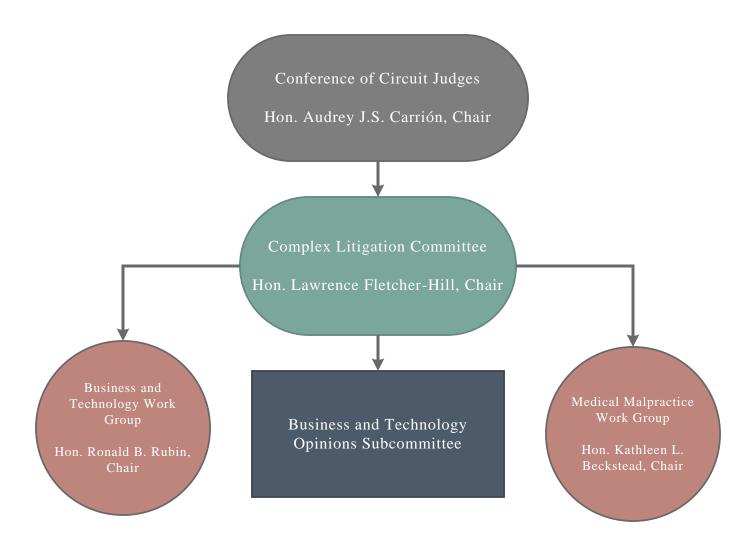
Conference of Circuit Judges 2024 Term



Staff: Melissa Canada

The Conference works collaboratively and in consultation with the Judicial Council in developing recommendations affecting the administration of the circuit courts, including:

- Programs and practices that will enhance the administration of justice in the circuit courts;
- The level of operational and judicial resources for the circuit courts to be included in the Judiciary budget;
- Recommending, opposing, or commenting on legislation or Rules that may affect the circuit courts; and
- The compensation and benefits for circuit court judges.



Complex Litigation Committee

Hon. Lawrence Fletcher-Hill, Chair
Baltimore City
Circuit Court
January 23, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. Kathleen L. Beckstead

1st District

Wicomico County

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. Viki M. Pauler
4th District
Washington County

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. Judith C. Ensor **Baltimore County**Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. Ronald B. Rubin
Montgomery County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. Robert J. Thompson

Anne Arundel County

Circuit Court

June 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. Stephen H. Kehoe
2nd District
Talbot County

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. William A. Snoddy Prince George's County Circuit Court

September 18, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Complex Litigation Coordinator: Lisa Mannisi

Nature and Purpose:

The Committee's charge as set forth by the Conference of Circuit Judges (CCJ), includes all complex litigation, except asbestos, with the initial focus on business and technology. The Committee will form two Work Groups (WGs): Business and Technology and Medical Malpractice that will address issues and make recommendations to the Committee specific to their area of practice. All recommendations of the Committee are to be presented to the CCJ for consideration.

Work Product:

A written report will be provided to the CCJ after each Committee meeting. The report will outline the work undertaken by the Committee and WGs, projected time frames, and outcomes. The Report will also provide any recommendations for the CCJ to consider.

Duration:

The Chair and each committee member will be appointed to an initial term of 2 years, with the possibility of appointment to a second consecutive 2-year term at the discretion of the administrative judge.

Return to the Complex Litigation

Business and Technology Workgroup

Hon. Ronald B. Rubin, Chair January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Jeffrey M. Geller
Baltimore City
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Hon. Stephen H. Kehoe
Talbot County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Eric Orlinsky, Esq.

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

William Krulak, Esq.

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Keith R. Truffer
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Jean Evelyn Lewis, Esq.

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Staff: Lisa Mannisi

Nature and Purpose:

This Work Group is created to serve as an advisory body to the Committee on Complex Litigation. The Work Group will provide input from members of the bench and bar who litigate business and technology cases before the circuit courts. The Work Group will report practitioners' observations on forms, processes, procedures, and other aspects impacting the effective and efficient resolution of cases amongst the various courts, including both successful practices and problem areas in need of improvement. The Work Group is authorized to provide recommendations for the Committee's consideration.

Work Product:

A written report will be provided to the Committee after each meeting. The report will outline the work to be undertaken by the WG, projected time frames and outcomes. The Report will also provide any recommendations for the Committee to consider.

Duration:

This WG will be appointed for 2 year-terms and will meet at least on a quarterly basis.





Hon. Judith C. Ensor, Chair January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Charlene Notarcola Andrew Burnett, Esq. Mairi Patricia Macguire, Esq. Michael Nakamura, Esq. Clerk of Court Cecil County January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024 January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024 January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024 January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2024 Timothy Sheridan Hon. William A. Snoddy Court Administrator Prince George's County Montgomery County Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Staff: Lisa Mannisi

Nature and Purpose:

This Work Group is created to serve as an advisory body to the Committee on Complex Litigation. The Work Group will provide input from members of the bench and bar who litigate medical malpractice cases before the circuit courts. The Work Group will report practitioners' observations on forms, processes, procedures, and other aspects impacting the effective and efficient resolution of cases amongst the various courts, including both successful practices and problem areas in need of improvement. The Work Group is authorized to provide recommendations for the Committee's consideration.

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Work Product:

A written report will be provided to the Committee after each meeting. The report will outline the work to be undertaken by the WG, projected time frames and outcomes. The Report will also provide any recommendations for the Committee to consider.

Duration:

This workgroup will be appointed for 2 year-terms and will meet at least on a quarterly basis.



Case Information Report
Workgroup

Hon. James Bonifant, Chair May 22, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Rich Abbott
Director of Juvenile & Family Services
AOC

May 25, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Erica Todd Lead Judiciary Clerk Dorchester County Circuit Court

May 25, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Tabatha Curtis
Unit Supervisor
Montgomery County Circuit Court

May 25, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Jamie Walter
Director of Research & Analysis
AOC

May 25, 2023 - December 31, 2024

Amy Streight
Senior Judiciary Clerk
Cecil County Circuit Court

May 25, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Amanda Williams Criminal & Civil Case Manager Montgomery County

May 25, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Staff: Amanda Williams

Nature and Purpose:

The nature/purpose of the workgroup is to review and revise the current Civil Domestic and Civil Non-Domestic case information reports to better serve the public and allow the Courts to capture important information needed to help benefit the Courts case management and DCM plans.

Work Product:

The workgroup will produce updated and revised case information reports, both domestic and non-domestic.

Duration:

May 2024



Business and Technology Opinions Subcommittee

Hon. Harry C. Storm Montgomery County Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Hon. Keith R. Truffer
Baltimore County
Circuit Court

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024

Staff: Vacant

Nature and Purpose:

This Subcommittee is created to provide an expert judicial body available to review BTCMP opinions for suitability before the opinions are posted on the BTCMP website. The Subcommittee is comprised of two currently designated BTCMP judges. The judges will coordinate with the Complex Litigation Coordinator whenever an opinion is submitted for posting. The Subcommittee is also authorized to provide recommendations on the BTCMP for the Committee's consideration.

Work Product:

As the function of the Subcommittee is to review and approve BTCMP opinions for public posting, a formal written report is not required. However, the Complex Litigation Coordinator will report to the Committee during its meetings how many, if any, opinions were approved and posted that quarter.

Duration:

The Subcommittee will be appointed for 2 year-terms.