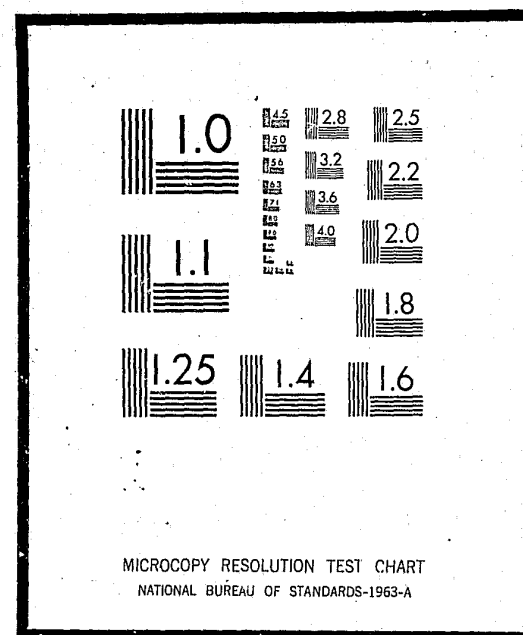


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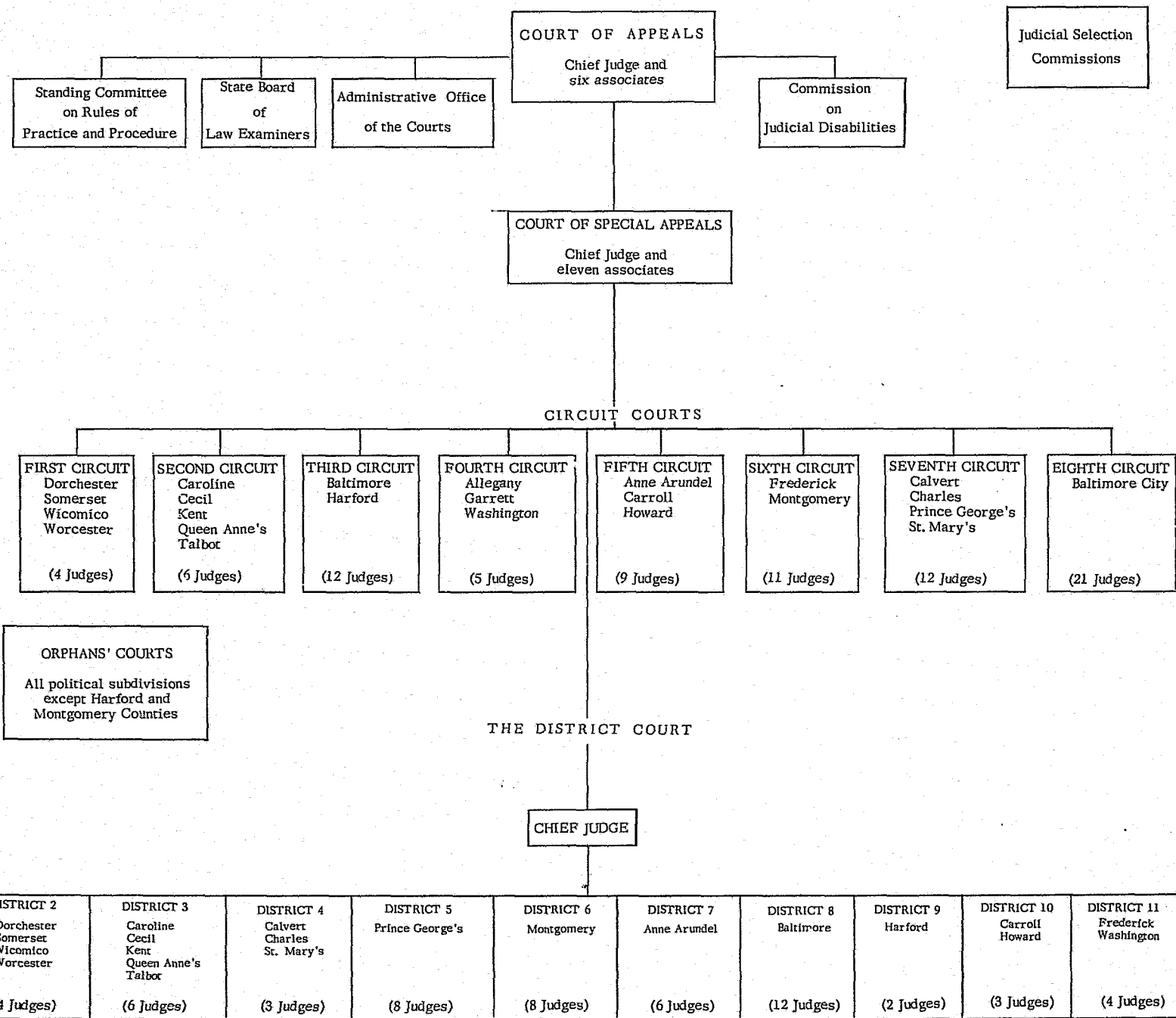
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1973-1974

THE MARYLAND JUDICIAL SYSTEM



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

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WILLIAM H. ADKINS, II



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To The Honorable, The Chief Judge of
The Court of Appeals of Maryland:

Pursuant to Chapter 343 of the Acts of 1955

I respectfully submit the Nineteenth Annual Report of
this office, covering the period between July 1, 1973
and June 30, 1974.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William H. Adkins, II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "W" and a long, sweeping underline.

William H. Adkins, II
State Court Administrator

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

Operations of the Administrative Office

This is the nineteenth annual report issued by the Administrative Office of the Courts and for the first time includes statistics compiled on a fiscal year basis with the present report covering the period of July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974. Information as to the members of the judiciary and clerks of court is current to time of publication. Some changes in the format of the Report have also been made. For example, the names of members of the judiciary and clerks of court will be found in the sections of the report pertaining to the courts which they serve. Brief biographies of the newest members of the judiciary as well as information in regard to the Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Judicial Selection Commissions will be found in the appendix.

Effective January 2, 1975, the collection and compilation of statistical data as to the circuit courts has been automated, the first step toward the goal of establishment of a judicial information system for the State of Maryland. The electronic process should enable future statistical reports to be rendered in a more timely manner than in past years. It should also make possible ready access to a greater body of statistical data than has been available in the past.

On July 1, 1974 the title of the Director of the Administrative Office was changed to "State Court Administrator" by Chapter 359 of the Laws of 1974 as the result of a recommendation by the Commission on Judicial Reform.

The present incumbent, William H. Adkins, II, has served since October 1, 1973. In addition to fulfilling the duties of his office as enumerated by Section 13-101(d) of the Article on Courts and Judicial Proceedings he has also served as Executive Secretary of the Maryland Judicial Conference as required by the Maryland Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The State Court Administrator is assisted in the performance of his duties by a professional staff of five persons. They are Frederick A. Farris, Assistant Administrator for Education and Training; Robert C. Franke, Assistant Administrator for Reports and Statistics; J. Allen Hines, Assistant Administrator for Budget and Personnel; James F. Lynch, Assistant Administrator for Planning and Special Projects and Michael W. Nieberding, Assistant Administrator for Information Systems. The professional staff is supported by a clerical staff consisting of Mrs. Luetta Smith, Mrs. Karen Schmidt, Mrs. Carolyn McCabe, Mrs. Joanne Dowgwillo, Mrs. Georgeanna Lambert, Miss Roxanne Pettebone, Miss Sharon Witter, and Mr. Atlee Huffer.

