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“Peace Orders” to begin in October

The 1999 Maryland General Assembly passed new legislation creating Peace Orders. Peace Orders will give temporary relief to individuals who are not eligible for relief under the Domestic Violence laws.

There are similarities in the processes for Peace Orders and Domestic Violence cases, but each is designed to help a different part of the community. Like D.V.'s, a Temporary Peace Order can be issued after an *ex parte* proceeding. The Temporary Peace Order is effective for not more than seven days after service on the respondent and it can be extended as needed up to 30 days to effect service.

A Temporary Peace Order can be issued if the act occurred within 30 days before the filing of

the petition and a judge determines there are reasonable grounds to believe that a respondent committed any of the following:

- an act that causes serious bodily harm;
- an act that places one in fear of imminent, serious bodily harm;
- assault;
- rape or sexual offense as defined by Article 27;
- false imprisonment;
- harassment;
- stalking;
- trespass;
- malicious destruction of property as defined by Article 27.

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Judge Glenn T. Harrell Joins Court of Appeals

On August 17, Gov. Glendening named Special Appeals Judge Glenn T. Harrell, Jr. to Maryland's highest court, representing the Fourth Appellate Circuit.

Judge Harrell served on the Court of Special Appeals since 1991, authoring about 900 opinions. His distinguished legal career also encompasses 18 years as partner with O'Malley, Miles, Nylan and Gilmore, and service with the Maryland Board of Education and Prince George's County Attorney's Office. His dedication outside the courtroom includes service as past Chair of the Judicial Disabilities Commission, and leadership of several state and county commissions. He has received many honors, including Distinguished Service Awards from both the Maryland and Prince George's County Bars. He earned his J.D. and B.A. from the University of Maryland.

Chief Judge Bell was “pleased” by the appointment, calling Judge Harrell “a great addition to

the Court [of Appeals].” Judge Bell said, “I expect him to hit the ground running; he can assume a case-load on our court with no additional training. The Governor is to be congratulated for making this excellent choice.”



Council Seeks to Improve the Experience of Jury Service

Earlier this year, Chief Judge Bell appointed a Council on Jury Use and Management to study the jury process in Maryland and make recommendations for improvements. The Council, chaired by Judge J. Frederick Sharer, is composed of 33 Maryland judges, lawyers, judicial administrators, legislators and lay people. It has been meeting in three subcommittees to gather information on jury practices and to evaluate how the jury experience can be improved for jurors, the parties, counsel and the courts.

The Council and its subcommittees will be meeting throughout the summer and fall, and is eagerly seeking ideas and comments from all

segments of the community. Recently, the Council surveyed all circuit court judges by way of a detailed questionnaire, and received responses from 94% of the judges. The results of this survey will soon be available. If you wish more information on the Council or have comments on what it should review or recommend, please contact:

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Submitted by Judge Dennis Sweeney

Peace Orders (continued from page 1)

A Temporary Peace Order provides only the minimal relief necessary to protect a petitioner.

The types of relief that can be ordered include an Order to refrain from:

- committing or threatening to commit one of the acts listed above;
- contacting, attempting to contact or harassing the petitioner;
- entering the residence of the petitioner;
- and also to remain away from the place of employment, school or temporary residence of the petitioner.

A hearing is held after the Temporary Peace Order is issued. The petitioner and respondent may present evidence. If the Judge finds by clear and convincing evidence that any of the actions listed above took place, a Peace Order, good for up to six months, can be issued. If the respondent fails to appear in court a Peace Order can be issued and the respondent served by mail with the Peace Order.

In cases where both parties filed a petition, mutual Peace Orders can be issued (to each side of a dispute) if the Court finds clear and convincing evidence that each party has committed any

of the acts listed above. Also, the Court can require the parties to participate in professionally supervised mediation if they are agreeable.

Although Peace Orders can be issued exclusively by the District Court, a party has the right to appeal. If appealed to the Circuit Court, a *de novo* hearing takes place. The original Peace Order remains in effect while the appeal proceeds. Law Enforcement officers will have authority to make a warrantless arrest of individuals who fail to comply with a Peace Order. Violation of a Peace Order can be grounds for contempt of court and is also a criminal misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and a \$1,000.00 fine.

