

The Honorable Diane O. Leasure (Ret.) retired from the 5th Judicial Circuit (Howard, Anne Arundel and Carroll counties) where she served as the Fifth Circuit Administrative Judge and the County Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court for Howard County. Prior to her 16 years as a Circuit Court judge, she was a Principal of Fossett & Brugger, Chartered where she was the Chair of the Litigation Practice Group. Judge Leasure received her Juris Doctorate degree from Rutgers University-Camden, her Master of Science degree from Drexel University and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Rowan University (f/k/a Glassboro State College). She is an active member of the Howard County Bar Association and the Maryland State Bar Association where she serves as Co-Chair of the Citizenship Law-Related Education Program and is a member of the Construction Law and Administrative Law Section Councils. She currently serves as Chair of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy. Judge Leasure was a member of the Conference of Circuit Judges, including serving as its Chair in 2008-2010, was a member of the Judicial Cabinet and the Judicial Council and was an inaugural science and technology fellow in The Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center (ASTAR). During her tenure on the bench, she served on and chaired numerous judiciary committees and served as a faculty member for the Judicial Institute and other CLE programs. In addition to being certified for recall in the circuit courts, she serves as the Senior Judicial Fellow and Lecturer at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and has a private mediation and arbitration business. Judge Leasure's honors include the Anselm Sodaro Judicial Civility Award from the Maryland State Bar Association, The Daily Record's Leadership in Law award and being named one of The Daily Record's Top 100 Women three times, culminating in her induction into The Circle of Excellence.