

DISTRICT 7—DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
(Anne Arundel County)
Bruce C. Williams, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who names chair): Judith Billage, Esq.; William A. Franch, Esq.; Mettie M. Smith, Esq.; Edwin A. Lechowicz, Esq. *Terms expire 1990.*

OFFICE OF DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER
Alan R. Friedman, Esq., *District Public Defender* (appointed by Public Defender)
Edward J. Albert, Esq., *Deputy District Public Defender*
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DISTRICT 8—DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
(Baltimore County)
Gerard W. Wittstadt, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who names chair): Michael J. Lambros, Esq.; C. Victor McFarland, Esq.; Raymond E. Pryor, Esq.; one vacancy. *Terms expire 1990.*

OFFICE OF DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER
Thelma S. Thompson, Esq., *District Public Defender* (appointed by Public Defender)
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DISTRICT 9—DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
(Harford County)
Vacancy, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who names chair): Judith C. H. Cline, Esq.; Stanley Getz, Esq.; John S. Karas, Esq.; Michael E. Leaf, Esq. *Terms expire 1990.*

OFFICE OF DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER
Lloyd G. Merriam, Esq., *District Public Defender* (appointed by Public Defender)
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DISTRICT 10—DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
(Howard & Carroll Counties)
Vacancy, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who names chair): Charles O. Fisher, Jr., Esq.; Nathan Greene, Esq.; Marker J. Lovell, Esq.; William R. MacDonald, Esq. *Terms expire 1990.*

OFFICE OF DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER
Carol A. Hanson, Esq., *District Public Defender* (appointed by Public Defender)
Louis P. Willemin, Esq., *Deputy District Public Defender*
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ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER
Carroll County (410) 876-2788

DISTRICT 11—DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
(Frederick & Washington Counties)
Frederick C. Wright III, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who names chair): Edward L. Kuczynski, Esq.; Lewis C. Metzner, Esq.; Robert S. Rothenhofer, Esq.; one vacancy. *Terms expire 1990.*

OFFICE OF DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER
Franklin D. Stillrich, Esq., *District Public Defender* (appointed by Public Defender)
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ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER
Washington County
Wiley S. Rutledge, Esq. *Deputy District Public Defender*
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DISTRICT 12—DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
(Allegany & Garrett Counties)
Paul J. Stakem, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor (who names chair): Thomas B. Dabney, Jr., Esq.; Donald W. Mason, Esq.; William H. Rudd, Esq.; William Walsh, Esq. *Terms expire 1990.*

OFFICE OF DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER
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ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER
Garrett County (301) 334-9196

The Office of Public Defender was created in 1971 (Chapter 209, Acts of 1971). In criminal and juvenile proceedings within the State, the Office provides indigent persons with counsel, and related necessary services and facilities. The Office assures effective assistance and continuity of counsel to accused indigent persons in custody and to indigent defendants in criminal and juvenile proceedings before the courts of the State. The Office of the Public Defender administers and assures enforcement of these provisions.

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

The Board of Trustees of the Public Defender system consists of three members appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. Two members must be practicing attorneys-at-law.

Appointed by the Board of Trustees, the Public Defender must be an attorney-at-law, who has been admitted to practice law in Maryland by the Court of Appeals and engaged in the practice of law for a period of five years prior to appointment. The Public Defender, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, appoints the Deputy Public Defender and, for each district of the District Court, appoints one District Public Defender who must possess the same qualifications as the Public Defender. With the advice of the District Public Defender, Assistant Public Defenders may be appointed by the Public Defender (Code 1957, Art. 27A, secs. 1-14).

Within the Office of the Public Defender are four divisions: Appellate; Collateral Review; Mental Health; and Capital Defense.

APPELLATE DIVISION

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The Appellate Division has statewide responsibility for all appellate litigation involving Public Defender clients and provides research and consultation on legal issues for staff and panel attorneys throughout the twelve Public Defender Districts. The Division also publishes a monthly *Digest*, con-