New forms are rapidly being developed to be used for the Petition, Temporary Peace Order and Peace Order process. Statewide training for our clerks, on both Domestic Violence and Peace Orders, will be held in September. Clerks have smoothly and efficiently integrated Domestic Violence forms and proceedings into their enormous index of information shared with the public on a daily basis. We are confident that the Peace Order proceedings will enjoy the same professional treatment. ✨

Submitted by Judge Patti Goldberg
and Chief Clerk Patti Platt

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IN MEMORIAM

JUDGE ROBERT F. SWEENEY

If any institution is the lengthening shadow of one man, then the District Court is one very long reflection of Robert F. Sweeney.

Tim Maloney, from
Judge Sweeney's Eulogy

On Tuesday, July 20, Former Chief Judge of the District Court Robert F. Sweeney—one of the Maryland Judiciary's brightest luminaries—was laid to rest. He died on July 17 after a long illness.

The standing-room-only crowd at St. Mary's Church remembered him fondly, not only for his extraordinary success in establishing and nurturing the District Court system, which he oversaw for 25 years, but for Bob Sweeney the person—leader, friend, and patriarch, not only to his beloved family, but to everyone whose life he has touched.

District Court Chief Judge Martha Rasin summed up his excellence of character and spectacular achievements with these words, “. . . Judge Robert Sweeney will be remembered for creating and defining a court of justice for all citizens, a gem in the Maryland Judiciary . . . More than once, a visitor to the [new District] courthouse has told me . . . how perfect is the quotation beside Bob's portrait overlooking the lobby. It states: 'His integrity was the foundation on which the District Court was built.'”

Chief Judge Robert M. Bell observed, “Bob Sweeney was much more than that [the District Court's moral and spiritual leader]. . . . And it is the remembrance of Bob's humanity living in each of us that ensures he will never die.”

There was also an irrepressible side to Judge Sweeney. Retired Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert C. Murphy, one of his best friends, was also Judge Sweeney's favorite foil. Judge Murphy recalls the many letters he received from “Bessie Williams” protesting the bare-breasted statue of Justice at the Court of Appeals, and *The Sun's* Letters to the Editor from “Adam Chillingsworth, D.D.S.”, which expressed admiration for the District Court and its superior leadership, while questioning Judge Murphy's judgement in intruding into District Court affairs. Both, of course, were simply creations of Judge Sweeney's vast imagination.

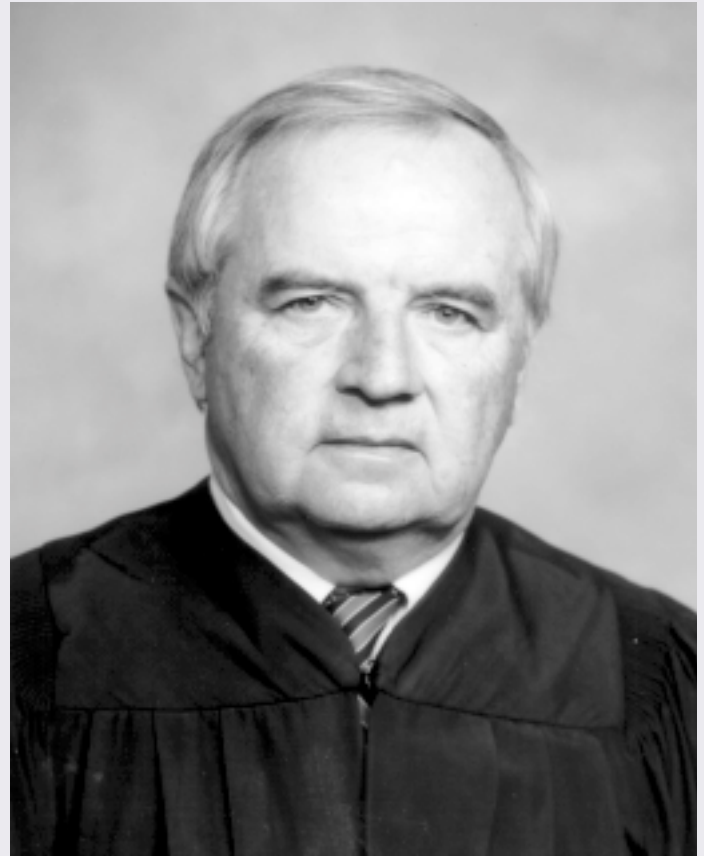


photo courtesy of the District Court

Betty Thompson, retired Assistant Chief Clerk of Administration, fondly recalls her years with Judge Sweeney. “He saw those he worked with as part of his family,” she reminisced, remembering his daily lunches with his employees, whom he regaled with stories.

