

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER APPROVING THE PILOT PROJECTS IN ANNE
ARUNDEL AND WICOMICO COUNTIES PERMITTING DISTRICT COURT
COMMISSIONERS TO FILE AND UPDATE CERTAIN RECORDS IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT VIA MARYLAND ELECTRONIC COURTS (MDEC)

WHEREAS, The Maryland Judiciary is implementing the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC), a single, Judiciary-wide, integrated case management system that, when completed, will be used by all trial and appellate courts; and

WHEREAS, Maryland Rule 20-103(b)(1) authorizes the implementation of such pilot programs as are necessary and useful for the proper and efficient implementation of MDEC system; and

WHEREAS, Rule 20-201(m)(1)(B) authorizes one or more pilot programs that permit District Court Commissioners to use the MDEC system to file records of pretrial release proceedings pursuant to certain designated rules directly with a Circuit Court through the MDEC system;

WHEREAS, Rule 20-201(m)(1)(B) further provides that filings by the District Court Commissioner are subject to the Circuit Court Clerk's post-filing review, including correction of clerical errors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 20-201(m)(1)(B), the State Court Administrator is responsible for policies and procedures for pilot programs permitting District Court Commissioners to file electronically with Circuit Courts.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and administrative head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, do this 29th day of August 2017 hereby order, pursuant to Rules 20-103(b)(1) and 20-201(m)(1)(B), that the policy and procedures developed by the State Court Administrator in support of pilot programs in Anne Arundel

County and Wicomico County to permit District Court Commissioners to file records of pretrial release proceedings in the appropriate Circuit Court via MDEC for the purpose of testing the operational efficacy of such filing by the District Court shall be and hereby are approved. Upon conclusion of the pilot programs, which will have a duration of six (6) months beginning August 30, 2017, through February 28, 2018, the State Court Administrator shall provide a written evaluation of each pilot program, with recommendations as to the feasibility and efficacy of further implementation.

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

Filed: August 29, 2017

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