

## THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL'S SPECIALTY COURTS AND DOCKETS COMMITTEE

### **PURPOSE**

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

### **SCOPE OF ACTIVITY**

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.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

*Hon. Nicholas E. Rattal, Chair*

| <b>NAME</b>   | <b>TERM</b>                         |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Hon George Lipman, Vice Chair, District Court, Baltimore City           | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Keith Baynes, Circuit Court, Cecil County                          | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Kathleen Beckstead, Circuit Court, Wicomico County                 | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth, Circuit Court, Anne Arundel County            | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Helen I. Harrington, Circuit Court, Charles County                 | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Mark S. Chandlee, Circuit Court, Calvert County                    | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Sean D. Wallace, Circuit Court, Prince George's County             | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Broughton M. Earnest, ( <i>Retired</i> ) Circuit Court, Talbot Co. | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Thomas J. Pryal, District Court, Anne Arundel County               | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Nancy M. Purpura, Circuit Court, Baltimore County                  | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Ronald B. Rubin, Circuit Court, Montgomery County                  | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Audrey J. S. Carrion, Circuit Court, Baltimore City                | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Norman A. Stone, III, District Court, Baltimore County             | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Katina Steuart, District Court, Prince George's County             | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Ann Wagner-Stewart, District Court, Prince George's County         | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Beverly Woodard, Circuit Court, Prince George's County             | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Richard Zwaig, District Court, Howard County                       | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Patrice Lewis, District Court, Prince George's County              | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Magistrate James Bonifant, Circuit Court, Montgomery County             | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Judy K. Rupp, Circuit Court, Montgomery County                          | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |

Gray Barton, *Staff*

### **SUBCOMMITTEES**

**NAME: PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS SUBCOMMITTEE**

## 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.

## MEMBERSHIP

*Hon. Thomas J. Pryal, Chair*

| NAME  | TERM                                |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Hon. Mark S. Chandlee                             | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Broughton M. Earnest ( <i>Retired</i> )      | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Norman R. Stone, III                         | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Keith A. Baynes                              | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Kathleen L. Beckstead                        | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Ann Wagner-Stewart                           | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Beverly Woodard                              | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Richard Zwaig                                | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Judy Rupp, Court Administrator, Montgomery County | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |

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## ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

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

## EXPECTED DURATION

Indefinite.

**NAME: MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOLISM, AND ADDICTION SUBCOMMITTEE**

**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.

**MEMBERSHIP**

*Hon. George Lipman, Chair*

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Hon. Lynne Battaglia                    | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Patrice E. Lewis                   | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Ronald A. Silkworth                | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Helen I. Harrington                | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Nancy M. Purpura                   | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Gale E. Rasin ( <i>Retired</i> )   | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Dana Moylan Wright                 | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Louis A. Becker ( <i>Retired</i> ) | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Marielsa Bernard                   | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Mimi Cooper                        | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |

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**ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT**

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

**EXPECTED DURATION**

Indefinite.

**NAME: BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY CASE MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

**NATURE AND PURPOSE**

This subcommittee will deal with the issues generated by the Business and Technology Specialty Docket, to include: reviewing of the forms; using Rule 16-205 to promote consistency within the State regarding the categorization of a case as a business and technology case; providing training in this area to judges; and formulating recommendations on the management of complicated discovery and scientific issues that arise in business and technology cases. This subcommittee will provide local jurisdictions with updated information to

ensure scientific-based best practices are utilized. This subcommittee will also recommend the training of more judges to qualify them to handle these complicated types of litigation. It is apparent that there are currently too few judges who are qualified to handle these cases, as more and more qualified judges retire. In addition, this subcommittee will assist with coordinating the ASTAR Judges, who deal with scientific issues that are interrelated to complicated litigation. Finally, this subcommittee will assist the Judicial Institute in providing new business and technology judge orientation, as well as advanced training for judges who are already familiar with business and technology cases.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

*Hon. Sean D. Wallace, Chair*

Hon. Ronald B. Rubin  
Hon. Audrey J. S. Carrion

January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016  
January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016

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#### **ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT**

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

#### **EXPECTED DURATION**

Indefinite.

#### **WORKGROUPS**

**NAME:** WORK GROUP ON LEGISLATION

#### **NATURE AND PURPOSE**

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

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

*Hon. Nicholas E. Rattal, Chair*

Hon. George Lipman  
Hon. Sean D. Wallace  
Hon. Thomas J. Pryal

#### **ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT**

Provide feedback to the Legislative Committee on relevant legislation.

#### **EXPECTED DURATION**

Ninety days (January – April)