

Application for Certification or Recertification for Recall as a Senior Judge

As a condition of being certified for recall as a senior judge, a former judge must complete the following application before an initial assignment, and every three years thereafter, if the judge wishes to continue to serve as a senior judge. The Supreme Court may require the former judge to provide additional information. Complete applications and any supplements will be considered personnel records subject to Maryland Code, General Provision Article, § 4-311.

I am applying for:

☐ Certification

☐ Recertification

Effective Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Court Assignment Prior to Retirement or Resignation: _____

I wish to serve in the following court(s). *Please check all the courts in which you are seeking recall status:*

☐ **District Court - Statewide**

☐ **Circuit Court**

First Judicial Circuit

☐ Dorchester ☐ Somerset
☐ Wicomico ☐ Worcester

Second Judicial Circuit

☐ Caroline ☐ Cecil ☐ Kent
☐ Queen Anne's ☐ Talbot

Third Judicial Circuit

☐ Baltimore ☐ Harford

Fourth Judicial Circuit

☐ Allegany ☐ Garrett
☐ Washington

Fifth Judicial Circuit

☐ Anne Arundel ☐ Carroll ☐ Howard

Sixth Judicial Circuit

☐ Frederick ☐ Montgomery

Seventh Judicial Circuit

☐ Calvert ☐ Charles ☐ Prince George's
☐ St. Mary's

Eighth Judicial Circuit

☐ Baltimore City

☐ **The Appellate Court of Maryland (for mediation only)**

☐ **The Appellate Court of Maryland (for all purposes)**

☐ **The Supreme Court of Maryland**

Questionnaire

1. *Capacity.* A judge must be able to preside in a courtroom, perhaps for hours at a time; interact with attorneys, court personnel, and members of the public; comprehend and process a substantial amount of information (which may be presented in written, digital, or oral formats); analyze and decide complex issues; and respond to situations with discretion, appropriate judgment, emotional and mental discipline, and restraint while under pressure.

- A. Do you know of any reason why you might not be able to perform the duties and functions of a judge in a competent, ethical, and professional manner?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- B. If yes, please explain. (You may attach additional pages, if necessary).

2. *Conduct and Integrity.* Under the State Constitution, lawyers who serve as judges in Maryland courts are to be “most distinguished for integrity, wisdom and sound legal judgment.” Please indicate whether any of the following circumstances apply to you since your appointment as a judge (other than circumstances you disclosed in a prior application for certification):

___ arrested, indicted, or have been the subject of a violation of federal, state, county, or municipal law (other than a motor vehicle offense for which a fine of \$100 or less was imposed).

___ disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct (regardless of whether the disposition would be considered discipline).

___ been the respondent in a protective order, peace order, or a petition seeking such an order.

___ been the subject of a complaint alleging sexual harassment or a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of race, sex, gender, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, or political affiliation.

___ failed to file federal and state tax returns and pay required taxes in a timely manner.

Maryland Constitution, Article IV, §2; Code of Judicial Conduct, Maryland Rule 18-100.1 et seq.

If any of the above circumstances applies to you, please explain. (You may attach additional pages, if necessary).

3. *Disqualifications.* Under § 1-302(c) of the Courts & Judicial Proceedings Article, a former judge may not be recalled for assignment if the judge:

- Was removed or involuntarily retired from judicial office
- Voluntarily retired by reason of disability
- Had the most recent service as a judge terminated by reason of defeat for election to judicial office or by rejection of confirmation by the Senate
- Was censured by the Supreme Court of Maryland upon recommendation of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities
- Is engaged in the practice of law

By my signature below, I affirm that none of the above circumstances applies to me and that I am a current resident of the State of Maryland.

I affirm that the information provided in this application is true, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Date

Signature

Application Checklist

- ☐ Complete application
- ☐ If the administrative judge in a jurisdiction for which you are seeking certification is not familiar with you, you should reach out to that administrative judge to inform them of your interest and respond to any inquiries they have. A list containing contact information for administrative judges appears on the next page.
- ☐ Send completed application to: Amanda Miller, Judicial Assistant to Chief Justice Matthew Fader, amanda.miller@mdcourts.gov

Administrative Judge Contact List

District Court

Chief Judge John P. Morrissey
john.morrissey@mdcourts.gov
(410) 260-1525

Circuit Court

First Judicial Circuit	Judge S. James Sarbanes s.james.sarbanes@mdcourts.gov (410) 548-4822
Second Judicial Circuit	Judge Brenda A. Sexton brenda.sexton@mdcourts.gov (410) 996-3132
Third Judicial Circuit	Judge Yolanda L. Curtin yolanda.curtin@mdcourts.gov (410) 638-4655
Fourth Judicial Circuit	Judge Jeffrey S. Getty jeffrey.getty@mdcourts.gov (301) 777-2261
Fifth Judicial Circuit	Judge Fred S. Hecker fred.hecker@mdcourts.gov (410) 386-2837
Sixth Judicial Circuit	Judge James A. Bonifant james.bonifant@mdcourts.gov (240) 777-9366
Seventh Judicial Circuit	Judge DaNeeka V. Cotton DaNeeka.V.Cotton@mdcourts.gov (301) 952-3960
Eighth Judicial Circuit	Judge Audrey J.S. Carrión audrey.carrion@mdcourts.gov (410) 396-5130

The Appellate Court of Maryland

Chief Judge Gregory Wells
e.greg.wells@mdcourts.gov
(410) 535-1600, ext. 2399