Four circuit administrators, funded by the judiciary budget, commenced their duties in October of 1974. Their function is to assist the Circuit Administrative Judge in the performance of his duties. These new administrators are Richard H. Outten (First Judicial Circuit), Roger P. Mooney (Second Judicial Circuit), John A. Davies, Jr. (Fourth Judicial Circuit), and John G. Byers (Fifth Judicial Circuit). With their appointment, all political jurisdictions now have the services of a local administrator except Frederick and Harford Counties.

Increases in the Administrative Office Staff are making possible the development of a comprehensive judicial education program. Eventually this

program will be extended to cover many non-judicial personnel of the judiciary as well. Indeed, the Administrative Office Staff is already working with the State Court Clerks' Association in connection with excellent training courses developed by that Association in conjunction with the Adult Education Center at the University of Maryland.

Provision of the four circuit administrators demonstrates a commitment to increased administrative support at the circuit court level. As the functions of these new positions continue to be developed the Administrative Office is receiving valuable assistance from the locally-provided court administrators -- Albert H. Szal of the Seventh Circuit, Robert W. McKeever of the Eighth Circuit, Eugene Creed in Baltimore County, and Roger Carlquist in Montgomery County.

The Judiciary Budget, which is administered by the State Court Administrator, exceeded 4-3/4 million dollars for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974 exclusive of the District Court Budget. It is noteworthy that for Fiscal 1974, the combined Judiciary and District Court Budgets represented only 0.65% of the total State appropriations. The figure for Fiscal 1975 is only 0.61%.

It should also be observed that the budget requests of the District Court and the remainder of the judiciary are combined in a single Judiciary Budget for Fiscal 1976. This, and other changes in budget format, will mean that the Judiciary Budget will present a more meaningful picture of the financial status of the judicial system, and will constitute a more useful planning tool.

The Administrative Office throughout the past year has continued to serve as Secretariat for the Conference of Circuit Administrative Judges through Assistant Administrator Lynch. Confidential records of disciplinary proceedings

pertaining to members of the Maryland Bar are also maintained by the Office.

In the area of training, all the Assistant Administrators have attended one or more regional seminars in judicial administration sponsored by the Institute for Court Management of Denver, Colorado.

During October and November, 1974, Chief Judge Murphy and the State Court Administrator visited every county courthouse as well as the Baltimore City Courthouse. Meetings were held with every circuit court and Supreme Bench court clerk and with almost every circuit court and Supreme Bench judge.

These meetings afforded an invaluable opportunity to meet with the clerks and judges on an informal basis and to learn at first hand about administrative and physical facility problems in the field. During 1975, a similar visit to the District Court is contemplated.

The State Court Administrator visited the State Court Administrator of Colorado, Harry O. Lawson, on August 8 and 9, 1974 to observe the operations of that office. He also attended the twentieth annual meeting of the Conference of State Court Administrators held on August 12 - 15, 1974 at Honolulu, Hawaii. In December, 1974, he attended the annual meeting of the Council of State Court Representatives of the National Center for State Courts in Denver, Colorado.

The State Board of Law Examiners

Included in the 4-3/4 million dollar figure and located physically within the Administrative Office are the operations of the State Board of Law Examiners and Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The members of the State Board of Law Examiners are Vincent L. Gingerich, Esquire of Montgomery County, Chairman, Charles H. Dorsey, Jr., Esquire of

Baltimore City and Dorothy H. Thompson, Esquire of Talbot County. The full-time staff of the Board includes Secretary John E. Boerner, Clerk Mildred H. Pullen and secretaries Mrs. Dorothy Pugh and Mrs. Constance Taylor. Revenues from filing fees of candidates for the Bar are sufficient to fully fund the expenses of operation of the Board.

In addition to administering two examinations per year, the Board also processes applications for admission on motion under Rule 14. During the period of July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974 the Board received 56 such applications. Fifty-eight persons were recommended for admission to the Bar under the same procedure during the period.

The following statistical data reflects the size of the task in the examination process of recent years.

EXAMINATION	NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	CANDIDATES PASSING FIRST TIME	TOTAL SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES
WINTER 1969	334	61	117
SUMMER 1969	493	234	279
WINTER 1970	343	79	148
SUMMER 1970	504	226	252
WINTER 1971	349	71	131
SUMMER 1971	447	214	267
WINTER 1972	331	101	155
SUMMER 1972	564	288	327
WINTER 1973	390	114	169
SUMMER 1973	722	431	476
WINTER 1974	391	159	273
SUMMER 1974	752	432	450

A total of 265 candidates for the Winter 1974 examination graduated from one of the two law schools in Maryland while 422 such persons were candidates for the Summer 1974 examination. The results of their endeavors were as follows.

EXAMINATION	NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	CANDIDATES PASSING FIRST TIME	TOTAL SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES
WINTER 1974 University of Baltimore	233	74	151
University of Maryland	32	15	27
SUMMER 1974 University of Baltimore	256	80	88
University of Maryland	166	148	150

Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure

The Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure meets regularly and is continually proposing changes for improvement of the Maryland Rules and Maryland District Rules. Its members devote many hours to the work of the Committee without receiving any compensation for their efforts.

During the past year, in addition to its work in many different areas of the rules, the Committee has worked on full revisions of the Chapter 700 Criminal Causes rules and subtitle BV pertaining to Discipline of Attorneys.

The members of the Rules Committee are: Hon. Kenneth C. Proctor,

Chairman; Albert D. Brault, Esquire; Hon. Clayton C. Carter; Hon. J. Joseph Curran, Jr.; Frank A. DeCosta, Jr., Esquire; Leo William Dunn, Jr., Esquire; John O. Herrmann, Esquire; Hon. Frederick W. Invernizzi; Alexander G. Jones, Esquire; James J. Lombardi, Esquire; Henry R. Lord, Esquire; Hon. John F. McAuliffe; George W. McManus, Jr., Esquire; Herbert Myerberg, Esquire; Paul V. Niemeyer, Esquire; Hon. Emory H. Niles; Hon. Joseph E. Owens; C. Merritt Pumphrey; Russell R. Reno, Jr., Esquire; Lawrence F. Rodowsky, Esquire; Neil Tabor, Esquire; William Walsh, Esquire; and Alan M. Wilner, Esquire. During the past year Assistant Administrator Farris has served the Committee in the capacity of Reporter as well as Acting Reporter. Richard W. Whitlock, Esquire, briefly served as Reporter from August 14 - December 3, 1974. Professor Bernard Auerbach serves as Assistant Reporter.

Consultants for the Chapter 700 project are Fred Warren Bennett, Esquire; Robert E. Cahill, Esquire; Darrow Glaser, Esquire; J. Carroll Holzer, Esquire; Hon. Joseph C. Howard; Hon. Marvin J. Land; Alan H. Murrell, Esquire; William J. Rowan, III, Esquire; Andrew L. Sonner, Esquire; James R. White, Esquire; and Hon. Howard S. Chasanow. Special Reporters for the project are Thomas L. Craven, Esquire; John F. Fader, II, Esquire; and Robert J. Ryan, Esquire. Prior to his elevation to the Court of Special Appeals, Judge Ridgely P. Melvin, Jr. served as a member of the Rules Committee and as Chairman of the Chapter 700 project.