Every year, she said, he would visit all 35 District courthouses, and informally talk with the staff. His love for the District Court was reflected in how hard he fought in the General Assembly for his employees. Once, during a difficult legislative session, this “Pit Bull of the Judiciary” brought in his little grandsons, waving signs reading, “DO NOT CUT MY POP-POP'S BUDGET!”

While Judge Sweeney was famous for his practical jokes, Mrs. Thompson recounted how the tables were once turned on him. “Judge Sweeney was not a natty dresser—he was very predicable in his attire. At his 65th birthday party, we [Barbara Allison, Sandy Largent, and myself], dressed in exactly the same thing he always wore—navy blazer, grey trousers. He really enjoyed that.”

Judge Robert Sweeney, you will be forever remembered—and missed. ✨

*His integrity was the foundation
on which the District Court was built.*

Judge Harry Cole's Portrait Unveiled



photo by Maria Smiroldo

On June 9, the Court of Appeals courtroom overflowed with family and friends of the late Court of Appeals Judge Harry A. Cole, for an emotional ceremony commemorating the dedication of his portrait.

The portrait was made possible thanks to the efforts of a committee comprised of Judge Cole's former law clerks, who collected private contributions from his many admirers.

Pictured is Mrs. Doris Freeland Cole, the late Judge's widow, with celebrated portrait artist Simmie Cox, during the unveiling.

A Labor Day Salute

You may already have glimpsed some of your co-workers on TV, starring in WBAL's annual "Labor Day Salutes" program, which highlights the Judiciary as part of this year's roster of Maryland employers. The 30-second spots, which are airing late August through mid-September, feature Judiciary staffers from throughout the WBAL viewing area, hard at work in court-related settings.

This program was developed to showcase our employees, and to thank them for their dedication and effort. If you haven't seen the spots, be on the lookout during *The Today Show*, *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno*, *Inside Edition* and *Hollywood Squares*. We join WBAL in saluting you, the staff of the Maryland Judiciary!



Russian Delegation Trains in Baltimore County

In May, the Maryland Judiciary hosted a week-long training program for Russian marshals in Baltimore County, which was coordinated by Court of Appeals Judge Alan M. Wilner.

The Russian delegation received a thorough introduction to the American legal system, and our procedures for collecting civil judgements; garnishment; replevin; handling security issues; and other responsibilities of our sheriffs and marshalls. Informative lectures were also conducted on Russian law and how it compares to the American legal system.

During their instructional visit to the Towson District Court, Administrative Judge Michael L. McCampbell arranged for the



photo by Maria Smiroldo

group to accompany our Constables to observe an actual levy. It wasn't all hard work for the Russian delegation, however. They also enjoyed attending an Orioles game, dinner parties, and a welcoming reception at the University of Baltimore School of Law. 🌿

New Orphans Court Leadership

The Maryland Association of Judges of the Orphans Court is pleased to announce its new officers:

- President** Gail Schaffer, Chief Orphans Judge, Anne Arundel County
- Vice President** Herbert J. Reisig, Associate Orphans Judge, Carroll County
- Secretary** Joyce Pope, Assoc. Orphans Judge, Howard County
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- Directors** Calvert Travers, Chief Orphans Judge, Dorchester County; Robert Morris, Assoc. Orphans Judge, Queen Anne's County; Tim May, Chief Orphans Judge, Frederick County

The group will hold its next meeting on December 1, 1999 at the Columbia Hyatt.

Submitted by Judge Albert Northrop

New Trial Judge Orientation Class Spring, 1999



photo by Ron White

Judicial Institute Plans for the Future

The Board of Directors of the Judicial Institute recently adopted a proposed Action Plan that was developed by members of a team who attended the Leadership Institute in Judicial Education at the University of Memphis on May 11-15. The team was comprised of: newly-appointed Judicial Institute Chair, Judge Alan M. Wilner; Judge Marjorie L. Clagett; Judge Paul A. Hackner; Loretta Cunningham and Frederick C. Williams.

The Leadership Institute's mission is to foster the educational development of judges and court administrators, improve state judicial education programs, and, ultimately, the quality of justice they deliver to the people of their states. Members of five teams representing the National Center of State Courts, New Mexico, North Dakota, Nebraska, Maryland and Missouri, were offered a variety of experiential learning activities under the direction of Dr. Patricia Murrell. The Maryland team brought back several recommendations which were adopted by the board:

✿ The Institute will conduct a full-day faculty training course annually, in which faculty for the coming year's programs will be instructed on concepts and techniques discussed at the Leadership Institute. Faculty members will also be given more detailed hands-on instruction in the different media resources that are available and how they can effectively be made part of the teaching format.

