

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

Regarding the 225th Report of the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure and Proposed Amendment to Rule 16-310

The Supreme Court of Maryland will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom to consider the [225th Report](#) of the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Report is posted on the Judiciary's webpage at: <https://www.mdcourts.gov/rules/ruleschanges>. In addition, the Court will also consider the attached Court-initiated amendment to Rule 16-310 changing the sunset date for the Expanded Voir Dire Pilot Project from January 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026.

The deadline for written comments is Wednesday, September 10, 2025. Written comments should be forwarded by the deadline to: rules@mdcourts.gov or to Sandra F. Haines, Judiciary A-Pod, 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. Written comments regarding the proposed modifications to Rule 16-310 should be delivered by the deadline to the Clerk of the Supreme Court at the address or email shown below.

Anyone wishing to testify at the open meeting should notify the Clerk of the Supreme Court (contact information below) by Monday, October 20, 2025. In the notice, include your name, contact information (including an email address), and the subject you wish to speak about.

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The meeting will be live-streamed at: <https://www.mdcourts.gov/scm/webcasts>

MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE

TITLE 16 – COURT ADMINISTRATION

CHAPTER 300 – CIRCUIT COURTS – ADMINISTRATION AND CASE
MANAGEMENT

AMEND Rule 16-310 to change the sunset date from January 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026 in order to provide the Expanded Voir Dire Pilot Program Advisory Board with additional time to analyze all of the data and formulate recommendations, as follows:

RULE 16-310. PILOT PROGRAM FOR EXPANDED VOIR DIRE

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This Rule 16-310 shall sunset on ~~January 1, 2026~~ July 1, 2026.

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