II

JUDICIAL CONFERENCES AND JUDICIAL EDUCATION

THE MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

The thirtieth annual meeting of the Maryland Judicial Conference will be held on April 17, 18 and 19, 1975 at Baltimore City. Most of the meeting will be devoted to a program on the law of evidence which has been jointly planned by the Executive and Judicial Education Committees of the Conference. In addition, the Judicial Education Committee has planned a series of workshops on the same subject of evidence to be held on April 25, 26 and 27, 1975, May 16, 17 and 18, 1975 and June 6, 7 and 8, 1975 at College Park. Members of the judiciary will be invited to attend one of these workshops.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF TRIAL COURT JUDGES

The 1974 session of the National Conference of Trial Court Judges was held on August 12 - 15 at Honolulu, Hawaii. Official delegates attending the meeting from Maryland were Circuit Court Judges George B. Rasin, Jr. and James W. Murphy. Present delegates to the Conference in addition to Judge Murphy are Circuit Court Judges H. Kemp MacDaniel and Richard M. Pollitt.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SPECIAL COURT JUDGES

The 1974 session of the National Conference of Special Court Judges was held on August 12 - 15 at Honolulu, Hawaii. Attending the meeting as official delegates from Maryland were District Court Judges Charles J. Kelly, James Magruder Rea, and Frederick C. Wright, III.

NATIONAL COLLEGE OF THE STATE JUDICIARY

Three circuit court judges attended the 1974 basic session of the National College of the State Judiciary at Reno, Nevada. Maryland has graduated thirty-nine judges from the College, thirty-six of whom are presently serving on the Bench. The graduates and their years of attendance follow.

1964

Hon. William B. Bowie	Hon. Harry E. Dyer, Jr.
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1965

Hon. Robert E. Clapp, Jr.

1966

Hon. T. Hunt Mayfield	Hon. Plummer M. Shearin
Hon. George B. Rasin, Jr.	Hon. Edward O. Weant, Jr.

1967

Hon. E. Mackall Childs	Hon. Robert B. Mathias
Hon. Harry E. Clark	Hon. Samuel W. H. Meloy
Hon. Irving A. Levine	Hon. Ridgely P. Melvin, Jr.
Hon. H. Kemp MacDaniel	Hon. John P. Moore
Hon. Joseph M. Mathias	Hon. Paul T. Pitcher

1968

Hon. Albert P. Close	Hon. Thomas J. Kenney
Hon. Thomas J. Curley	Hon. H. Kenneth Mackey

1969

Hon. W. Harvey Beardmore	Hon. David Ross
Hon. Bruce C. Williams	

1970

Hon. Joseph C. Howard

1971

Hon. Samuel W. Barrick
Hon. Solomon Liss

Hon. J. Albert Roney, Jr.
Hon. James L. Wray

1972

Hon. Walter H. Moorman

1973

Hon. David L. Cahoon
Hon. Marshall A. Levin
Hon. Joseph A. Mattingly

Hon. William H. McCullough
Hon. Paul W. Ottinger
Hon. James A. Wise

1974

Hon. Frank E. Cicone

Hon. John F. McAuliffe

Hon. Philip M. Fairbanks

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF JUDICIAL EDUCATION

The American Academy of Judicial Education was established in 1970 through the cooperation of the American Judges' Association, American Judicature Society and Law Enforcement Assistance Administration to provide training for judges of courts of limited jurisdiction. The Academy, which is presently located at Boulder, Colorado, conducts annual two-week sessions. Five District Court judges have graduated from the school since its inception. Their names and years of attendance follow.

1970

Hon. Robert W. Dallas

Hon. Charles J. Kelly

1971

Hon. Howard S. Chasanow

Hon. Vernon L. Neilson

1973

Hon. Harry St. A. O'Neill

MARYLAND COURT CLERKS' ASSOCIATION

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Maryland Court Clerks' Association was held on October 3, 4 and 5, 1974 at Ocean City. New officers elected to serve the organization were: C. Merritt Pumphrey, President; Robert H. Bouse, First Vice President; Charles C. Glos, Second Vice President and Mildred C. Butler, Treasurer. The Association also held an educational seminar for its members on June 12, 13 and 14, 1974 at Columbia. In addition, during 1974 more than one hundred Clerks of Court and deputies attended seminars on Court Administration presented by the Court Management Institute of the University of Maryland.

III THE COURT OF APPEALS

THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

CHIEF JUDGE

Hon. Robert C. Murphy

Qualified*
8/11/72**

ASSOCIATE JUDGES

Hon. Frederick J. Singley, Jr.	10/25/67
Hon. Marvin H. Smith	5/20/68
Hon. J. Dudley Digges	12/ 1/69***
Hon. Irving A. Levine	9/26/72***
Hon. John C. Eldridge	1/ 7/74
Hon. William J. O'Donnell	4/29/74***

*Initially qualified to Court.

**Previously served on Court of Special Appeals.

***Previously served at Circuit Court level.

CLERK

James H. Norris, Jr.

CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

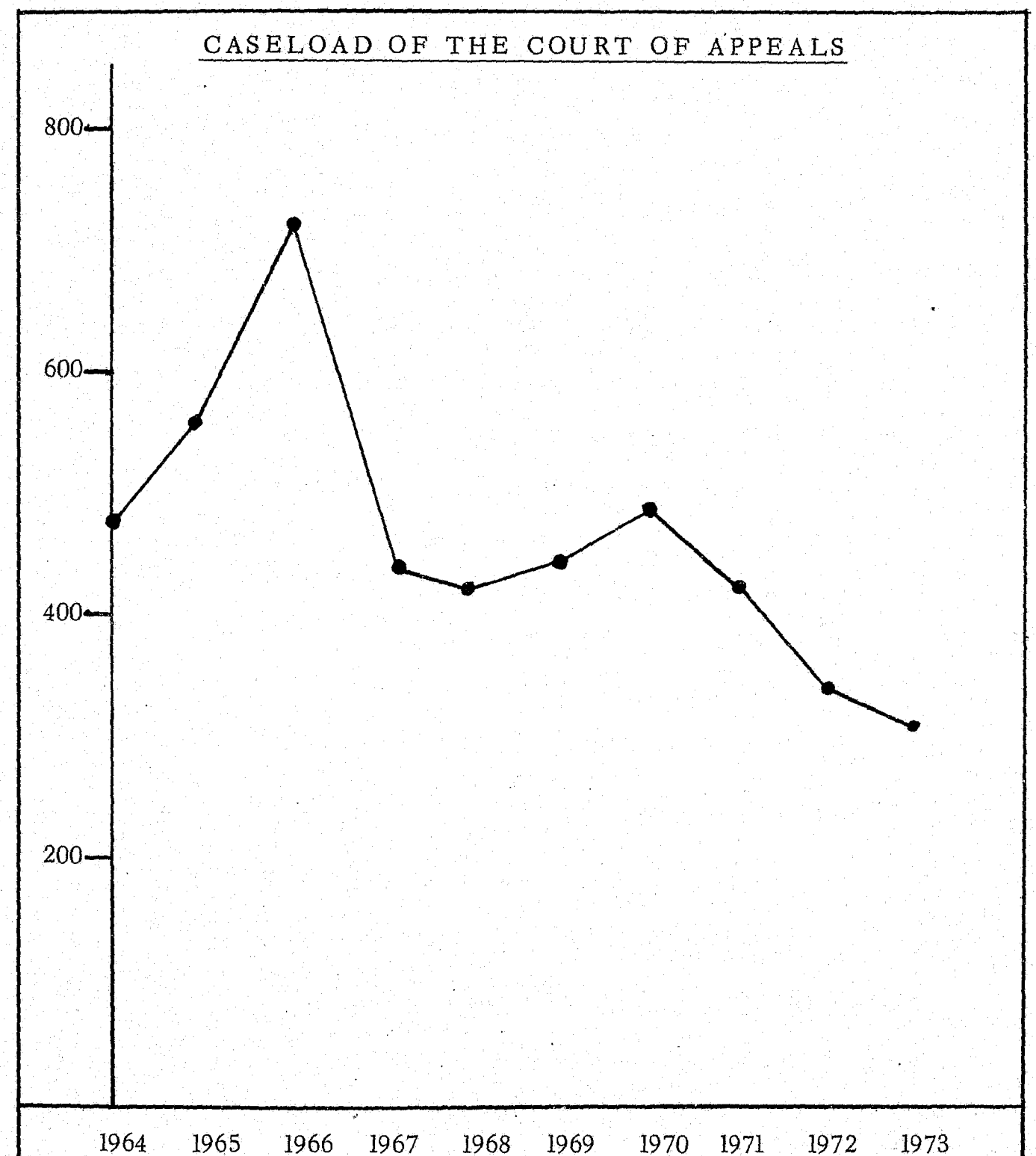
Joseph L. DiSaia

During the Fiscal Year July 1, 1973 -
June 30, 1974 the Court of Appeals of
Maryland was confronted with a total of
348 appeals on its dockets for disposition,
the exact same number it had before it in
its prior 1972 Term. Twenty-five of
those appeals were carried over from the

APPEALS DOCKETED

	Civil Cases	Criminal Cases	Total
1964	291	191	482
1965	331	224	555
1966	374	340	714
1967	408	27	435
1968	400	11	411
1969	430	7	437
1970	476	13	489
1971	388	15	403
1972	338	10	348
1973	279	25	304

CASELOAD OF THE COURT OF APPEALS



RELATIVE DISTRIBUTION OF APPEALS				
	October Term 1955	September Term 1971	September Term 1972	September Term 1973
Metropolitan Counties	39.6	55.8	52.0	49.3
Baltimore City	44.9	18.6	18.7	27.3
Other 19 Counties	15.5	25.6	29.3	23.4

1972 Term docket and 19 were from the 1974 docket while the remaining 304 were from the 1973 docket. The 304 appeals from the 1973 docket constituted a 12.6 percent decrease from the 348 appeals filed on the 1972 docket. The decrease in filings can be directly attributed to the statutory divestiture of a large portion

CASES DISMISSED PRIOR TO ARGUMENT OR SUBMISSION			
Docket	Filed	Dismissed	Percentage
1964	482	109	22.6
1965	555	107	19.8
1966	714	118	16.5
1967	435	119	27.4
1968	411	139	33.8
1969	437	128	29.3
1970	489	116	23.7
1971	403	106	26.3
1972	348	79	22.7
1973	304	60	19.7

of the Court's initial appellate jurisdiction and the transfer of it to the Court of Special Appeals. Effective January 1, 1975 the Court of Special Appeals will exercise all initial appellate jurisdiction while the Court of Appeals will review decisions from below only by writ of certiorari.

Only 25 of the 304 appeals on the 1973 docket were criminal in nature (8.2 percent) while 279 (91.8 percent) were civil. Law actions numbered 198

STATUS OF THE CALENDAR FISCAL YEAR 1973-74 Regular Docket			
Appeals			348
1972 Term		25	
1973 Term		304	
1974 Term		19	
Civil	319		
Criminal	29		
Disposed Of			327
During Fiscal Year 1972-73	17		
Dismissed Prior To Argument	61		
Transferred to Court of Special Appeals	48		
Considered and Decided	201		
Pending			21
Civil	11		
Criminal	10		
Miscellaneous Docket			
Appeals			505
Granted	60		
Denied	445		

AVERAGE TIME INTERVALS
FOR DISPOSITION OF APPEALS
(In Months)

	<u>Original Filing To Disposition In Court Below</u>	<u>Disposition In Court Below To Docketing In Court Of Appeals</u>	<u>Docketing To Argument</u>	<u>Argument To Decision</u>
1964	*	*	6.1	1.2
1965	*	*	7.9	0.8
1966	*	*	8.3	1.1
1967	*	*	7.8	1.1
1968	*	*	6.5	1.1
1969	*	*	4.6	1.1
1970	*	*	4.6	0.9
1971	*	*	4.4	1.0
1972	15.6	2.7	5.0	1.0
1973	15.4	2.5	4.8	1.2
*NOT AVAILABLE				

and equity proceedings accounted for the remaining 81 civil appeals. Sixty of the 304 appeals were dismissed prior to argument or submission to the Court (19.7 percent). This dismissal rate noted for the 1973 docket was the lowest recorded since the 1966 docket.

Of the 304 appeals on the 1973 docket, 83 (27.3 percent) originated in Baltimore City (Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit) while the metropolitan counties (Anne Arundel,

Baltimore, Montgomery and Prince George's) accounted for 150. The Third Appellate Circuit noted 63 appeals, followed by the Fourth with 52, the Second with 48 and the Fifth with 35. The First Circuit accounted for the remaining 23 appeals.

At the close of the 1973-74 Fiscal Year the Court had disposed of 327 of the 348 appeals before it, leaving only 21 to be carried over to the next fiscal year. Forty-eight appeals were transferred to the Court of Special Appeals, 61 were dismissed prior to argument or submission and 17 were disposed of during the previous fiscal year. The remaining 201 appeals were considered by the Court of Appeals with the decision below being affirmed in 51.2 percent (103) and reversed in 24.9 percent (50). Of the remaining 23.9 percent, seven were modified and affirmed, four were affirmed in part and reversed in part, eleven were remanded without affirmance or reversal, and twenty-six were dismissed after consideration by the Court.

In disposing of the 201 appeals the Court filed 194 opinions during Fiscal Year 1973-74, 28 of which were per curiam. Thirty-nine opinions were unreported. Three appeals were disposed of by order without an opinion being filed while one opinion disposed of three appeals and two opinions disposed of two appeals each. The average number of opinions by members of the Court was 20-21, excluding per curiam opinions, with an individual range of 11-32. Six dissenting opinions and one opinion dissenting in part and concurring in part were also filed.

During Fiscal 1973-74 the Court of Appeals also disposed of 505 petitions for the issuance of Writs of Certiorari to the Court of Special Appeals, 77 of which

DISPOSITION OF CASES DURING FISCAL YEAR 1973-1974

	<u>Law</u>	<u>Equity</u>	<u>Criminal</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Affirmed	67	31	5	103
Reversed	32	11	7	50
Dismissed - Opinion Filed	21	1	1	23
Dismissed Without Opinion	1		2	3
Remanded without Affirmance or Reversal	5	6		11
Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part	1	3		4
Modified and Affirmed	3	4		7
Disposed of in 1972-73 Fiscal Year	12	5		17
Dismissed Prior to Argument or Submission	48	10	3	61
Transferred to Court of Special Appeals	22	25	1	48
Pending at Close of Fiscal Year	8	3	10	21
Totals	220	99	29	348

were civil in nature and 428 criminal. Sixty petitions were granted, (28 civil and 32 criminal) while 445 were denied. It is anticipated that the certiorari workload of the Court will continue to expand at a substantial volume after the transfer of all initial appellate jurisdiction to the Court of Special Appeals.

