

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONCLUSION OF MARYLAND  
ELECTRONIC COURTS PILOT AND EXPANSION  
OF MARYLAND ELECTRONIC COURTS

WHEREAS, The Maryland Judiciary has undertaken the Maryland Electronic Courts project (MDEC) to create a single, Judiciary-wide, integrated case management system that will be used by all of the State appellate and trial courts; and

WHEREAS, The initial pilot implementation of MDEC began in the fall of 2014, in Anne Arundel County, and that pilot program having been successful, MDEC is now being implemented statewide in phases, on a geographic basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and administrative head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, do this 21st day of April, 2017, order as follows:

(a) Conclusion of MDEC Pilot

The MDEC project in Anne Arundel County is hereby changed from pilot to permanent status.

(b) Courts Utilizing MDEC

Consistent with Maryland Rule 20-101, the courts utilizing MDEC are as follows:

- (1) The Court of Appeals may accept electronic filings only in appeals from the courts listed herein;
- (2) The Court of Special Appeals may accept electronic filings only in appeals from the courts listed herein;
- (3) The Circuit and District Courts in Anne Arundel County, effective October 14, 2014;

- (4) The Circuit and District Courts in Caroline County, effective July 18, 2016;
  - (5) The Circuit and District Courts in Calvert County, effective June 12, 2017;
  - (6) The Circuit and District Courts in Cecil County, effective July 18, 2016;
  - (7) The Circuit and District Courts in Charles County, effective June 12, 2017;
  - (8) The Circuit and District Courts in Dorchester County effective, December 12, 2016;
  - (9) The Circuit and District Courts in Kent County, effective July 18, 2016;
  - (10) The Circuit and District Courts in Queen Anne's County, effective July 18, 2016;
  - (11) The Circuit and District Courts in Somerset County, effective December 12, 2016;
  - (12) The Circuit and District Courts in St. Mary's County, effective June 12, 2017;
  - (13) The Circuit and District Courts in Talbot County, effective July 18, 2016;
  - (14) The Circuit and District Courts in Wicomico County, effective December 12, 2016; and
  - (15) The Circuit and District Courts in Worcester County, effective December 12, 2016.
- (c) Landlord/tenant failure to pay rent cases in these jurisdictions remain exempt from the electronic filing requirement.

(d) The Administrative Order on the Implementation of the Maryland Electronic Courts in Anne Arundel County, filed October 21, 2014, shall be and hereby is rescinded, effective immediately.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera  
Mary Ellen Barbera  
Chief Judge  
Court of Appeals of Maryland

Filed: April 21, 2017

/s/ Bessie M. Decker  
Bessie M. Decker  
Clerk  
Court of Appeals of Maryland