

# Hot Topics Newsletter



## 2019 Judicial Conference

On May 22, 2019, the Senior Judges will hold their Annual Gathering and Reception during the 2019 Judicial Conference. Topics included on the agenda are Preliminary Findings from Judge Battaglia's Life Satisfaction and Quality of Life Study, Judicial Mentoring Update, Prescription Drug Coverage, Question and Answer Session with the AOC's Human Resources Department, and more. The Senior Judges Committee hopes to see you there!

## ALERT

### ATTORNEY INFORMATION SYSTEM REGISTRATION

Pursuant to Md. Rule 19-802, all judges, magistrates, and attorneys are required to register with the Attorney Information System (AIS) website by June 1, 2019.

In order to register you will need your attorney number which can be found at <https://mdcourts.gov/lawyers/attylist> by searching for your name. After you obtain your attorney number, go to the Attorney Information System site <https://jportal.mdcourts.gov/aisattorneyportal/security/login.xhtml> to register. If you are already registered, please check that your contact information is up to date.

Please note that there will be a kiosk at the Judicial Conference for those who have not yet registered.

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## Legislative Summary

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At midnight on April 8, 2019, sine die occurred and the Maryland General Assembly concluded. On April 30, 2019, Chief Judge John Morrissey of the District Court of Maryland delivered a legislative summary to the Senior Judges Committee concerning the highlights of the 2019 Maryland General Assembly. Some bills that passed included:

### **SB 205 -Judgeships - Circuit Court and District Court**

This bill adds one circuit court judge in Washington County. It also creates one additional District Court judgeship in St. Mary's County and Anne Arundel and two judgeships in Prince George's and Baltimore counties. This bill goes into effect on July 1, 2019.

### **SB 946 -State Prescription Drug Benefits -Retiree Benefits - Revisions**

This emergency bill establishes prescription drug out-of-pocket (OOP) reimbursement or catastrophic coverage programs for specified State retirees, dependents, or surviving dependents who are enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug benefit plan. State employees hired after June 30, 2011, remain ineligible for most prescription drug coverage from the State when they retire, except for a new program that reimburses OOP costs for life-sustaining drugs not covered by Medicare. By July 1, 2019, the Secretary of Budget and Management must notify specified individuals of their eligibility to enroll in the programs. The Department of Budget and Management must provide specified one-on-one counseling to Medicare-eligible retirees. This bill will go into effect upon signature by the Governor.

### **HB 1330/SB 594 -State Law Library-Renaming-Chapters 38 and 39**

These bills rename the State Law Library as the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library. These bills go into effect on July 1, 2019.

### **SB 124 -Anne Arundel County and Harford County - Court Dog and Child Witness Pilot Program - Extension**

This bill extends, from September 30, 2019, to September 30, 2021, the termination date of the Courthouse Dog and Child Witness Pilot Program in the circuit courts for Anne Arundel and Harford counties. It also changes the name to the Court Dog and Child Witness Pilot Program and extends to September 30, 2021, the date by which a required report must be submitted. This bill goes into effect on July 1, 2019.

### **HB 1198 -Human Trafficking - Required Posting**

This bill requires a clerk of the court to prominently post the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline information sign designed by the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation in public information areas of each courthouse.

### **SB 678 -State Government -Notarial Acts and Notaries Public -Chapter**

This bill alters the qualifications to become a notary public, increases the maximum fee that may be charged for individual notarial acts, authorizes a notary to perform electronic notarization and remote notarization under specified conditions, specifies restrictions on allowable acts by a notary public, and generally updates provisions related to performing, and maintaining records of, notarial acts. A notarial act may be performed in the State by a notary public, a judge, clerk or deputy clerk of a court of the State, or a magistrate appointed by a court of the State. A judge or magistrate of the State may not charge a fee

to perform a notarial act. The Secretary of State may adopt regulations to implement various provisions of the bill, as specified. The bill takes effect October 1, 2020.

**SB 236 -Jury Service -Qualification Criteria-Criminal Conviction or Charge**

This bill increases, from more than six months to more than one year, the length of time of a criminal sentence or potential sentence that disqualifies an individual from jury service.