In addition to its regular appellate work the Court was concerned during the year with admitting 795 persons to the practice of law, conducting 16 disciplinary actions involving attorneys and reviewing the bar examinations of 32 persons who received an adverse recommendation from the State Board of Law Examiners. It also reviewed the recommendation of the Board of Law Examiners of 58 attorneys from other states applying for admission on motion to the Maryland Bar.

Appeals on the 1973 docket averaged 15.4 months from their original filing at the circuit court level until final judgment there with an average of 2.5 months being required from that time until the receipt of the record by the Court of Appeals. Appeals were disposed of in an average time of six months, with docketing to argument consuming 4.8 months and argument to decision requiring 1.2 months.

In estimating their anticipated argument time before the Court, appellants averaged 27 minutes and actually consumed 24 minutes. Appellees estimated their time at 25 minutes but only required 18 minutes.

During Fiscal Year 1973-74 the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals made much use of his authority to designate members of the judiciary to serve in courts or jurisdictions other than their own. Such efficient use of judicial manpower enables the caseload to continue moving where otherwise it might stall due to illness or unavailability of a judge. A tabulation of judicial designations follows.

JUDGE	COURT OF APPEALS	COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS	CIRCUIT COURTS	DISTRICT COURT
Hon. Paul E. Alpert			7/18-19/73, 5/ 1- 3/74 1/ 1-31/74, 6/24-30/74 7/ 2-31/73, 8/1-9/28/73, 12/26-31/73	
Hon. Mary Arabian				
Hon. Aaron A. Baer				
Hon. Lester L. Barrett				
Hon. Samuel W. Barrick				
Hon. Solomon Baylor				
Hon. W. Harvey Beardmore			7/23-27/73 10/1-12/31/73 1/18/74, 3/22/74 1/10-1/28/74 4/1-6/30/74 10/9-12/14/73 7/3/73, 10/9-12/14/73 5/28-31/74 8/1/73- 1/31/74 10/9/73- 12/14/73 4/1-6/30/74 1/23-25/74, 3/15-22/74 10/23-25/73 1/22/74 7/16-20/73, 2/20/74 8/20-24/73, 1/7-11/74 10/9-12/31/73 8/6-10/73, 9/27/73, 1/16/74 7/2-6/73, 8/6-10/73, 11/6-8/73 5/1-6/30/74 1/21-3/31/74 7/16-20/73, 6/3-7/74 8/6-10/73	1/11/74
Hon. Stanley Y. Bennett				
Hon. Edward F. Borgerding				
Hon. J. Louis Boublitz				
Hon. Miller Bowen				
Hon. Perry G. Bowen, Jr.				
Hon. George W. Bowling				
Hon. Thomas R. Brooks				
Hon. Benjamin L. Brown				
Hon. William R. Buchanan				
Hon. Allen E. Buzzell				
Hon. Howard S. Chasanow				
Hon. E. Mackall Childs		3/29/74		
Hon. Frank E. Cicone				
Hon. Robert E. Clapp, Jr.				
Hon. Harry E. Clark				
Hon. James F. Couch, Jr.				
Hon. Thomas J. Curley				
Hon. Robert W. Dallas				
Hon. Edward A. DeWaters, Jr.				
Hon. E. McMaster Duer				
Hon. Harry E. Dyer, Jr.				7/2-9/28/73 10/1-12/31/73

JUDGE	COURT OF APPEALS	COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS	CIRCUIT COURTS	DISTRICT COURT
Hon. Charles E. Edmondson			8/13/73, 10/15-19/73, 11/5-9/73 4/24-26/74 10/1-12/31/73, 2/25-3/1/74, 3/14/74, 5/3 and 6/74, 5/20-6/30/74 12/6/73, 3/6/74, 3/14/74 7/2-8/31/73, 4/1-12/74, 4/22-30/74, 6/24-30/74 11/5/73 2/25-3/1/74 8/6-10/73, 5/6-17/74 8/13-17/73, 9/25/73 8/20-9/28/73, 10/1-31/73 11/1-30/73 8/27-9/28/73 12/19/73 10/19/73, 7/2-3/73 10/1-11/30/73 1/14-18/74 10/9-12/73, 11/2-5/73 7/23-27/73, 3/26/74 8/13-17/73 2/11-15/74, 3/4-8/74, 3/11-15/74, 5/20-24/74 7/9-13/73	8/6-10/73, 2/20&21/74
Hon. William T. Evans				
Hon. Robert J. Gerstung				
Hon. Richard Paul Gilbert				
Hon. William D. Gould				
Hon. J. Harold Grady				
Hon. Walter R. Haile				
Hon. Stuart F. Hamill				
Hon. Robert S. Heise				
Hon. J. William Hinkel				
Hon. Cullen H. Hormes				
Hon. Frederick W. Invernizzi				
Hon. Charles J. Kelly				
Hon. Marvin J. Land				
Hon. Richard B. Latham				
Hon. H. Kemp MacDaniel				
Hon. C. Burnam Mace				
Hon. James Macgill				
Hon. H. Kenneth Mackey				
Hon. John N. Maguire				
Hon. T. Hunt Mayfield				

JUDGE	COURT OF APPEALS	COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS	CIRCUIT COURTS	DISTRICT COURT
Hon. James C. Morton, Jr.	12/6/73, 2/5/74, 2/15/74, 3/14/74			
Hon. Harold E. Naughton			7/2-6/73	
Hon. Vernon L. Neilson			1/28-3/1/74	
Hon. John C. North, II			11/12-16/73	
Hon. Harry St. A. O'Neill			4/22&23/73	
Hon. Charles E. Orth, Jr.	9/11/73, 12/27/73, 2/5/74, 2/14/74, 3/6/74			
Hon. Paul W. Ottinger			6/17-21/74	
Hon. Richard M. Pollitt			8/20-24/73, 1/21/74	
Hon. Jerrold V. Powers	3/14/74		4/11/74	
Hon. Ralph W. Powers			12/17/73, 1/9/74	
Hon. Kenneth C. Proctor			3/4-8/74	
Hon. John E. Raine, Jr.			8/27-31/73, 12/3-7/73, 4/1-12/74, 4/22-30/74	
Hon. George B. Rasin, Jr.			7/19&20/73 3/15/74	
Hon. Henry L. Rogers			12/19/73	
Hon. J. Albert Roney, Jr.			11/26-30/73	
Hon. David Ross			6/18/74	
Hon. Irvine H. Rutledge			8/27-30/73	
Hon. George Sachse			1/1-3/31/74, 4/15-17/74	
Hon. Calvin R. Sanders				
Hon. Edgar P. Silver				
Hon. Robert F. Sweeney	3/6/74, 3/26/74			
Hon. James H. Taylor			7/23-27/73	
Hon. Byron W. Thompson			1/10-2/28/74, 3/15/74	
Hon. Charles Awdry Thompson	2/14/74		3/14/74	
Hon. James L. Wray			9/17-24/73	
Hon. Frederick C. Wright, III				

IV

THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

CHIEF JUDGE

Qualified *

Hon. Charles E. Orth, Jr.

1/ 6/67**

ASSOCIATE JUDGES

Hon. James C. Morton, Jr.	1/ 6/67
Hon. Charles Awdry Thompson	1/ 6/67
Hon. Charles E. Moylan, Jr.	7/ 1/70
Hon. Jerrold V. Powers	9/23/70
Hon. Richard Paul Gilbert	5/ 3/71
Hon. W. Albert Menchine	9/26/72***
Hon. Rita C. Davidson	11/ 9/72
Hon. John P. Moore	9/10/73***
Hon. Thomas Hunter Lowe	10/ 9/73
Hon. David T. Mason	12/ 2/74
Hon. Ridgely P. Melvin, Jr.	12/ 2/74***

*Initially qualified to Court.

