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## How Maryland Courts Can Work Best for Everyone: A Conversation Between Court and Community Leaders

The Maryland Judiciary’s Equal Justice Committee (EJC), through its Community Outreach Subcommittee, will host community forums across the state to increase understanding of the courts and their services while learning the community’s needs and the ways in which the courts can provide better service.

On Tuesday, June 7, 2022, the Community Outreach Subcommittee will host a virtual forum for Baltimore City on the topic of sentencing alternatives for defendants with substance use disorder.

**WHAT:** Baltimore City Community Forum on Sentencing Alternatives for Defendants with Substance Use Disorder

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 7, 2022  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Zoom Webinar

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### MODERATOR

**Kurt L. Schmoke**  
President  
University of Baltimore



### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Center for Urban Families, Inc.
- Greater Baltimore Urban League
- My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) Baltimore

### PANELISTS



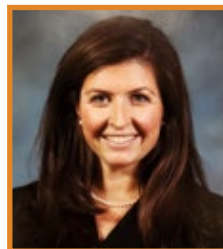
**Judge Mark F. Scurti**  
District Court in  
Baltimore City



**Judge Yvette M. Bryant**  
Circuit Court for  
Baltimore City



**Judge Charles H. Dorsey, III**  
Circuit Court for  
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### AGENDA:

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1. Greetings and Review of the Program – Judge Mark F. Scurti, District Court of Maryland, Baltimore City; Member, Equal Justice Committee; Co-Chair, Community Outreach Subcommittee for Baltimore City
2. Introduction of Community Partners – Administrative Commissioner Linda Lewis, District Court of Maryland, Baltimore City; Member, Equal Justice Committee; Co-chair, Community Outreach Subcommittee for Baltimore City
3. Introduction of Moderator Kurt L. Schmoke, President, University of Baltimore – Judge Mark F. Scurti
4. Introduction of the Panelists – Moderator Kurt L. Schmoke
5. Discussion Topic – Sentencing Alternatives for Defendants with Substance Use Disorder  
Judge Yvette M. Bryant, Circuit Court for Baltimore City  
Judge Charles H. Dorsey III, Circuit Court for Baltimore City  
Judge Katie Murphy O'Hara, District Court of Maryland, Baltimore City  
Natasha M. Dartigue, Esq., Public Defender, Maryland Office of the Public Defender  
Janice Bledsoe, Chief Deputy State's Attorney, Baltimore City  
Joseph T. Jones, Jr., President and CEO, Center for Urban Families, Inc.
6. Questions and Comments from Community Members – Moderator Kurt L. Schmoke
7. Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment – Judge Mark F. Scurti and Administrative Commissioner Linda Lewis

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