✿ The Institute will produce an instructor videotape reinforcing some of the above concepts, noting the resources that are available to the faculty, and setting forth Institute procedures and requirements.

✿ Shortly before the faculty member's presentation, faculty will be invited to meet with a designated media staff person at the Judiciary Training Center to review the actual presentation, the use of media resources and address any special needs.

✿ Other initiatives include expanding the curriculum to include non-substantive courses that give judges a broader perspective for thinking, developing joint programs with other state agencies, creating a more effective format for receiving and evaluating recommendations for programs and clustering programs of less than three hours into a coherent three-hour segment.

Phase II of the Leadership Institute will be an on-site faculty development "train the trainer" program taught by Dr. Murrell. This program is scheduled to take place in Annapolis on November 15-16, 1999 at the Judiciary Training Center. ✿

Submitted by Frederick Williams

Law Clerk Orientation

The third annual Law Clerk Orientation program will be held on Monday, September 27, 1999, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Annapolis. Topics will include ethical issues, post conviction matters, commonly-used Maryland Rules, and domestic relations.

All incoming 1999-2000 law clerks will be invited to attend the Orientation which will be facilitated by Judge Theodore R. Eschenburg, Circuit Court for Worcester County; Judge Dana M. Levitz, Circuit Court for Baltimore County; and Judge Dennis M. Sweeney, Circuit Court for Howard County. Instructors will include judges, attorneys, and law clerks currently working in the circuit courts. For more information, contact Debra Kaminski at (410) 260-1290.

Submitted by Debra Kaminski

Law Library Boasts Rare Books

(First in an occasional series highlighting the Library's special collections)

Everyone knows that the Maryland State Law Library maintains one of the state's most comprehensive collections of legal resource materials. But less well known is its fascinating collection of rare books, some of which were printed even before Maryland was founded as a colony. So, next time your eyes glaze over from one too many case citations, take a break and ask a librarian to show you this unique collection in the Rare Book Room, which includes these ancient tomes:

An Abstract of all the Penal Statutes Which General, in Force and Use, by Ferdinando Pulton, is the oldest book in the collection, dating back to 1579. Pulton was a member of Lincoln's Inn, but because he was Roman Catholic, was not eligible to join the Bar. However, he devoted his life to editing statutes.

Symboleography, by William West, 1632. This is the first comprehensive collection of legal

forms and conveyancing precedents to be published in English.

A Relation of a Journey Begun An: Dom: 1610 [containing a description of the Turkish Empire, of Aegypt, of the Holy Land, of the remote parts of Italy . . .] by George Sands, 1637. This journal was first published in 1615 and went through nine editions. It was regarded as a special authority on the Levant (countries of the eastern Mediterranean) and also served as source material for Sir Francis Bacon and John Milton.

Reports of That Learned and Judicious Clerk, J. Gouldsbrough, 1653. This is the first edition of Gouldsbrough's Reports, which were published posthumously, and were the only reports devoted exclusively to the reign of Elizabeth.

The Triumphs of God's Revenge Against Crying and Exccrable Sinne of (Wilful and Premeditated) Murther [sic], by John Reynolds, 1663. John Reynolds' fictional narrative work on divine law was published in parts, with the first part published in 1635.

If this glimpse into our rare book collection has piqued your interest, please come down for a closer look. ❀

Submitted by Ruth Hodgson,
Research Librarian



Baltimore City Circuit Court Drug Court Holds Graduation

On August 5, Baltimore City's Department of Juvenile Justice's Drug Court celebrated the graduation of seven clients from their year-old drug rehabilitation program. The program's first grads are looking forward to successful futures. One is entering college, another is now a Marine, and a third has trained in carpentry. This new drug rehabilitation program is not the first such success by the city's court system. It joins Baltimore City's District Court, which has conducted a similar program since 1994. This drug court has boasted 7 to 10 graduates annually from its yearlong program.

The nine-month Circuit Court program stresses abstinence from drugs, intensive supervision, and frequent group and individual counseling sessions. Clients are required to be in school or employed, while abiding by house rules and working toward positive behavioral changes. To graduate, clients must maintain negative urinalysis for six months, and remain delinquency-free.

With the combined efforts of both the Circuit and District Court programs, more success stories lie ahead! ❀

Carmilla Stokes, Judges M. Brooke Murdoch and David W. Young contributed to the article.