**Qualified as Chief Judge on August 11, 1972.

***Previously served at Circuit Court level.

CLERK

Julius A. Romano

CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

Howard E. Friedman

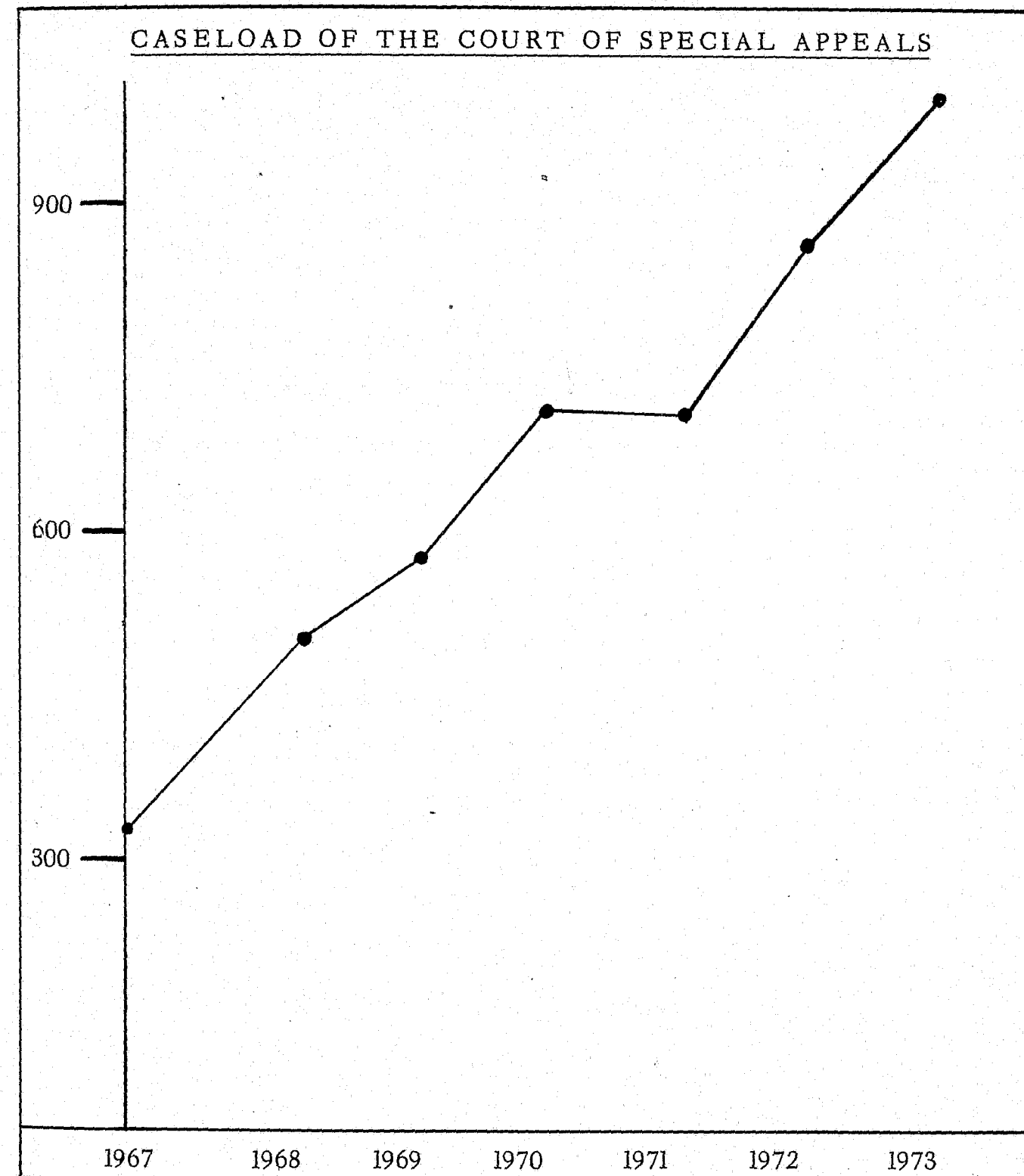
Two members of the Court of Special Appeals have qualified for office since the last publication of this report. They are Judges David T. Mason and Ridgely P. Melvin, Jr., who took the oath of office on December 2, 1974, filling vacancies created by Chapter 706 of the Laws of 1974. Those two

<u>TERM</u>	<u>APPEALS DOCKETED</u>			<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>LAW</u>	<u>EQUITY</u>	<u>CRIMINAL</u>	
Initial 1967	XXX	XXX	339	339
September 1967	XXX	XXX	382	382
September 1968	XXX	XXX	500	500
September 1969	XXX	XXX	593	593
September 1970*	107	69	553	729
September 1971	97	87	542	726
September 1972	108	94	678	880
September 1973	215	155	610	980

*Effective July 1, 1970, the Court of Special Appeals was vested with specific civil jurisdiction in addition to its previous criminal jurisdiction.

judgeships were created by the General Assembly to enable the Court to cope with an expanding caseload with maximum efficiency.

The Court of Special Appeals was faced with a total of 1114 appeals for disposition during the Fiscal Year July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974. This caseload, when added to that of the Court of Appeals (348), meant that the appellate dockets totalled 1462 for the fiscal year. The caseload of the Court of Special Appeals included 980 appeals from the 1973 Term docket, 133 carried over from the 1972 Term and one case from the 1974 Term docket. Appeals on the 1973



Term docket numbered 100 more than on the 1972 Term docket and represented an increase of 11.4 percent. Law cases accounted for 215 (21.9 percent) and equity proceedings accounted for 155 (15.8 percent) of the 980 appeals. Criminal appeals accounted for the remaining 610 (62.3 percent). With the assumption of virtually all original appellate jurisdiction by the Court, effective January 1, 1975, it is anticipated that its dockets will continue to grow at a substantial rate.

Of the 980 appeals recorded on the 1973 docket, 378 (38.6 percent) originated in Baltimore City (Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit). Prince George's County noted the next highest number, 160, followed by Montgomery County with 96, Baltimore County with 88 and Anne Arundel with 56. This combined

ORIGIN OF APPEALS BY APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT				
Circuit	September Term 1972		September Term 1973	
	Cases	Percentage	Cases	Percentage
First	69	7.8	65	6.6
Second	89	10.1	107	10.9
Third	94	10.7	141	14.4
Fourth	158	17.9	198	20.2
Fifth	41	4.7	91	9.3
Sixth	429	48.8	378	38.6
Totals	880	100.0	980	100.0

STATUS OF THE CALENDAR
FISCAL YEAR 1973-74
Regular Docket

Appeals		1114
1972 Term		133
1973 Term		980
1974 Term		1
Civil	397	
Criminal	717	
Disposed Of		966
Transferred to Court of Appeals	25	
Dismissed Prior to Argument	111	
Considered and Decided	830	
Pending At Close of Fiscal Year		148
Civil	91	
Criminal	57	

metropolitan area accounted for 79.4 percent of the total appeals. The remaining nineteen smaller counties recorded 202 appeals.

