

COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

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Appellate Circuit Baltimore, 1987

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Appellate Circuit Glen Arm, 1989

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Appellate Circuit Rockville, 1984

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Appellate Circuit Cheverly, 1987

JAMES C. MORTON, JR., Fifth
Appellate Circuit Davidsonville, 1983

SOLOMON LISS, Sixth
Appellate Circuit Baltimore, 1978

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At Large Baltimore, 1987

RITA C. DAVIDSON,
At Large Chevy Chase, 1989

THOMAS HUNTER LOWE,
At Large Wittman, 1989

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The creation of the Court of Special Appeals was authorized by an amendment to the Constitution which was ratified on November 8, 1966. The implementing legislation creating the Court was provided by Chapters 11 and 12, Acts of 1966 (Const. 1867, Art. IV, sec. 14A; Courts Article, secs. 1-402; (a) and (b), 1-403 (a)-(c)).

The Court was originally composed of five judges, each of whom was elected from a special appellate circuit. Its jurisdiction was limited to hearing primarily criminal appeals except where the death sentence was imposed.

By Chapter 99, Acts of 1970, the number of judges was increased from five to nine. The special appellate judicial circuits were abolished and the new law provided that each judge should be elected from each of the five Appellate Judicial Circuits and two from the Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit representing Baltimore City. By Chapter 361, Acts of 1972, the number of judges was increased from nine to ten. By Chapter 706, Acts of 1974, the number of judges was increased to twelve with five judges elected from the State At Large. Cases before the Court are to be heard by a panel of not less than three judges. The terms of the judges are for fifteen years and the Governor designates one member of the court as the Chief Judge.

The same act enlarged the jurisdiction of the Court to encompass appeals in numerous civil matters, such as negligence cases arising out of motor vehicle accidents, Workmen's Compensation cases, domestic cases and paternity proceedings. Chapter 56, Acts of 1973 increased the jurisdiction of the Court of Special Appeals to include appeals taken in the following: any equity case, declaratory judgments, zoning cases, and cases from an orphans' court.

The Clerk of the Court of Special Appeals is appointed by the Court. He maintains the docket, receives the records and briefs of all appeals filed with the Court and maintains official custody of the decisions of the Court.

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