

the district. The other four must be active attorneys-at-law and are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Governor annually designates the chairperson of each board.

The Public Defender provides legal representation for any indigent defendant in criminal or juvenile proceedings requiring the presence of counsel before a commissioner or judge, post-conviction proceedings, and any other proceeding where incarceration pursuant to a judicial commitment of individuals in institutions of a public or private nature may result.

In 1975 the Public Defender installed three Divisions in the headquarters office, i.e., Mental Health, Appellate, and Inmate Services. Each Division provides services as indicated by furnishing representation to all persons involuntarily committed to facilities under the jurisdiction of or licensed by the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the processing of all appeals to the Appellate Courts, and legal assistance to all indigent inmates who have legal problems concerning their incarceration. The law applies only to representation in or respect to the courts of Maryland. The Public Defender must submit a report annually to the Board of Trustees, the Governor, and General Assembly. The Public Defender system commenced operation on January 1, 1972 (Code 1957, Art. 27A).

## **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ADVISORY BOARD**

*Chairperson:* William Walsh, 1979

Appointed by the President of the Senate: John E. Meyers, 1979; Barbara Steckel, 1979

Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Aris T. Allen, M.D., 1979; Delia B. Denny, 1979

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The Public Disclosure Advisory Board, formerly called the Financial Disclosure Advisory Board, was originally created by Chapter 3, Acts of the Special Session of 1973, to oversee the law requiring the public disclosure of the personal finances of public officials in Maryland. In 1977 (Chapter 938), the Legislature added to the Board's responsibilities oversight of the law requiring lobbyists to register and file activity reports.

The Board consists of five members. One is appointed by the Governor, two by the President of the Senate, and two by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. One appointee of the President and one of the Speaker must be from the majority party and one each from the minority party. Members serve four-year terms, coextensive with the term of the Governor. The Board selects its own chairperson and the necessary staff.

The Board has the duty to recommend to the Secretary of State such forms as may be desirable for the filing of the necessary statements. It reviews statements filed, investigates complaints of alleged violations of the Disclosure or Lobbying Acts, and reports violations to the Attorney General. The Board issues opinions concerning the coverage of the Acts upon the request of persons required to file statements, and may issue an opinion upon the request of any other person.

Persons required to file the financial disclosure statements must do so by April 15 of each year. Persons required to register as lobbyists must do so by January 10 or not later than 5 days after first performing any acts requiring registration, whichever is later. Registered lobbyists must file two activity reports annually, one by May 31 covering the period November 1 through April 30, and one by November 30 covering the period May 1 through October 31. Financial disclosure statements, lobbyists' registrations, and lobbyists' activity reports are filed with the Secretary of State (Code 1957, Art. 33, secs. 29-1 to 29-12; Art. 40, secs. 5 to 14A).

## **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

*Chairperson:* Thomas J. Hatem, 1982

William A. Badger, 1980; George Shehan, 1981; Lilo K. Schifter, 1984

James A. Pine, *General Counsel*

John K. Keane, Jr., *People's Counsel*

Ronald A. Decker, *Staff Counsel*

Ronald E. Hawkins, *Executive Secretary*

John W. Dorsey, *Chief Engineer*

Kirk J. Emge, *Acting Chief Hearing Examiner*

Joseph S. A. Giardina, *Director of Transportation*

Marshall E. Stokely, *Chief Auditor*