**SB 509 -Property Tax-In Rem Foreclosure and Sale-Vacant and Abandoned Property - Chapter**

This bill establishes procedures for counties and municipalities to authorize by law a process to initiate a judicial in rem foreclosure proceeding and subsequently sell the property after an in rem foreclosure. Real property may be subject to foreclosure under this bill only if the property consists of a vacant lot or improved property cited as vacant and unsafe or unfit for habitation and the total amount of liens for unpaid taxes on the property exceeds the lesser of the total value of the property as last determined by the Department or as determined by an appraisal report prepared not more than six months before the filing of a complaint.

**HB 113/SB 842 -Criminal Law -Gaming -Civil Offense**

These bills decriminalize and/or alters the penalties for various betting/gambling-related offenses under § § 12-102 and 12-103 of the Criminal Law Article.

**HB 659 -Juvenile Law -Continued Detention - Minimum Age**

This bill prohibits the continued detention, beyond emergency detention, of a child younger than age 12 unless the child is alleged to have committed a crime of violence or is likely to leave the jurisdiction of the court.

*(Portions of this article were also excerpted from the 2019 Weekly Legislative Report by the Government Relations and Public Affairs Division.)*



Baltimore County went live with MDEC in February 2019 and has transitioned successfully. Montgomery County is scheduled for February of 2020.

Visit the MDEC Training Resources site for Senior Judges online here:

<https://mdcourts.gov/hr/seniorjudges/mdec>

## **EXTREME RISK PROTECTIVE ORDERS (ERPO)**

On October 1, 2018, Extreme Risk Protective Orders became effective which permits judges to require the surrender of firearms and ammunition by respondents subject to emergency evaluation. A summary of the legislation along with a link to a PowerPoint overview may be found on the Maryland CourtNet site at:

<https://courtnet.courts.state.md.us/district/allstaff/procedures/18-17.html>

## **THE MARYLAND JUDICIAL INSURANCE PLAN**

**(This is not a communication or product offering of the Maryland Administrative Office of the Courts or otherwise under the authority of the State of Maryland or an agency thereof, nor is the product endorsed by any court of the State of Maryland)**

Berkley Insurance in coordination with Mason & Carter, Inc. is pleased to provide a new insurance product offering for Maryland Judges. This defense cost only policy responds for costs incurred when complaints are brought by the Judicial Disabilities Commission against enrolled judges.

### **Coverage options are available as follows:**

#### Limits of Liability Per Member Option 1:

Annual Aggregate Limit	\$100,000
Limit of Liability Per Claim	\$100,000
Rate Per Member	\$1,100
Deductible Per Member	\$1,000

#### Limits of Liability Per Member Option 2:

Annual Aggregate Limit	\$50,000
Limit of Liability Per Claim	\$50,000

Rate Per Member	\$550
Deductible Per Member	\$1,000

### **Coverage and Carrier Features:**

- FULL PRIOR ACTS coverage is provided for unknown occurrences
- Experienced Defense Counsel panel offered or option to select preapproved counsel
- Extended Reporting Period (Tail) competitively priced offered for 1, 2, and 3 years terms.
- Waiver of Extended Reporting Period for Death, Disability or Retirement
- Financial strength of Berkley is A.M. Best Rated A+ (Superior) XV and has been in business for over 50 years.

### **Enrollment:**

Since this is a new program, participation of Maryland Judges is vital for a robust and healthy insurance pool. There will be a 60 day enrollment period for judges to enroll. A completed application and payment must be remitted a website. You will be asked to complete the application and pay for whichever option you'd like as offered above. If additional underwriting information for approval is needed a representative from Mason & Carter will contact you.

### **Standard Terms and Conditions:**

1. Flat cancellations are not permitted.
2. A completed application and payment must be received
3. All policies are subject to 25.00% minimum earned upon binding.



## **VIRTUAL DESKTOP INFRASTRUCTURE (VDI) FOR SENIOR JUDGES**

Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) is a software technology that allows the user to access the same desktop, files and applications from many locations, even outside the Judiciary network. If a user has access to the internet, the user has access to his or her desktop. Please see the quick reference cards included in this newsletter on pages six and seven. If you would like more detailed instructions, there is a VDI Course Manual available at <https://courtnet.courts.state.md.us/jis/vdi/index.html>.

