerning the responsible use of AI in connection with Judiciary operations.

WORK PRODUCT

Draft proposed guidelines for the use of AI tools and platforms by Judiciary employees; make other recommendations as necessary.

DURATION

Indefinite

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Strategic Plan Development
Workgroup

Hon. Matthew J. Fader,
Chair

Hon. Tiffany
Anderson

Hon. Audrey J.S.
Carrion

Hon. Yolanda Curtin

Hon. Kimberly Davis

Hon. Victor Del Pino

Lou Gieszl

Markisha Gross

Hon. Fred S. Hecker

Hon. Melvin Jews

Hon. Michelle
Karczeski

Jennifer Keiser

Hon. Stacy Mayer

Hon. John P.
Morrissey

Hon. John Nugent

Judy Rupp

Hon. Shaem Spencer

Roberta Warnken

Hon. E. Greg Wells

STAFF: SHAMIKA DENT-WILLIAMS, BRADLEY TANNER, JAMIE WALTER

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Create a strategic vision that engages members of the Maryland Judiciary, its justice partners and the public to identify initiatives aligned with the Judiciary's mission and vision.

WORK PRODUCT

Judiciary members and stakeholder partners charged with oversight of the strategic vision roadmap initiative including the identification and documentation of project milestones and recommendations.

DURATION

July 2025

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Transparency & Access Workgroup

Hon. Robert McDonald, Chair

Hon. Peter Killough

Hon. Andrea Leahy

Hon. John P. Morrissey

Judy Rupp

Hon. Jennifer Schiffer

STAFF: DANIELLE FOX, ANN MACNEILLE, GILLIAN TONKIN

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Identify ways to make the Judiciary more transparent and to provide greater public access to data and other information that the Judiciary maintains while: (1) protecting legitimate privacy, confidentiality, and safety interests and (2) not imposing unreasonable burdens on Judiciary resources.