Judge Dexter Thompson Travels to Argentina with Group Study Exchange

Cecil County Circuit Court Judge Dexter Thompson has joined the Judiciary's fraternity of "international" judges, earning accolades as Team Leader for a Rotary Club Group Study Exchange Program with Argentina's Santa Fe Province in spring of 1998.

During his month-long stay, Judge Thompson, who is proficient in Spanish, met with judges, police, attorneys, government officials, and law students, all eager to learn about the U.S. court system. He noted that while Argentina's judicial system is based on the European model, it is considering adopting U.S. court practices such as oral trials and use of juries—trends not fully accepted by that nation's legal community.

Judge Thompson recounted that during his visit, a magistrate from Spain was conducting hearings in Argentina about Spanish citizens who had been murdered or injured, or disappeared, during the 1976-82 Argentine military dictatorship. The fact that such an investigation was even permitted caused great controversy. He was surprised to learn that Argentinians view the U.S. judicial system as "greatly impinging on individual rights," partly due to our use of search warrants (rarely granted in Argentina), and the death penalty—considered "out of step" with today's society and morals.



photo courtesy of Judge Thompson

(Judge Thompson pictured fourth from left with a delegation of Argentinian jurists.)

Judge Thompson's "the trip of a lifetime" gave him the opportunity to experience another culture in-depth, while sharing his expertise *and* indulging his fascination with international law.

(NOTE: If you are interested in participating as a Rotary team member for a future study program, please contact any Rotary Club in your area for information and applications.) ❁

South African Judges Visit Maryland



photo by Maria Smirolodo

(Seated, l-r: Anne Arundel District Judge Paul A. Hackner, Anne Arundel Circuit Judge Clayton Greene, Jr., Chief Judge Rasin, and South African Judge Heinrich Moldenhaus. Standing: Anne Arundel District Judges Nancy L. Davis-Loomis, Vincent A. Mulieri, and Essom V. Ricks, Jr.)

As reported in an earlier edition of *Justice Matters*, District Court Chief Judge Martha Rasin visited South Africa last winter as part of a Federal Justice Center exchange program to educate and familiarize that nation's judges and attorneys about U.S. legal practices.

In July, Chief Judge Rasin returned the favor by hosting two South African judges for an educational overview of Maryland's court system. Here, they enjoy lunch with some Anne Arundel judges at Annapolis' Ram's Head Tavern.



Maryland's Samuel Chase: First Supreme Court Justice to be Impeached

Five Supreme Court Justices hail from Maryland. Of these, three achieved notoriety and fame— Samuel Chase, Roger B. Taney, and Thurgood Marshall. The others, Thomas Johnson and Gabriel Duvall, while less-renowned, left their own stamp on Maryland judicial history. In future issues, we will recount the stories behind the other justices.

Samuel Chase made history as the first Supreme Court justice to be impeached, and that was for running his big mouth. In doing so, he set the standard for *all* subsequent impeachment proceedings. Chase, born in Somerset County, can be considered a Revolutionary War activist. He was a local judge in Maryland until appointed to the Supreme Court in 1796. Washington had several reasons for choosing Chase—his exemplary legal ability, outstanding service during the War, and recent conversion to the Federalist Party (making him for all intents and purposes a Republican.) Also, Washington couldn't find qualified lawyers to take the job. The Supreme Court was not yet powerful and the pay was abysmal.

Chase's stingingly acerbic conduct on and off the bench made him a major target for Republicans

(later known as Democrats). Tall, stout, and red-faced, he was derisively termed "Old Bacon Face" behind his back. Not known for exercise of judicial temperament, he often attacked political opponents from the bench. At that time, Supreme Court Justices sat for federal grand jury proceedings, and in remarks to such a grand jury in Maryland, Chase claimed that abolishing property qualifications for voting would lead to the destruction of liberty and individual property rights.

When President Jefferson learned of these attacks by Chase, Jefferson (a Republican—actually a Democrat) opined that Chase should be impeached. And the House of Representatives (controlled by Republicans, actually Democrats) did just that in 1804, charging Chase with eight offenses. He was tried and acquitted by the Senate (controlled by the Federalists, actually Republicans) because it could find no evidence of

impeachable offenses. ❁

Submitted by Judge Ralph M. Burnett

(Portrait of Samuel Chase by John Wesley Jarvis. Courtesy of the National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.)



Glen Burnie District Court Bailiff a Hero

While December 30, 1998 started as a routine day for District Court Bailiff Don Chipley, it culminated with an act of lifesaving heroism.

While dining in the Glen Burnie District Court lunchroom, Mr. Chipley noticed a woman choking and unable to breathe.

