

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
ADOPTING STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR  
COURT-DESIGNATED ARBITRATORS, FACT FINDERS, NEUTRAL EVALUATORS,  
AND  
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PRACTITIONERS

WHEREAS, the Maryland Rules of Procedure governing Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) require that court-designated mediators, arbitrators, and other ADR practitioners abide by standards of conduct adopted by the Court of Appeals of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Court of Appeals in the October 31, 2001, Administrative Order In re: Standards of Conduct for Mediators, Arbitrators and other ADR Practitioners having approved such standards of conduct, the standards of conduct having been proposed by the Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO) and considered by the Court at an open meeting; and

WHEREAS, MACRO, after convening a review process, having presented the proposed Maryland Standards of Conduct for Arbitrators, Fact Finders, Neutral Evaluators, and Settlement Conference Practitioners (Standards of Conduct) to the ADR Committee of the Maryland Judicial Council for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the ADR Committee having approved the Standards of Conduct on May 10, 2018, for consideration by the Judicial Council; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Council having referred the Standards of Conduct to the Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules Committee) for review on November 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Rules Committee duly having considered the Standards of Conduct, included them in its 201<sup>st</sup> Report to the Court; and

WHEREAS, the Court, having held an open meeting on November 19, 2019, to consider the 201<sup>st</sup> Report, written commentary, and testimony provided at the meeting, including the Standards of Conduct, and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution and as part of its inherent power under the Constitution to regulate the practice of law, it is this 6th day of December 2019,

ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that the Maryland Standards of Conduct for Arbitrators, Fact Finders, Neutral Evaluators, and Settlement Conference Practitioners shall be, and hereby are, adopted, effective January 1, 2020; and it is further

ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that the Maryland Standards of Conduct for Arbitrators, Fact Finders, Neutral Evaluators, and Settlement Conference Practitioners shall apply, to the fullest extent as may be practicable, to all court-designated ADR practitioners other than mediators; and it is further

ORDERED, that the October 31, 2001, Administrative Order In re: Standards of Conduct for Mediators, Arbitrators and other ADR Practitioners shall be, and hereby is, rescinded as to the standards of conduct governing all court-designated ADR practitioners other than mediators, effective January 1, 2020.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera

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/s/ Robert N. McDonald

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/s/ Shirley M. Watts

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/s/ Michele D. Hotten

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/s/ Joseph M. Getty

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/s/ Brynja M. Booth

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Date: December 6, 2019

/s/ Suzanne C. Johnson

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Suzanne C. Johnson  
Clerk of the Court of Appeals

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Suzanne C. Johnson, Clerk