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The Administrative Office of the Courts was established by the General Assembly in 1955 and is headed by the State Court Administrator, who was appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, as provided by Section 13-101 of the Courts Article.

This office gathers statistical and other data regarding the business of the courts and it keeps the Chief Judge informed as to the transaction of that business; makes recommendations to the Chief Judge regarding the need for assignment of the judges among the several courts of the State and assists him in making these assignments; prepares and submits the State Judiciary budget and supervises its administration; and submits to the Chief Judge recommendations for improvements to the Judicial System (Code Courts Article, Section 13-101 (a) (e)).

The staff of the clerk's office of the Juvenile Court in Baltimore City is also attached to the Administrative Office, as are circuit administrators in the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Judicial Circuits.

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The State Reporter, appointed by the Court of Appeals, is responsible for the publication of the *Maryland Reports* and the *Maryland Appellate Reports*, which contain the official opinions of the Court of Appeals (Const. 1867, Art. IV, secs. 14-18A) and of the Court of Special Appeals, respectively (Code Courts Article, secs. 13-201 through 13-204).

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES

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The Commission on Judicial Disabilities, originally created by Chapter 773, Acts of 1965, had its powers redefined by Chapter 506, Acts of 1967. The Act of 1965 was ratified on November 8, 1966, as an amendment to the Constitution (Const. 1867, Art. IV, secs. 4A and 4B). Originally, the Commission consisted of five members. Three of the members had to be judges, either of the Court of Appeals, the Circuit Courts, or the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. One member had to be a lawyer with a minimum of fifteen years of law practice. One member represented the general public. Chapter 789, Acts of 1969, increased the membership of the Commission to seven members by adding an additional lawyer member and a member representing the District Courts. Members of the Commission are appointed by the Governor and serve four-year terms. Members must be citizens and residents of the State. Four members are appointed from among the Judges of the Appellate Courts, the Circuit Courts for the counties, the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and the District Court. Two members must be lawyers with a minimum of fifteen years of law practice, and one member must represent the public. The Commission elects its own Chairperson from among its membership.