His quick thinking and prior training enabled him to perform the Heimlich Maneuver on Juvenile

Justice employee Amelee (Lee) Morris, who had swallowed a chicken bone, which blocked her windpipe. Although 911 was called, help did not arrive until after Mr. Chipley dislodged the bone.

Happily, she required no medical attention.

Submitted by
Rebecca A. Hoppa

Justice Matters Brings Retired Judges on Board

The *Justice Matters* Editorial Board is pleased to announce that Chief Judge Bell has appointed its newest member, the Honorable Mary Ellen Rinehardt, who will be scripting a regular newsletter column on her fellow retired judges. With the assistance of the Honorable Alfred Truitt, Alan Resnick, and R. Russell Sadler, she will keep everyone posted about the goings-on of this esteemed judicial fraternity.

If you have any news to share, please contact Judge Rinehardt at (410) 235-3012, or drop her a line at the following address: 4100 North Charles Street, #315, Baltimore, MD 21218.

You may also send news items to the Court Information Office.

About Retirement

If you belong to the (Old) Retirement System, you may retire at age 60 or with 30 years of retirement credit regardless of age. A member of the (New) “Modified” Employees’ Retirement System may retire at 62 with 5 years of retirement credit or 30 years of retirement credit, regardless of age.

When would I qualify for early retirement?

A member of the (Old) Retirement System will require 25 years of retirement credit, prior to age 60. An employee in the (New) “Modified” Employees’ Retirement System will require 15 years of retirement credit and be age 55. The early retirement benefit is a reduced benefit. Anyone planning to retire within the next 12 months, should begin taking specific steps now toward that goal.

What is Purchased Credit?

Purchased service credit is service credit obtained by direct payment to the retirement agency for specific types of previous employment. If you think you have some previous service that would qualify to be purchased, please contact your Retirement Coordinator through the Human Resources Office for a Request to Purchase Previous Service Form (MSRA-26).

What happens to my leave when I retire?

Any unused annual leave will be paid to you. Unused personal days will be forfeited. If you go directly from active State service to retirement, all unused sick leave days are reported on Form 13-23 (Request for Service or Disability Retirement) to the Retirement Agency. For every 22 days of unused sick leave, a month of creditable service is credited to your service account. Since creditable service determines the amount of your monthly benefit, unused sick leave days will increase the amount of your retirement allowance. Unused sick leave cannot be used to qualify you for retirement. If you are paid cash overtime, all compensatory time will be paid. If you are not paid cash overtime, two days of compensatory time is paid.

Will I have health benefits when I retire?

If you retire with 16 or more years of creditable service, you will receive the same subsidy provided to an active employee. If you retire with at least five years, but less than 16, years of creditable service, you will receive a prorated subsidy. You will pay the difference between the prorated State subsidy and the full premium cost. This cost is deducted from your monthly pension check. Disability retirement waives the 16-year rule and the full State subsidy is paid for health insurance. You may continue coverage with your health plan(s) that you have as an active employee, except Personal Accident and Dismemberment insurance and Flexible Spending Accounts.

What deductions can I have taken from my pension check?

State Credit Union deductions can be continued, but you *must* contact the Credit Union directly in order to do so. Federal and State taxes are deducted according to the withholding forms you completed as part of your retirement papers. Savings Bonds cannot be deducted from your pension check. Deferred Compensation deductions stop with retirement. You must contact their office for forms to implement withdrawal of funds or to defer payment. Their phone number is 410/252-7201. ✉

Submitted by Debbie Grube

New Home for Justice: Hagerstown District Court Breaks Ground

Welcome Developments for Victims' Rights

For the second year, the Stephanie Roper Foundation, Inc. has secured grant funding from the Maryland Legal Services Corporation to continue its groundbreaking Crime Victim Legal Advocacy (CVLA) program. Founded in July 1998, this initiative expands traditional victim services to include pro bono legal assistance.

This excellent program, the first of its type nationwide, works with victims to educate them about their legal rights, and also provides free help to victims who have legal issues resulting from a crime (for example, a victim may be forced to declare bankruptcy as the result of crime-related medical bills.)

Another exciting development is the first-ever statewide program to train crime victim service providers. The Maryland Statewide Victims' Assistance Training is being hosted at Martin's West in Baltimore by the Governor's victims' rights office on November 15-17.

