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## FEDERAL COURTS IN MARYLAND

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### UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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The United States is divided into thirteen judicial circuits. Maryland is in the fourth circuit, which also includes Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has thirteen judges. Two judges are from Maryland, three from Virginia, two from West Virginia, two from North Carolina, and four from South Carolina. Maryland's two members of the Court maintain chambers at the Federal Courthouse in Baltimore.

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#### U.S. COURT OF APPEALS BIOGRAPHIES OF MARYLAND JUDGES

**FRANCIS D. MURNAGHAN, JR.** Associate Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, since 1979. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, June 20, 1920. The Johns Hopkins University, A.B., 1941; Harvard University Law School, LL.B., 1948. Admitted to Maryland Bar, 1949. Served on active duty in U.S. Naval Reserve, 1942-46 (inactive service as lieutenant, 1946-50). Member, American and Maryland State Bar Associations; American College of Trial Lawyers. Chairman, Baltimore City Charter Revision Commission, 1963-64. President, Board of School Commissioners, Baltimore City, 1967-70. Board of Trustees, The Johns Hopkins University, 1976—. Chairman, Walters Art Gallery, 1979— (president, 1964-79). Author, "From Figment to Fiction to Philosophy—The Requirement of Proof of Damage in Libel Actions," 22 *Catholic University Law Review* 1 (1972).

**PAUL V. NIEMEYER.** Associate Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, since 1990. Associate Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, 1988-90. Born in Princeton, New Jersey, April 5, 1941. Kenyon College, A.B., 1962; University of Notre Dame Law School, J.D., 1966. Admitted to Maryland Bar, 1966. In private practice, Piper & Marbury, 1966-88. Lecturer (advanced business law), The Johns Hopkins University, 1971-75. Member, Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1973-88. Member, hearing panel, Attorney Grievance Commission, 1978-81. Co-author, *Maryland Rules Commentary*. Special Merit Citation, American Judicature Society, 1987. Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers; American Law Institute; American Bar Foundation; Maryland Bar Foundation.