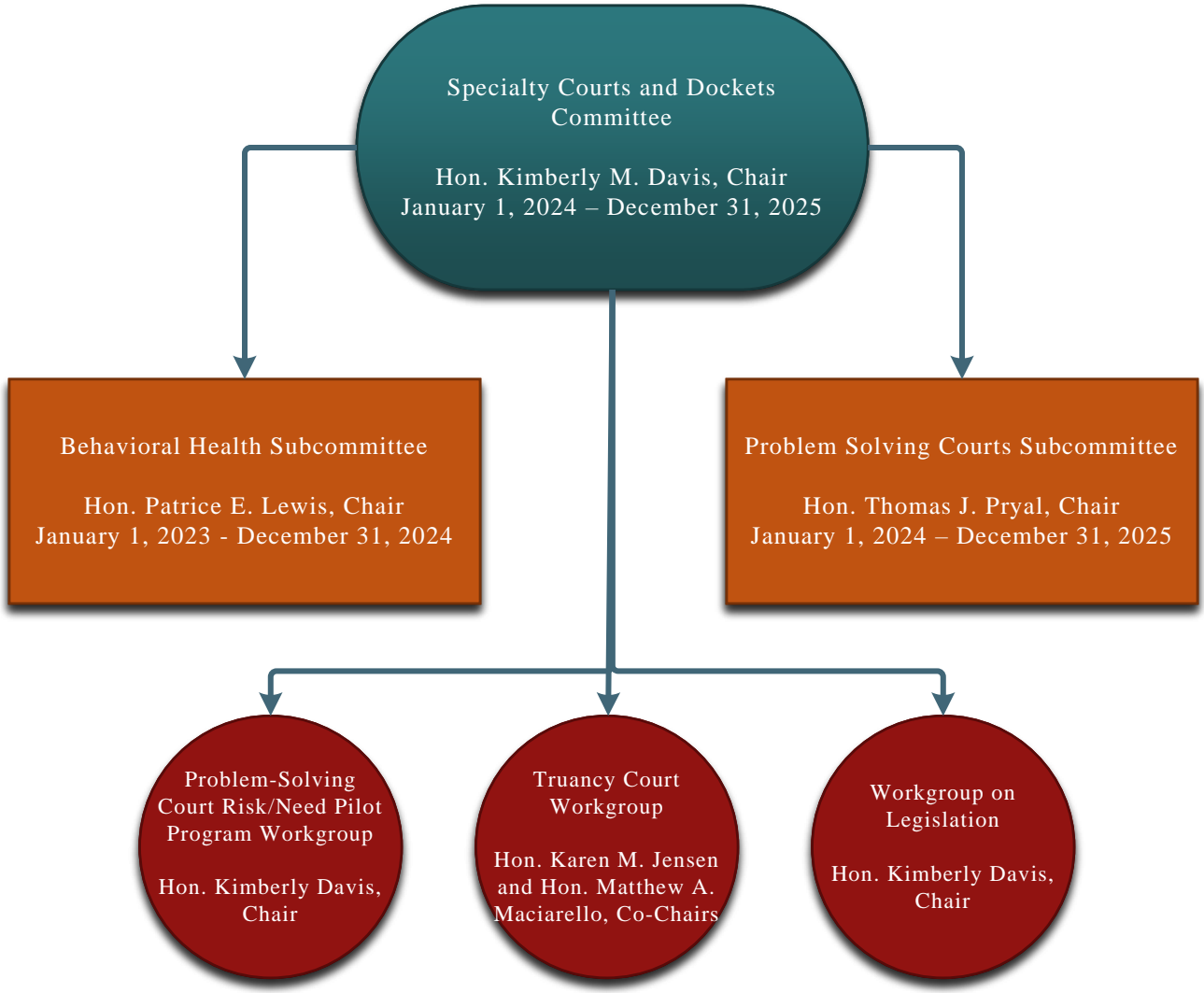
WORK PRODUCT

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DURATION

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Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee

Hon. Kimberly M. Davis, Chair
Baltimore County
District Court

January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Louis A. Becker Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Makeba Gibbs Charles County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Kathryn Glenn Administrative Clerk Anne Arundel County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Sherri Koch Montgomery County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Andrea M. Leahy Appellate Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Patrice Lewis Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Thomas Pryal Anne Arundel County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Holly D. Reed III Montgomery County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Michelle Saunders Calvert County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Ronald Silkworth Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Rachel Skolnik Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Joseph Stanalonis St. Mary's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Magistrate Mark Tyler Somerset County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Ann L. Wagner-Stewart Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Burgess Wood Court Administrator Calvert County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	

STAFF: GRAY BARTON

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee will promote and oversee the development, implementation and evaluation of specialty courts and dockets in the courts.

WORK PRODUCT

The Committee will ensure the utilization of best practices by specialty courts and special dockets, in areas such as substance abuse, mental health and alcoholism, business and technology, and science and technology. It will monitor and direct the evaluation of the delivery of evidence-based training, technical assistance, research, funding and support for specialty courts and special dockets. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Behavioral Health Subcommittee

Hon. Patrice Lewis, Chair
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Louis Becker Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. John Bielec Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Theresa Chernoskey Montgomery County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Tracey Delp Harford County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. James Green Baltimore City District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Paul Ishak Harford County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. George Lipman Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Gale Rasin Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Ronald Silkworth Senior Judge January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Ann Wagner-Stewart Prince George's County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Brett W. Wilson Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	

STAFF: GRAY BARTON, ROBERT POINTER

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee will explore trial court sentencing alternatives for the treatment and rehabilitation of the seriously mental ill and substance-addicted defendants who are not enrolled in the specialty courts. This subcommittee will work closely with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“DHMH”) and other governmental agencies to monitor and provide information regarding both community and residential based treatment. The subcommittee will emphasize reducing the delays in the placement of incompetent and addicted defendants (Rule 8-507) and work closely with their partners in the legislative and executive branches. One goal will be to ensure resources are readily available for more DHMH-compliant probation supervision for the mentally ill and substance-addicted defendants. This subcommittee will work with the Judicial Institute to provide training in this area.

WORK PRODUCT

Provide a written report at least once a year to outline proposals and actions.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Problem Solving Courts Subcommittee

Hon. Thomas Pryal, Chair
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025

Hon. Keith A. Baynes Cecil County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Louis Becker Senior Judge January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Wayne Brooks Howard County District Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Donine Carrington Martin Charles County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Mark Chandlee Calvert County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
Hon. Kathleen English Frederick County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Nancy Faulkner Deputy State Court Administrator January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Laura Jones Assistant Chief Clerk DCHQ January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Mary M. Kent Worcester County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Peter Killough Prince George's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Hon. Daniel W. Powell Somerset County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Heather Price Queen Anne's County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Nancy Purpura Baltimore County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024	Hon. Andrew Rappaport Calvert County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025	Hon. Joseph Staloni St. Mary's County Circuit Court January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025
Magistrate Laura Weathersbee Howard County Circuit Court January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024		Burgess Wood Court Administrator Calvert County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024		

