

COURT OF APPEALS

Chief Judge:

Ogle Marbury, Second Appellate Circuit.....Laurel, 1952

Associate Judges:

Stephen R. Collins, First Appellate Circuit.....Chestertown, 1957

C. Gus Grason, Second Appellate Circuit.....Towson, 1951

Edward S. Delaplaine, Third Appellate Circuit.....Frederick, 1957

William L. Henderson, Fourth Appellate Circuit

Baltimore, 1961

Charles Markell, Fourth Appellate Circuit.....Baltimore, 1961

Maurice Ogle, Clerk of the Court

James Lloyd Young, Chief Deputy Clerk

Edward H. Hammond, The State Reporter

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The Court of Appeals is the highest tribunal of the State of Maryland. It was created by the Constitution of 1776. From 1777 to 1805 the Court sat in Annapolis, on the Western Shore. Between 1805 and 1851 Easton on the Eastern Shore, as well as Annapolis, was the meeting place of the Court. Since 1851 the Court has met only at Annapolis.

By the terms of the reorganization Act of 1943, the Court is composed of five judges, one being elected from each of the first three Appellate Judicial Circuits and two from the Fourth Appellate Judicial Circuit which is Baltimore City. The terms of the Judges are for fifteen years. The reorganization Act further provided that all Judges sitting on the Court at the time of the reorganization, other than those representing the Appellate Circuits, should continue to serve until their term expires (Const. 1867, Art. IV, sec 14 [as amended 1944]). At the present time there are six judges. The Chief Judge of the Court is designated by the Governor. The Court will have the prescribed number of five judges by the end of 1951.

The Court hears appeals from the decisions and verdicts of the Circuit Courts. The Court also admits all eligible candidates to the State Bar. The term of the Court begins the first Monday of October in each year.

The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals is the chief administrative officer of the State's judiciary. The Court of Appeals is empowered to make rules for the conduct of the practice and procedure in that Court and the various Circuit Courts of the State (IV, 18A). The Chief Judge may also assign the Judges of the various Circuits to duties in other Circuits and to the Court of Appeals for any purpose.

The Clerk of the Court of Appeals is appointed by the Court (IV, 17). He is the administrative officer of the Court. He maintains the docket, receives the briefs and transcripts of all appeals filed with the Court, and maintains official custody of the decisions of the Court, the Acts of the General Assembly, and of all other records which the law may require to be filed with the Court.

The State Reporter, who is also appointed by the Court, is responsible for the publication of the *Maryland Reports* which contain the official opinions of the Court.

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Appropriation, 1951	\$155,987.00

Staff: 14.