

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR HARFORD COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

(Concerning Post Judgment Oral Examinations in Small Claim Actions)

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 0127, which adds Section 11-704 to Article — Courts and Judicial Proceedings, was approved by the Governor of Maryland and shall take effect on October 1, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, effective October 1, 2023, the District Court of Maryland may no longer order the appearance of an individual for an oral examination in a small claims action, and

**WHEREAS**, oral examinations or show cause hearings resulting from oral examinations in the District Court of Maryland may not be scheduled for small claims actions on or after October 1, 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, Maryland Rule 3-633 (b)(2)(B) requires service of an order for oral examination to be made in the manner provided by Md. Rule 3-121,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is this 14th day of September 2023, by the District Court of Maryland,

**ORDERED**, that all requests in the District Court for oral examinations or show cause hearings resulting from an oral examination in a small claim action, where the hearing date to be scheduled would occur on or after October 1, 2023, are hereby DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Susan H. Hazlett

Administrative Judge

Harford County District Court