STAFF: GRAY BARTON

NATURE AND PURPOSE

This subcommittee encompasses: Adult Circuit Court Drug Court; Juvenile Drug Court; District Court Drug Court; Mental Health Court; Veterans' Court; Re-entry Court; and Truancy Court. The purpose of this subcommittee is to assist these courts in its purview and provide a comprehensive and collaborative approach to dealing with the issues that arise for the participants in these courts. This subcommittee will assist each county in employing best practices, including: providing evidence based training; technical assistance; research; and in identifying funding support to their courts. The subcommittee will be in constant contact with each of the counties and their respective courts to allow for sharing information concerning what works, but also what doesn't work. This subcommittee will maintain its current role of reviewing and commenting on all applications for the creation of new specialty courts in Maryland. This subcommittee will also assume the roles of the Drug Court Oversight Committee and the Mental Health Oversight Committee. The Problem Solving Courts Subcommittee will therefore be responsible for reviewing all statistics and reports from these particular courts to ensure they are remaining up-to-date with the recommended evidence based practices and maintaining proper records.

This subcommittee will also be responsible for providing training to members of the judiciary regarding the topics that fall under this subcommittee's purview. This subcommittee's training will be offered both in collaboration with the Judicial Institute and independent of it. This subcommittee will be well-positioned to administer this training not only to the judiciary, but also to the State's Attorneys' Offices, the Defense Bar, the Health Department, Community Supervision and Law Enforcement. I believe these updates should be provided on a yearly basis.

WORK PRODUCT

Provide a written report at least once a year to outline proposals and actions.

DURATION

Indefinite.

Workgroup on Legislation

Hon. Kimberly Davis, Chair

Hon. Patrice E. Lewis

Hon. Thomas J. Pryal

STAFF: GRAY BARTON

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Provide feedback to the Legislative Committee on proposed legislation relevant to the Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee issue areas.

WORK PRODUCT

Provide feedback to the Legislative Committee on relevant legislation.

EXPECTED DURATION

Ninety days (January – April)

Problem-Solving Court Risk/Need
Pilot Program Workgroup

Hon. Kimberly Davis,
Chair

Rachel Bowen	Christina Bowie-Simpson	Aisha Braveboy	Hon. David Carey	Rose Day
Paula Fish	Angela Schroyer	Tracy Simpson	Hon. Joseph Stanalonis	Hon. Nicole Taylor
Pete Washington	Kimberlee Watts	Whitney Wisniewski	Burgess Wood	

STAFF: GRAY BARTON, KATE MAHER

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Problem-Solving Court Risk/Need Pilot Program Workgroup will identify and recommend selection criteria for courts seeking to participate in the risk/need pilot program. The Workgroup will provide guidance and recommendation pertaining to pre-adjudication risk/need assessment administration implementation and logistics. Considerations include existing court practice and infrastructure, relationships with justice partners, assessment administration location and timing, and staffing.

WORK PRODUCT

It is anticipated that the Workgroup will produce: a risk/need pilot program notice of funding availability (NOFA); frequent reports to the Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee pertaining to the implementation progress of selected pilot programs; and a final evaluation of pilot program outcomes, as they pertain to the objectives stated in the grant, to be provided to the Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee.

DURATION

December 2025

Truancy Court Workgroup

Hon. Karen M. Jensen and
Hon. Matthew A. Maciarelo,
Co-Chairs

Hon. William W. Davis, Jr.

Magistrate Ted Hart

Hon. Joanie Raymond

Sally Reed

Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth

Magistrate Althea Stewart
Jones

Kendall E. Timmons

STAFF: GRAY BARTON, SARAH KAPLAN

Nature and Purpose

The Truancy Court Workgroup is established jointly by the Specialty Courts and Dockets Committee and the Juvenile Law Committee, with the purpose of advising both Committees concerning: (1) the various court-related programs within the State which address truancy, including Truancy Reduction Pilot Program courts, truancy reduction efforts in District Courts, and the University of Baltimore Truancy Court Program; and (2) whether changes to statute, rule, policy, or practice are recommended to support court-related truancy reduction efforts, including changes to addressing the Truancy Reduction Pilot Program, and Maryland Rules, Rule 16-207, addressing problem-solving court programs, or Title 11, addressing the juvenile court. The Workgroup also will continue efforts towards passage of the previously proposed amendments to CJP Title 3, Subtitle 8C.

