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 Effective Date:	□ Recertification
Full Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	Cell Phone:
Email Address:	
Court Assignment Prior to Retirement of	r Resignation:
I wish to serve in the following court(s). seeking recall status:	Please check all the courts in which you are
☐ District Court - Statewide	
☐ Circuit Court (select circuit co	ourts below)
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 Mary	land (for mediation only)
☐ The Appellate Court of Mary	land (for all purposes)
☐ The Supreme Court of Maryl	and

Questionnaire

1.	Capacity. A judge must be able to preside in a courtroom, perhaps for hotime; interact with attorneys, court personnel, and members of the comprehend and process a substantial amount of information (which presented in written, digital, or oral formats); analyze and decide complex and respond to situations with discretion, appropriate judgment, emotion 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?
		\square Yes \square No
	В.	If yes, please explain. (You may attach additional pages, if necessary).
2. Conduct and Integrity. Under the State Constitution, lawyers who serve as judge in Maryland courts are to be "most distinguished for integrity, wisdom and sour legal judgment." Please indicate whether any of the following circumstance apply to you since your appointment as a judge (other than circumstances your disclosed in a prior application for certification):		
	violati	sciplined or received a disposition citing a violation or possible on of the Code of Judicial Conduct for sanctionable conduct dless of whether the disposition would be considered discipline).
		een the respondent in a protective order, peace order, or a petition ag such an order.
	compl religio	een the subject of a complaint alleging sexual harassment or a aint alleging discrimination on the basis of race, sex, gender, on, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, all status, or political affiliation.
		iled to file federal and state tax returns and pay required taxes in a 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 following a matter before 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.

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

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Administrative Judge Contact List

District Court

Chief Judge John P. Morrissey

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(410) 260-1525

Circuit Court

First Judicial Circuit Judge S. James Sarbanes

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(410) 548-4822

Second Judicial Circuit Judge Brenda A. Sexton

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(410) 996-3132

Third Judicial Circuit Judge Yolanda L. Curtin

yolanda.curtin@mdcourts.gov

(410) 638-4655

Fourth Judicial Circuit Judge Jeffrey S. Getty

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(301) 777-2261

Fifth Judicial Circuit Judge Fred S. Hecker

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(410) 386-2837

Sixth Judicial Circuit Judge James A. Bonifant

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(240) 777-9366

Seventh Judicial Circuit Judge DaNeeka V. Cotton

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(301) 952-3960

Eighth Judicial Circuit Judge Audrey J.S. Carrión

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The Appellate Court of Maryland

Chief Judge Gregory Wells
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