At the close of the 1973-74 Fiscal Year the Court of Special Appeals had disposed of 966 appeals of which it considered and decided 830. Twenty-five appeals were transferred to the Court of Appeals for consideration there while 111

DISPOSITION OF CASES DURING FISCAL YEAR 1973-1974

	<u>Law</u>	<u>Equity</u>	<u>Criminal</u>	<u>Total</u>
Affirmed	87	61	545	693
Reversed	25	16	38	79
Dismissed - Opinion Filed	3	9	8	20
Remanded without Affirmance or Reversal	2	4	2	8
Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part	9	2	16	27
Modified and Affirmed	1	2		3
Transferred to Court of Appeals	17	7	1	25
Dismissed Prior to Argument or Submission	39	22	50	111
Pending at Close of Fiscal Year	<u>48</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>148</u>
Totals	231	166	717	1114

AVERAGE TIME INTERVALS
FOR DISPOSITION OF APPEALS
(In Months)

	<u>Disposition In Court Below To Docketing In Court Of Appeals</u>	<u>Docketing To Argument</u>	<u>Argument To Decision</u>
1972	3.4	4.8	1.3
1973	3.2	4.0	1.6

were dismissed prior to argument or consideration. Of those 830 appeals considered, the decision below was affirmed in 693 (83.5 percent) and reversed in 79 (9.5 percent). Twenty of the remaining appeals were dismissed after consideration, eight were remanded without affirmance or reversal, 27 were affirmed in part and reversed in part, and three were modified and affirmed.

The Court filed a total of 827 opinions in disposing of the 830 appeals with per curiam opinions numbering 599. Three opinions disposed of two appeals each and three opinions were written by judges specially assigned to the Court. Three dissenting opinions, three concurring opinions, and one opinion dissenting in part and concurring in part were also filed. Reported opinions numbered 228.

Appeals averaged 10.8 months from their original filing below to disposition below and another 3.2 months for filing of the record in the Court of Special Appeals. Once an appeal was docketed in the Court, it was heard in an average time of four months and a decision was rendered within 1.6 months. Despite the increase in caseload, and the fact that the two additional judges authorized for the

DISPOSITION OF APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL DURING FISCAL YEAR 1973-74

DISPOSED OF

Post Conviction
Granted
Dismissed
Denied

3
5
95

103

153

Defective Delinquent
Granted
Denied

7
43

50

Court by the 1974 General Assembly did not qualify until December of that year, the Court has reduced the delay from docketing to argument. The average time from argument to decision has increased only fractionally. These figures again attest to the hard work performed by the judges and staff of the Court.

The Court also considered 153 applications for leave to appeal in post conviction and defective delinquent cases during Fiscal 1973-74. Ten applications were granted, five were dismissed, and 138 were denied.

V THE CIRCUIT COURTS

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES*

Hon. E. McMaster Duer ^b	7/10/52	Hon. Robert I. H. Hammerman	5/ 3/67
Hon. James Macgill ^a	1/ 6/55	Hon. H. Kenneth Mackey	7/21/67
Hon. Lester L. Barrett ^b	8/30/55	Hon. Albert P. Close	11/30/67
Hon. John E. Raine, Jr.	11/26/56	Hon. Harry A. Cole	1/15/68
Hon. Anselm Sodaro	12/11/56	Hon. Solomon Liss	9/ 5/68
Hon. Matthew S. Evans	12/19/56	Hon. David Ross	9/ 5/68
Hon. Ralph G. Shure ^b	7/ 1/59	Hon. W. Harvey Beardmore	9/ 9/68
Hon. Dulany Foster ^a	11/ 2/59	Hon. B. Hackett Turner, Jr.	10/ 5/68
Hon. John Grason Turnbull	6/ 6/60	Hon. Paul A. Dorf	12/17/68
Hon. Ralph W. Powers ^a	9/30/60	Hon. Joseph C. Howard	12/17/68
Hon. George B. Rasin, Jr. ^a	12/20/60	Hon. Basil A. Thomas	12/17/68
Hon. Roscoe H. Parker	12/27/60	Hon. Robert B. Watts	12/17/68
Hon. Ernest A. Loveless, Jr.	12/30/60	Hon. Samuel W. Barrick	9/27/69
Hon. William B. Bowie	1/23/61	Hon. H. Ralph Miller	9/30/69
Hon. Shirley B. Jones	9/22/61	Hon. William H. McCullough	11/14/69
Hon. Meyer M. Cardin	10/17/61	Hon. James H. Taylor	11/21/69
Hon. Stuart F. Hamill ^b	10/23/61	Hon. J. Albert Roney, Jr.	12/18/69
Hon. Irvine H. Rutledge ^c	1/ 3/62	Hon. James C. Mitchell	12/31/69
Hon. Charles D. Harris	1/ 8/62	Hon. James L. Wray	9/28/70
Hon. J. Harold Grady	12/ 7/62	Hon. James W. Murphy	12/16/70
Hon. Harry E. Dyer, Jr.	7/ 1/63	Hon. James A. Wise	6/ 7/71
Hon. Daniel T. Prettyman	3/ 4/64	Hon. Paul W. Ottinger	10/15/71
Hon. Perry G. Bowen, Jr.	4/15/64	Hon. Marshall A. Levin	10/19/71
Hon. Harold E. Naughton	4/27/64	Hon. David L. Cahoon	11/19/71
Hon. C. Burnam Mace	6/24/64	Hon. Richard M. Pollitt ^c	2/14/72
Hon. Robert E. Clapp, Jr. ^c	7/23/64	Hon. James F. Couch, Jr. ^{**}	4/ 7/72
Hon. Albert L. Sklar	9/14/64	Hon. John F. McAuliffe	12/ 1/72
Hon. James A. Perrott	1/25/65	Hon. Joseph A. Mattingly	12/ 6/72
Hon. Edward O. Weant, Jr.	2/17/65	Hon. Frank E. Cicone ^{**}	2/ 2/73
Hon. James S. Getty	3/17/65	Hon. Philip M. Fairbanks ^{**}	2/ 2/73
Hon. Kenneth C. Proctor ^c	5/10/65	Hon. Robert L. Karwacki ^{**}	10/ 5/73
Hon. E. Mackall Childs	7/ 1/65	Hon. John J. Mitchell ^{**}	12/14/73
Hon. Robert B. Mathias	7/ 9/65	Hon. John R. Hargrove ^{**}	7/ 2/74
Hon. Samuel W. H. Meloy	7/ 9/65	Hon. Edward D. Higinbotham	9/16/74
Hon. Joseph M. Mathias	8/ 2/65	Hon. Mary Arabian ^{**}	9/20/74
Hon. T. Hunt Mayfield	9/ 9/65	Hon. Richard B. Latham ^{**}	1/ 3/75
Hon. Harry E. Clark	5/27/66	Hon. Morris Turk	1/ 9/75
Hon. Plummer M. Shearin	7/ 5/66		
Hon. John N. Maguire	7/21/66		
Hon. Walter R. Haile	12/16/66		
Hon. H. Kemp MacDaniel	12/16/66		

* In order of seniority. See appendix for biographies of recently appointed judges.

** Previously served on District Court.

^a/ Chief Judge and Administrative Judge of Judicial Circuit.

^b/ Chief Judge of Judicial Circuit.

^c/ Administrative Judge of Judicial Circuit.