Should you be interested in VDI training, it will be available at the Judicial College of Maryland. At the conclusion of the one-hour training, attendees will be able to:

- Connect to VDI using the DESKTOP client
- Connect to VDI using the MOBILE client
- Disconnect and log off from VDI

Please contact Susan S. Leary, Court Administrator for the Circuit Court for Carroll County and Senior Judges Committee member, at [sleary@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:sleary@carrollcountymd.gov) or (410) 386-2854, regarding training.

## **UPCOMING ADVANCED PAYROLLS FOR SENIOR JUDGES**

- ❖ 11/13/19 – 11/26/19: Timesheets need to be submitted by noon on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ❖ 12/11/19 – 12/24/19: Timesheets need to be submitted by noon on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Pay date will be advanced one day. You will receive your direct deposit on December 31<sup>st</sup> instead of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Delivery of live checks will be dependent upon the USPS.



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **• Wombat Training**

The JIS Security Education and Awareness programs quarterly training through Wombat was due for completion on May 9, 2019. If you have not already completed the training, please do so now. Notices are sent from the JIS Information Security Department.

### **• MENTORS WANTED**

The Mentoring Subcommittee is looking for mentors to new judges. Currently there are 22 mentors, with 12 being Senior Judges. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Judicial College at [judicialcollege@mdcourts.gov](mailto:judicialcollege@mdcourts.gov) or 410-260-3660.

## VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure) Overview

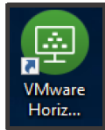
### What is VDI?

VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure) is a software technology that runs a user's desktop on dedicated hardware located within the Maryland Judiciary datacenters. The goal of VDI is to provide a highly available, consistent desktop experience. If a user has access to the Internet, they have access to their desktop.

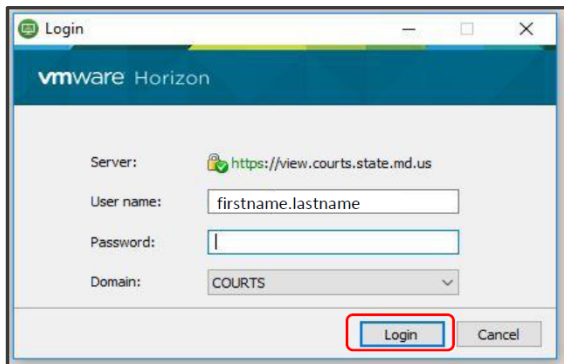
### To Access VDI Using Desktop Client

Within the Judiciary network, the software will be installed by JIS on the desktop of each Judiciary computer. Follow these steps to access your desktop:

1. Once logged in to a Judiciary computer, click the **VMware Horizon Client** icon on the desktop.
2. Double-click the **view.courts.state.md.us** server icon.



3. In the Login screen, enter your Active Directory **User name** and **Password**, then click the **Login** button.



4. Once logged in, double-click the **Windows 10 Standard** icon to launch VDI.

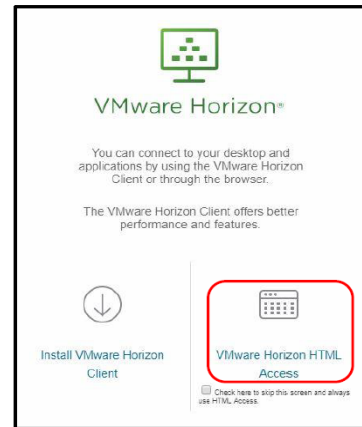


### To Access VDI Using Web Interface

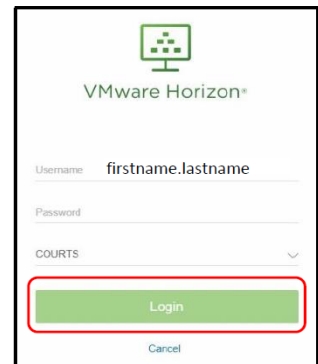
The desktop can also be accessed via the web, from any computer with an Internet connection.

1. Open an **Internet Explorer** window, and navigate to <https://view.courts.state.md.us>.

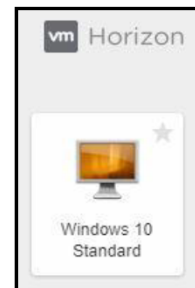
2. Click the **VMware Horizon HTML Access** link.




