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The Administrative Office of the Courts was established by Chapter 343, Acts of 1955. Its director is appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland and serves at his pleasure.

This office examines the dockets of the courts of the State to determine the need for additional assistance and to make recommendations to the Chief Judge as to the assignment of judges; compiles and collects statistics regarding the business of the courts; formulates and recommends policies for the improvement of the judicial system; and tions of the judiciary (Courts Article, sec. 13-101 (a)-(c)).

Judiciary Budget

Appropriations	1973	1974
General Funds	\$4,510.419	\$4,692.706
Staff: 160.		

STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

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The Courts of the Province were first authorized to examine persons seeking to practice law in 1715 (Acts 1715, chap. 48, sec. 12). The examination of attorneys remained as a function of the several courts of the State until 1898, when the Legislature created the State Board of Law Examiners (Chapter 139, Acts of 1898). The Board is composed of three members appointed by the Judges of the Court of Appeals. Twice yearly, in the winter and summer, the Board conducts examinations for admission to the Bar. It also passes upon the petitions of attorneys from other states desiring admission. The Board passes upon appeals from the findings and recommendations of the Character Committees of the various circuits. Law students expecting to practice in Maryland must register their intentions with the Board. The Court of Appeals formulates the rules governing the Board, but the Board may prescribe rules for the conduct of examinations, providing such rules do not conflict with those made by the Court (Code 1957, 1968 Repl. Vol., Art. 10, secs. 2-8).

Appropriations for the Board of Law Examiners are now provided for in the judiciary budget which is administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

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