

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON 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 7th day of November 2019, order as follows:

(a) Courts Utilizing MDEC

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

- i. The Court of Appeals may accept electronic filings only in appeals from the courts listed herein;
- ii. The Court of Special Appeals may accept electronic filings only in appeals from the courts listed herein;
- iii. The Circuit and District Courts in Allegany County, effective October 16, 2017;
- iv. The Circuit and District Courts in Anne Arundel County, effective October 14, 2014;

- v. The Circuit and District Courts in Baltimore County, effective February 19, 2019;
- vi. The Circuit and District Courts in Calvert County, effective June 12, 2017;
- vii. The Circuit and District Courts in Caroline County, effective July 18, 2016;
- viii. The Circuit and District Courts in Carroll County, effective April 16, 2018;
- ix. The Circuit and District Courts in Cecil County, effective July 18, 2016;
- x. The Circuit and District Courts in Charles County, effective June 12, 2017;
- xi. The Circuit and District Courts in Dorchester County, effective December 12, 2016;
- xii. The Circuit and District Courts in Frederick County, effective October 16, 2017;
- xiii. The Circuit and District Courts in Garrett County, effective October 16, 2017;
- xiv. The Circuit and District Courts in Harford County, effective April 16, 2018;
- xv. The Circuit and District Courts in Howard County, effective April 16, 2018;
- xvi. The Circuit and District Courts in Kent County, effective July 18, 2016;
- xvii. The Circuit and District Courts in Queen Anne's County, effective July 18, 2016;
- xviii. The Circuit and District Courts in Somerset County, effective December 12, 2016;

- xix. The Circuit and District Courts in St. Mary's County, effective June 12, 2017;
- xx. The Circuit and District Courts in Talbot County, effective July 18, 2016;
- xxi. The Circuit and District Courts in Washington County, effective October 16, 2017;
- xxii. The Circuit and District Courts in Wicomico County, effective December 12, 2016; and
- xxiii. The Circuit and District Courts in Worcester County, effective December 12, 2016.

(b) Exemptions

- (1) Landlord/tenant failure to pay rent cases in the above-mentioned jurisdictions are exempted from the electronic filing requirement; and
- (2) Criminal indictments and informations, juvenile delinquency petitions, and petitions for:
 - (i) civil orders of protection from domestic violence;
 - (ii) peace orders; and
 - (iii) extreme risk protective orders

are exempted from the electronic filing requirement pending development and implementation of interfaces to facilitate such filing.

(c) Units of the Judiciary

- (1) Effective March 18, 2019, the Commission on Judicial Disabilities shall file electronically through MDEC any disciplinary action against

a judge, regardless of the home or court address of the judge who is subject to the action.

(2) Effective October 14, 2014, the Attorney Grievance Commission shall file electronically through MDEC any disciplinary action against an attorney, where all or any part of the action results in a filing in any Maryland court, whether by appeal or otherwise, regardless of the home or business address of the attorney who is subject to the action.

i. Upon the entry of an order designating a judge of a circuit court to hear a disciplinary or remedial action pursuant to Maryland Rule 19-722, transmittal of the action to a circuit court in an MDEC County, as defined in Maryland Rule 20-101 and listed in subsection (a) above, shall be transmitted via MDEC.

(d) The Administrative Order on Expansion of Maryland Electronic Courts, filed March 13, 2019, shall be and hereby is rescinded, effective immediately.

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Gregory Hilton, Clerk

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbara

Mary Ellen Barbera
Chief Judge
Court of Appeals of Maryland

Filed: November 7, 2019

/s/ Suzanne C. Johnson

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Clerk
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