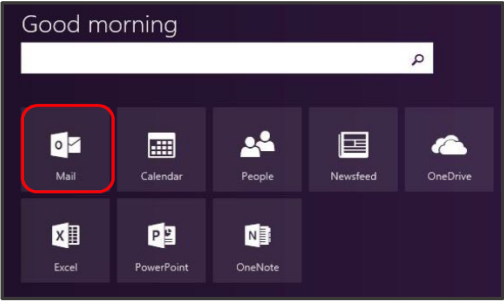
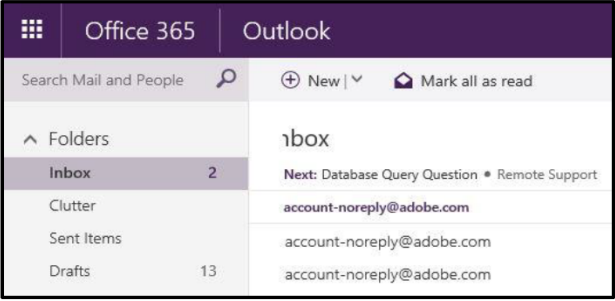
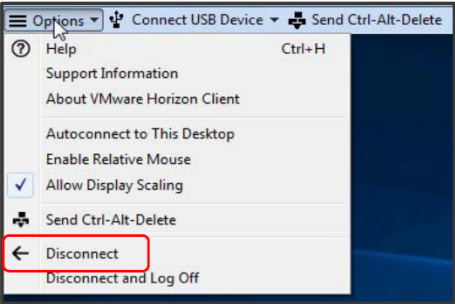
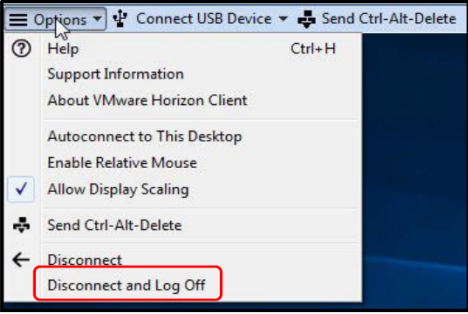
3. Enter your **Username** and **Password**, then click the **Login** button.




4. Once logged in, click the **Windows 10 Standard** icon to launch VDI.



## VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure) Overview

To Access Outlook Web Client	Disconnect Options
<p>Once logged into the VDI desktop, Outlook and other applications (e.g., Word, Excel, etc.) can be accessed through the Office 365 site.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Open an <b>Internet Explorer</b> window, and navigate to <a href="https://portal.office.com">https://portal.office.com</a>.</li> <li>2. At the Login screen, enter your Active Directory <b>User name</b> and <b>Password</b> in the form of <code>firstname.lastname@courts.state.md.us</code>.</li> <li>3. Click the <b>Sign in</b> button.</li> </ol> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Click the <b>Mail</b> tile to view Judiciary emails.</li> </ol> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. The Inbox will be displayed.</li> </ol> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;">  </div>	<p>To sign out of VDI, there are two options for logging off; <b>Disconnect</b> and <b>Disconnect and Log Off</b>.</p> <p><b>Disconnect</b></p> <p>To keep the virtual desktop in active status, select the <b>Disconnect</b> option from the options menu. This is the equivalent of 'locking' the computer. Reconnecting returns the user back to the active session.</p> <p>Disconnected desktops will continue running for three (3) hours. If the user does not reconnect within 3 hours, the session will be automatically logged off.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Move cursor to top menu and click the <b>Options</b> button.</li> </ol> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Click the <b>Disconnect</b> command in the menu.</li> </ol> <p><b>Disconnect and Log Off</b></p> <p>To end the virtual desktop session and close out of all open applications, select <b>Disconnect and Log Off</b> from the <b>Options</b> menu.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Move cursor to top menu and click the <b>Options</b> button.</li> </ol> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Click the <b>Disconnect and Log Off</b> command in the menu.</li> </ol>

**Need help?**  
Contact the JIS Service Desk



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## *In Memoriam*

- ❖ Hon. Samuel W. Barrick, Circuit Court for Frederick County
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- ❖ Hon. James B. Dudley, Circuit Court for Howard County
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