

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
(16 Judges)**

Paul H. Weinstein, *Circuit Administrative Judge*
& *County Administrative Judge*, 2003

DeLawrence Beard, *Associate Judge*, 2001

James C. Chapin, *Associate Judge*, 1996

D. Warren Donohue, *Associate Judge*, 2009

Vincent E. Ferretti, Jr., *Associate Judge*, 2005

Ann S. Harrington, *Associate Judge*, 2009

Martha G. Kavanaugh, *Associate Judge*, 1996

Michael D. Mason, *Associate Judge*, 1996

Paul A. McGuckian, *Associate Judge*, 2005

J. James McKenna, *Associate Judge*, 2001

S. Michael Pincus, *Associate Judge*, 2009

James L. Ryan, *Associate Judge*, 2007

Louise G. Scrivener, *Associate Judge*, 1996

Durke G. Thompson, *Associate Judge*, 1996

William P. Turner, *Associate Judge*, 2009

one vacancy

Rockville, MD 20850 (301) 217-7405

7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

(Calvert, Charles, Prince George's & St. Mary's Counties)

CALVERT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT (2 Judges)

Warren J. Krug, *County Administrative Judge*,
2009

Marjorie L. Clagett, *Associate Judge*, 1996

Prince Frederick, MD 20678 . . . (410) 535-1600

CHARLES COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT (4 Judges)

Robert C. Nalley, *County Administrative Judge*,
2005

Steven G. Chappelle, *Associate Judge*, 1996

Richard J. Clark, *Associate Judge*, 1996

Christopher C. Henderson, *Associate Judge*, 1998

La Plata, MD 20646 (301) 932-3270

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CIRCUIT
COURT (20 Judges)**

Graydon S. McKee III, *Circuit Administrative
Judge*, 2003

William D. Missouri, *County Administrative
Judge*, 2003

Robert J. Woods, *Chief Judge*, 2009

Arthur M. Ahalt, *Associate Judge*, 1999

Joseph S. Casula, *Associate Judge*, 2001

Vincent J. Femia, *Associate Judge*, 2009

Michele D. Horten, *Associate Judge*, 1996

G. R. Hovey Johnson, *Associate Judge*, 1999

Sherric L. Krauser, *Associate Judge*, 1996

Larnzell Martin, Jr., *Associate Judge*, 2007

Robert H. Mason, *Associate Judge*, 2009

Audrey E. Melbourne, *Associate Judge*, 1996

C. Philip Nichols, Jr., *Associate Judge*, 2009

Darlene G. Perry, *Associate Judge*, 2001

Steven I. Platt, *Associate Judge*, 2007

E. Allen Shepherd, *Associate Judge*, 1996

Thomas P. Smith, *Associate Judge*, 1996

Richard H. Sothoron, Jr., *Associate Judge*, 2007

William B. Spellbring, Jr., *Associate Judge*, 2009

Sylvania W. Woods, *Associate Judge*, 2009

Upper Marlboro, MD 20773 . . . (301) 952-3728

ST. MARY'S COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT (2 Judges)

John H. Briscoe, *County Administrative Judge*,
2003

Marvin S. Kaminetz, *Associate Judge*, 2005

Leonardtown, MD 20650 (301) 475-4585

8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (Baltimore City)**BALTIMORE CITY CIRCUIT COURT**

(28 Judges, effective Oct. 1996)

Joseph H. H. Kaplan, *Circuit Administrative
Judge*, 2009

Robert I. H. Hammerman, *Chief Judge*, 1999

Edward J. Angeletti, *Associate Judge*, 1999

Roger W. Brown, *Associate Judge*, 2003

John Carroll Byrnes, *Associate Judge*, 1997

Bonita J. Dancy, *Associate Judge*, 1996

Kathleen O'Ferrall Friedman, *Associate Judge*,
2001

Clifton J. Gordy, *Associate Judge*, 2001

Ellen M. Heller, *Associate Judge*, 2003

Mabel H. Hubbard, *Associate Judge*, 2001

Kenneth Lavon Johnson, *Associate Judge*, 1997

Albert J. Matricciani, Jr., *Associate Judge*, 1996

Joseph P. McCurdy, Jr., *Associate Judge*, 2007

David B. Mitchell, *Associate Judge*, 2001

Thomas E. Noel, *Associate Judge*, 1999

John N. Prevas, *Associate Judge*, 2003

Richard T. Rombro, *Associate Judge*, 2005

Carol E. Smith, *Associate Judge*, 2009

Paul A. Smith, *Associate Judge*, 2007

Marvin B. Steinberg, *Associate Judge*, 2001

Gary I. Strausberg, *Associate Judge*, 1996

John C. Themelis, *Associate Judge*, 2005

Thomas Ward, *Associate Judge*, 1997

Martin P. Welch, *Associate Judge*, 2009

David W. Young, *Associate Judge*, 1996

three vacancies

Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., Courthouse

100 North Calvert St.

Baltimore, MD 21202 (410) 396-5080

ORIGIN & FUNCTIONS

The Circuit Courts originated in the colonial period as County Courts. In 1775, just before the Revolutionary War, their functions were suspended. After Maryland adopted its first State Constitution in 1776, the County Courts were reopened and justices were appointed for every county in April 1777.

For the counties, the Constitution of 1851 established the Circuit Courts to succeed the County Courts (Art. IV, secs. 8, 9). The present Baltimore City Circuit Court, however, evolved out of a more complex judicial system.

From 1789 to 1816, a court of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery heard criminal cases for Baltimore City. Its jurisdiction was assumed in 1817 by the Baltimore City Court. The Constitution of 1851 provided Baltimore City with the Court of Common Pleas, the Superior Court, and the Criminal Court (Art. IV, secs. 10-13). The Circuit Court of Baltimore City was established by statute in 1853 and further mandated by the Constitution of 1864 (Chapter 122, Acts of 1853; Art. IV, secs. 31, 35). The Constitution of 1867