



Workgroup to Study Judicial Selection

March 13, 2023

MD Judicial Center, 187 Harry S. Truman Pkwy, Room 236-237

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Zoom link: <https://mdcourts.gov/judicialselectionwg>

AGENDA

1. Judicial Nominating Commissions (JNCs)
 - a. Review and discuss [Governor Moore's Executive Order](#)
2. Judicial Performance Evaluations – Review processes used in other jurisdictions
3. Accountability & Transparency Measures for Selection & Retention of Qualified Judges
 - a. Judicial Nominating Commissions
 - b. Gubernatorial Appointment
 - c. Judicial Performance Evaluations/Judicial Disabilities Commission
 - d. Retention vs. Contested Judicial Elections
 - i. Review data on current make-up of courts
 - ii. Making retention elections meaningful
 1. Outreach to the community
 2. Public comment, input, and participation in process
 - iii. Senate confirmation
 - iv. Length of terms
 - v. Qualifications (see Md Constitution, Art. IV, Section 2)
 - e. Other Selection Criteria and Proposals
4. Discussion of Next/Final Steps
5. Next Meeting – Monday, Apr. 24, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

Materials for Meeting:

- a. [Distribution of Judges – Race and Gender](#)
- b. [Judicial Vacancies – Readvertisements Due to Number of Applications Received](#)
- c. [Judicial Vacancies – Number of Applications Received Per Vacancy \(2018-2022\)](#)
- d. [Judges Winning Contested Elections Since 1985](#)
- e. [Circuit Court Vacancies – District Court Judges Who Applied \(1/1/2012-9/22/2022\)](#)
- f. [Md Constitution, Art. IV, Section 2](#)
- g. [Holding Judges Accountable by Steven Platt](#) (from our webpage)
- h. [Maryland's Judicial Election System Needs Fixing Now More Than Ever](#) by Steven Platt (from our webpage)