Work Product

The Workgroup will submit a report and recommendations to both Committees, summarizing its work and including the proposed language of any recommended amendments to the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article or the Maryland Rules.

Duration

December 31, 2024

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Md. Rule 16-110

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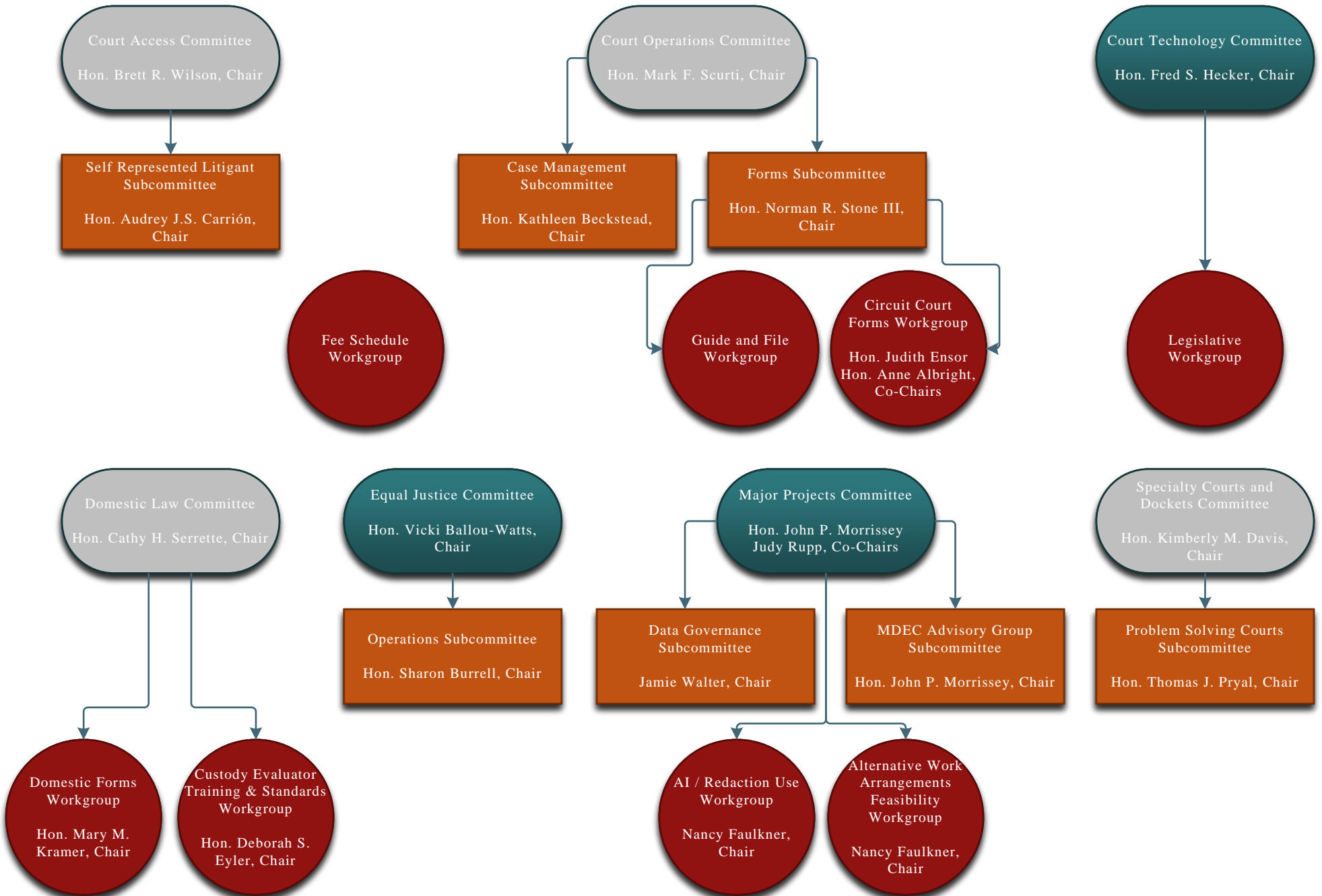
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Nancy Faulkner Judicial Council Membership 2023



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Judicial Council Membership
2023