For information, call Denise McCain at 410-321-3521.



photo by Patti Platt

The sun was shining, gold shovels were out, and a new home for justice was being created in Hagerstown. On Thursday, July 15th, District Court Chief Judge Rasin joined Governor Glendening and other state and local government officials as they together broke ground for the new Hagerstown District Court building.

The site location, 36 West Antietam Street, ends concern over the District Court moving out of the heart of Hagerstown. The new, \$3.9 million facility, slated to open in Fall 2000, will be behind the existing District Court, which will be made into county offices. The new Court, a 27,240 square foot, two-story

facility, will house two courtrooms, judge's chambers, State's Attorney and Public Defender offices, and more efficient space for the clerk's office.

Administrative Clerk Dixie Scholtes provided all her staff with colorful buckets and shovels to commemorate the occasion. The clerks welcomed the crowd of over 100, ensured that everyone received programs and refreshments, and conducted tours of the existing buildings. Administrative Judge Frederick J. Bower gave speaking honors to Hagerstown Judges R. Noel Spence and Ralph H. France, II. Judge France expressed the sentiments of all present by noting that everyone is looking forward to a building which will "substantially increase the ability to serve the public." ❁

Submitted by Lisa Ritter

Congratulations To:

Court of Appeals Judge Irma Raker, who received the American University, Washington College of Law Distinguished Alumna Award.

Montgomery County Circuit Judge Ann Harrington, who was awarded the Second Annual Anselm Sodaro Civility Award at the Maryland State Bar Association's Annual Meeting.

Queen Anne's County District Court Clerk Gladys Foster, who was awarded by the Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence for her efforts to assist victims of domestic violence.

Justice on Wheels

Following in the footsteps (tire tracks?) of the late Court of Appeals Judge Thomas Hunter Lowe, several of our esteemed jurists lead a double life—donning sedate robes by day, and revving up Harleys and other motorcycles after hours. Baltimore County District Court Administrative Judge Michael McCampbell (pictured, center) was recently featured in a news story with Channel 4 anchor Jim Vance concerning his “high-powered” avocation.



photo by Ron White

(l-r) Worcester County Circuit Judge Theodore Eschenburg, Baltimore County District Administrative Judge Michael L. McCampbell, and Harford County Circuit Judge Maurice W. Baldwin, Jr.

EMPLOYEES ON THE MOVE

AOC

Kimberly Brown, Louis Gieszl, Pamela Ortiz, Faith Steinbach.

Court of Appeals

Congratulations on your promotion, Virginia Busik.

Court of Special Appeals

Edwina Buck. Congratulations on your promotions, Linda Spradlin-Dahn and Lois Hungerford.

Court-Related Agencies

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CIRCUIT COURTS

Anne Arundel County

Sharon Bradley, Adam Berg, Dina Malkiewicz, Kelly Moreland, Kathryn Robinson

Baltimore City

Julia Agresott, Michael Borchardt, Letitia Gholson, Pamela Hayes, Charles Hines, Darren Lee, January Levere, Thomasine Pines, Karan Stanley, Aaron Wilkes, Antoinette Mobley, Ernestine Sample, Taavon Somerville, and Michele Wagner. Congratulations on your promotions, Barbara Joyner and

Mellisa McClung. Best wishes on your retirement, Doris Michale.

Baltimore County

Denise Blackwell, Mary Isner, Judith Jeeter, Marcella Stovall. Congratulations on your promotions, Pamela Hall, Frank DiGiacomo and Susan Willem. Best wishes on your retirements, Janice Dockman, Regina Green and Willis Hardin.

Caroline County

Sanita Newsome. Best wishes on your retirement, Dorothy Blazejak.

Carroll County

Cheryl Holz

Cecil County

John McGlothlin, Jr.

Dorchester County

Cami Jones, Emily Wittstadt

Frederick County

Gracie Gawler, Kristy Leatherman, Josef Williams

Harford County

Lillian Hawkins

Howard County

Best wishes on your retirement, Kenneth Ridgeway II.

Montgomery County

Brian Barth, Talia Ben-Ami, Jowan Chaffin, Sharon Gutierrez, Lorrie Frazier, Nicole Ring, Timothy-Patrick Ryan, James Shilling Jr. Congratulations on your promotion, Patricia Mitchell. Best wishes on your retirement, Patricia Caton.

Prince George's County

Diane Carroll, Karen Johnson, Teresa Peele, Lisa Rearick, Francenia Whalen, Nicole Wooten. Congratulations on your promotions, Mary Marsico and Carol O'Neil. Best wishes on your retirements, Violet Curtin, Barbara Duvall, Margaret Moore, Aurora Rivera, and Joan Stallings.

