

to propose nominees for appointment to the appellate courts, and regional trial court nominating commissions to perform the same function for trial court vacancies. The commissions began operation in 1971. The commissions were reconstituted by the Governor in 1991 (Executive Order 01.01.1991.05). Each judicial vacancy filled pursuant to the Governor's appointing power must be filled from a list of nominees submitted by one of these nominating commissions.

When a judicial vacancy occurs or is about to occur, the Administrative Office of the Courts notifies the appropriate commission and then solicits applications from interested persons through announcements in the press and by contacting interested bar associations. Applications received are distributed to the commission members.

After the filing deadline for a vacancy has passed, the commission meets to consider applications and relevant information, such as recommendations from bar associations or individual citizens. Each candidate is interviewed by the full commission or by commission panels. The commission then prepares a list of those candidates deemed legally and professionally most fully qualified for judicial office. This list is prepared by secret written ballot. No applicant may be added to the list unless that applicant has the affirmative vote of a majority of the commission members present at a voting session. The list is forwarded to the Governor, who must make an appointment from the commission list.

#### APPELLATE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

James J. Cromwell, *Chairperson*

*Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair):*

- 1st Appellate Circuit: Jane W. Bailey
- 2nd Appellate Circuit: Harry Rattie
- 3rd Appellate Circuit: David Gilbert Borenstein, M.D.
- 4th Appellate Circuit: Howard W. Stone, Jr.
- 5th Appellate Circuit: Kenneth A. Pippin
- 6th Appellate Circuit: Kenneth R. Taylor, Jr.

*Elected by lawyers in Circuit:*

- 1st Appellate Circuit: Peter Ayers Wimbrow III
- 2nd Appellate Circuit: E. Scott Moore
- 3rd Appellate Circuit: Albert D. Brault
- 4th Appellate Circuit: Clarence L. Fossett, Jr.
- 5th Appellate Circuit: Ronald A. Baradel
- 6th Appellate Circuit: Albert J. Matricciani, Jr.

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The Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission nominates candidates for the Court of Appeals and the Court of Special Appeals.

The Commission is composed of fifteen members. The Governor, who chooses the chairperson, appoints one member from each of the six appellate judicial circuits, and one at large member. The remaining seven members are lawyers elected by the Maryland State Bar Association.

#### TRIAL COURT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSIONS

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Fourteen Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commissions recommend nominees for Circuit Courts and District Courts.

Each of the fifteen commissions consists of thirteen members. Six members are lawyers elected by members of the Maryland State Bar Association within designated geographical areas. Six are lay members appointed by the Governor. The chairperson, who may be either a lawyer or a lay person, also is appointed by the Governor. The terms of members extend to the date of qualification of the Governor elected at each quadrennial election, and until their successors are duly chosen. The Administrative Office of the Courts is the secretariat to all commissions.

##### 1ST COMMISSION DISTRICT

(Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, & Worcester)  
Gordon David Gladden, *Chairperson*

*Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair):*  
Constantine A. Anthony; Harland Cottman; Elmer T. Myers; Herman J. Stevens; Audrey Stewart; Richard S. Wootten, Sr.

*Elected by lawyers in 1st Commission District:* Richard M. Matthews; James Harrison Phillips III; L. Richard Phillips; Edmund L. Widdowson, Jr.; two vacancies.

##### 2ND COMMISSION DISTRICT

(Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, & Talbot)  
Doris P. Scott, *Chairperson*

*Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair):*  
Robert E. Bryson; Grace McCool; James O. Pippin, Jr.; Robert B. Vojvoda; J. Willis Wells; Philip Yost.

*Elected by lawyers in 2nd Commission District:* J. Donald Braden; Ernest S. Cookerly; Waller S. Hairston; John F. Hall; Eugene F. Herman; Karen A. Murphy Jensen.