

The Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals was formed in 1980 (Chapter 775, Acts of 1980). The Board, with expanded jurisdiction, replaced the Department of Transportation Board of Contract Appeals (Chapter 418, Acts of 1978).

The Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals adjudicates disputes concerning the formation of State contracts, except those for procurement of architectural and engineering services. Contract formation disputes pertain to the qualification of bidders or offerers and the determination of the successful bidder or offerer. The Board also adjudicates disputes relating to a contract that has been entered into by the State, including disagreements about the performance, breach, modification, or termination of a contract. Decisions of the Appeals Board are subject to judicial review, and any aggrieved party, including a State agency, may appeal a final decision or any part thereof. At the request of a party to a proceeding, the Board may subpoena witnesses and documents and may compel the testimony of witnesses.

Published opinions of the Board are available at the Board's offices, Circuit Courts, and through the Maryland Institute for the Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers (MICPEL).

The Governor appoints the Board's three members to five-year terms with Senate advice and consent. Members serve in a quasi-judicial capacity and must have a thorough knowledge of procurement practices and processes. They serve full-time and receive compensation as provided for in the budget. The chairperson is designated by the Governor (Code State Finance and Procurement Article, secs. 15-201 through 15-223).

CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION ADVISORY BOARD

Paul E. Leuba, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor: James G. Crouse; Col. Clarence Edwards; Earl L. Gillespie; V. Eric W. May, Sr.; Richard A. Tamberrino; Capt. Michael H. Waudby; Dennis J. Weaver; two vacancies.

Appointed by Chief Judge, Court of Appeals: Suzanne H. James; Edward L. Utz; George N. Weber, Jr.

Appointed by Senate President: Philip C. Jimeno

Appointed by House Speaker: Joseph F. Vallario, Jr.

Terms expire 1994.

Ex officio: J. Joseph Curran, Jr., Attorney General; Stephen A. Bocian, Executive Director, Office of Justice Administration; Charles F. Wellford, Ph.D., Director, Institute of Criminal Justice & Criminology, University of Maryland College Park.

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MANDATED REPORTS

Annual Report to Governor & General Assembly on development & operation of Criminal Justice Information System.

The Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board was created in 1976 (Chapter 239, Acts of 1976). For budgetary and administrative purposes only the Board is within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

The Board advises the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals on the development, operation, and maintenance of the Criminal Justice Information System. The Board monitors the System and recommends procedures and methods for the use of criminal history record information in research, evaluation, and statistical analysis of crime. The Board also recommends legislation to implement, operate, and maintain the System.

The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals adopt rules and regulations to establish, operate, and maintain the Criminal Justice Information System. These rules and regulations govern the collection, reporting, and release of criminal history record information by the courts and other criminal justice agencies; ensure the security of the System and all criminal history record information; and control the dissemination of criminal history record information consistent with federal law and regulations. Rules and regulations of the System also govern procedures for inspecting and challenging criminal history record information. In addition, they regulate the auditing of criminal justice agencies to ensure that criminal history records are accurate and complete, and that their information is distributed in accordance with the law.

Under the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the System's Central Repository collects, stores, and disseminates criminal history record information. Every criminal justice agency must report criminal history record information to the Repository within certain time limits by specified reporting methods. To avoid duplicate reporting, the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals may determine the events to be reported by each criminal justice agency.

Any person may inspect their own criminal history record information as maintained by a criminal justice agency. The person may challenge the completeness, content, accuracy, or distribution of such information by giving written notice; and the person has a right to have errors corrected.

The Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board consists of eighteen members who serve three-year terms. The Governor appoints ten members: three persons recommended by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services; two