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John Aravanis

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Rani Keswani

DISTRICT COURT

Annapolis Headquarters

Charles H. Moulden and Jay Ko. Best wishes on your retirement, Sandra Lally.

Allegany County

Best wishes on your retirement, Nancy Goss.

Anne Arundel County

Charo Campbell, Jerald Diggs, DeChantel Floyd, Lisa Gaither, Kimberley Wood

Cecil County

Valerie Mitchell

Charles County

Jill J. Hall. Congratulations on your promotion, Colleen Collins.

Montgomery County

Lynette Jett, Timothy Donoghue, Charles Pyles, and Veronica Thomas

Prince George's County

Congratulations on your promotion, Loretta Jackson. Best wishes on your retirement, Ella (Etta) Foster.

JUDICIAL RETIREMENTS

Best wishes to Judge Francis M. Arnold (Carroll County Circuit Court) and Judge Cypert O. Whitfill (Harford County Circuit Court) who both announce their retirements.

Calendar of Events

September

- 10, 17, 30 District Court Commissioners Annual Training Conference
- 13-15 Circuit Court Clerks and District Court Adm. Clerks to attend "Caseflow Management" series from NAACM
- 14, 21, 28 District Court "DV and Peace Order" Clerk Training Workshops
- 23 * Handling Guardianships, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
* Computer-Assisted Legal Research, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 24 * Significant Appellate Decisions, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
* Humanities, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 27 New Circuit Court Law Clerk Orientation

October

- 1 and 8 District Court Commissioners Annual Training Conference
- 4-6 Mid-Atlantic Association for Court Management's Annual Conference, Ocean City
- 7-8 Child Abuse and Neglect Judicial Conference at the Sheraton Columbia Inn

- 14 Second Annual Maryland Circuit Court Library Conference, Rockville
- 21 * Bail Bonds, 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.
* Post Conviction, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
* Maryland Legal History, 9:00 to 4:30 p.m.
- 22 * Actions Under 42 U.S.C. 1983, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
* Contempt of Court, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- 29-30 The Conference of Circuit Court Judges Annual Meeting, Rocky Gap Resort, Allegany County

November

- 5-6 District Court Judges Conference, Columbia
- 15-16 Leadership Institute's "Train the Trainer" program, Judiciary Training Center, Annapolis
- 15 Statewide Conference for Crime Victims

December

- 1 Maryland Association of Orphans Court Judges, Columbia Hyatt
- * Judicial Institute Program

Judicial Conference: What a Racket!!



The tennis courts of the Hunt Valley Marriott provided the backdrop for the return to tennis pre-eminence within the Judicial Conference by Prince George's Circuit Judge William Spellbring, Jr. and Special Appeals Judge Glenn Harrell, Jr. The "Juniors," as they are widely referred to, retook top ranking in doubles, though application of guile, pluck, and steely nerves, besting Anne Arundel Circuit Judge Clayton Green, Jr., and

Prince George's Circuit Judge James Lombardi in a tense, prolonged match on Friday, by a score of 10-8.

This single set, which lasted about 1-1/2 hours, so depleted the energy reserves of the Greene/Lombardi team that they were unable to answer the bell for a second set. The Juniors, however, were fresh as daisies and were delighted to have eked-out a victory.

Showing absolutely no loss of vigor, the Juniors turned in an even more devastating display of brute force, full contact tennis on Saturday. Their old nemesis, Sharon ("Sore Loser") Salmon (spouse of Special Appeals Judge James Salmon), pairing with the fatigued Judge Lombardi, challenged the Juniors for their new title. For her hubris, she and her partner were humbled by the Juniors by scores of 6-4 and 6-1.

A crowd of hushed, awed, and occasionally raucous on-lookers, including Charles County Circuit Judge Richard Clark, Prince George's Circuit Judge Teresa Nolan, and Prince George's District Judge Frank Kratovil, congratulated the Juniors for their displays of showmanship and skill. Meanwhile, the losers, left to mutter in their breakfast orange juice while seated in the loser's section of the hotel restaurant, uttered impotent threats of revenge, and demanded a mismatch. The winners, in a typically magnanimous gesture, replied, "We'll think about it, but don't hold your breath." j

Submitted by Judge Harrell

Judge Mitchell Swings to Victory

Congratulations to Baltimore Circuit Court Judge David B. Mitchell for winning a third-place trophy for his golf prowess, in a tournament sponsored by the Alpha Alpha chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity in Hampton, Virginia.