CLERKS OF COURT

CLERKS

CHIEF DEPUTY CLERKS

First Judicial Circuit

Dorchester County
Somerset County
Wicomico County
Worcester County

Philip L. Cannon
I. Theodore Phoebus
A. James Smith
Frank W. Hales

Ola Leap
Alice C. Webster
Betty P. Smith
Bessie B. Smith

Second Judicial Circuit

Caroline County
Cecil County
Kent County
Queen Anne's County
Talbot County

Mildred C. Butler
W. Andrew Seth
Earl H. Pinder
Charles W. Cecil
John T. Baynard

Betty A. Bullock
Nelson D. Stubbs
Grace S. Nelson
Ann M. Starkey
Emily D. Wheedleton

Third Judicial Circuit

Baltimore County
Harford County

Elmer H. Kahline, Jr.
H. Douglas Chilcoat

Charles C. Glos
William G. Hartley

Fourth Judicial Circuit

Allegany County
Garrett County
Washington County

Raymond W. Walker
Richard L. Davis
Vaughn J. Baker

Eleanor L. Albright
Oma L. Moses
Claude E. Poole

Fifth Judicial Circuit

Anne Arundel County
Carroll County
Howard County

W. Garrett Larrimore
Charles C. Conaway
C. Merritt Pumphrey

T. Gordon Fitzhugh
Robert W. Bair
Guinevere M. Warfield

Sixth Judicial Circuit

Frederick County
Montgomery County

Charles C. Keller
Howard M. Smith

Arthur H. Lambert
Hazel W. Byrnes

Seventh Judicial Circuit

Calvert County
Charles County
Prince George's County
St. Mary's County

J. Lloyd Bowen
Patrick C. Mudd
Charles E. Callow
Dorothy B. Kucher

Garnett W. Wood
Sonya E. Rees

Eighth Judicial Circuit

Baltimore City Court
Court of Common Pleas
Superior Court
Criminal Court
Circuit Court
Circuit Court No. 2

John O. Rutherford
Paul L. Chester
Robert H. Bouse
Lawrence A. Murphy
Louis Cohen
John D. Hubble

Evelyn W. Arnold

Francis A. Novak
J. Randall Carroll
James L. Vogelsang
Gerald J. Flanigan
John F. Kelly
Harry J. Cohen

Five circuit court judges have qualified for office since the last publication of this report.

On July 2, 1974, Judge John R. Hargrove was elevated to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City (Eighth Judicial Circuit) from the District Court of Maryland. He filled a vacancy which was created by the previous elevation of Judge William J. O'Donnell to the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

A third judgeship created by the 1973 General Assembly for the Circuit Court for Harford County, but not effective until July 1, 1974, was filled on September 16, 1974 when Judge Edward D. Higinbotham took the oath of office. A few days later on September 20, 1974, Judge Mary Arabian was sworn in as a member of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, having been elevated from the District Court. She replaced Judge Joseph L. Carter, who was the jurist senior in service in the entire State, having served in office from February 29, 1952 until his constitutional retirement on July 20, 1974.

INCREASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURT JUDICIARY

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-73	1973-74
First	3	3	4 ^d	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Second	3	3	3	4 ^f	4	4	4	4	5 ^g	6 ^h	6	6	6	6
Third	5	7 ^a	7	7	7	8 ^j	8	8	11 ^r	11	11	11	11	12 ^{an}
Fourth	3	3	3	4 ^g	5 ⁱ	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Fifth	4	5 ^b	5	5	5	5	5	6 ^m	8 ^s	8	8	8	9 ^z	9
Sixth	4	5 ^c	5	5	5	6 ^k	7 ^l	8 ⁿ	10 ^t	10	10	11 ^x	11	11
Seventh	5	5	5	7 ^h	7	7	7	9 ^o	9	9	9	12 ^y	12	12
Eighth	13	13	15 ^e	15	15	15	15	16 ^p	16	17 ^v	21 ^w	21	21	21
State	40	44	47	51	52	54	55	60	68	70	74	78	79	80

Qualifying Dates:

a/	July 1, 1959	December 30, 1960	q/	May 27, 1966	w/	December 17, 1968
b/	July 1, 1959	January 3, 1962	r/	July 21, 1966		December 17, 1968
c/	July 16, 1959	July 1, 1963		December 16, 1966		December 17, 1968
d/	July 1, 1959	December 17, 1962		December 16, 1966	x/	September 30, 1969
e/	September 1, 1959	July 23, 1964	s/	July 1, 1966	y/	October 30, 1969
f/	November 2, 1959	July 1, 1965	t/	September 9, 1965		November 14, 1969
g/	November 2, 1959	August 2, 1965	u/	July 5, 1966		November 21, 1969
h/	December 20, 1960	July 9, 1965	v/	July 15, 1966	z/	September 28, 1970
i/	December 29, 1960	July 9, 1965	w/	July 21, 1967		
j/	December 27, 1960	September 14, 1964	x/	June 1, 1967	aa/	September 16, 1974

POPULATION AND CASELOAD PER JUDGE				
	Number of Judges	Population* Per Judge	Cases Filed Per Judge Civil	Criminal
FIRST CIRCUIT				
Dorchester	1	29,000	376	139
Somerset	1	18,800	296	101
Wicomico	1	57,300	800	441
Worcester	1	26,700	756	235
SECOND CIRCUIT				
Caroline	1	20,400	244	40
Cecil	2	27,250	455	140
Kent	1	16,700	252	79
Queen Anne's	1	19,400	187	100
Talbot	1	25,100	293	93
THIRD CIRCUIT				
Baltimore	9	72,011	781	250
Harford	3	42,866	446	128
FOURTH CIRCUIT				
Allegany	2	41,400	390	136
Garrett	1	22,300	254	79
Washington	2	53,100	501	223
FIFTH CIRCUIT				
Anne Arundel	6	55,083	635	232
Carroll	1	78,300	726	199
Howard	2	45,000	552	203
SIXTH CIRCUIT				
Frederick	2	46,450	494	140
Montgomery	9	64,211	639	114
SEVENTH CIRCUIT				
Calvert	1	24,800	442	143
Charles	1	58,000	577	336
Prince George's	9	78,055	864	202
St. Mary's	1	51,400	593	219
EIGHTH CIRCUIT				
Baltimore City	21	40,342	838	658
STATE	80	51,367	649	307

*Population Estimate for July 1, 1974 as issued November 29, 1974 by the Maryland Center for Health Statistics.

INCREASE IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES			
	1957-58	1973-74	Increase
FIRST CIRCUIT			
Dorchester	1	1	
Somerset	1	1	
Wicomico	1	1	
Worcester	0	1	1
SECOND CIRCUIT			
Caroline	1	1	
Cecil	1	2	1
Kent	0	1	1
Queen Anne's	1	1	
Talbot	0	1	1
THIRD CIRCUIT			
Baltimore	4	9	5
Harford	1	3	2
FOURTH CIRCUIT			
Allegany	1	2	1
Garrett	1	1	
Washington	1	2	1
FIFTH CIRCUIT			
Anne Arundel	2	6	4
Carroll	1	1	
Howard	1	2	1
SIXTH CIRCUIT			
Frederick	1	2	1
Montgomery	3	9	6
SEVENTH CIRCUIT			
Calvert	1	1	
Charles	1	1	
Prince George's	2	9	7
St. Mary's	1	1	
EIGHTH CIRCUIT			
Baltimore City	13	21	8
STATE	40	80	40

Judge Richard B. Latham became a member of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County on January 3, 1975, being elevated from the District Court. He succeeded Judge Walter H. Moorman, who reached the age of constitutional retirement on October 11, 1974. Judge Moorman had served on the bench since December 17, 1962.

Judge Morris Turk took the oath of office as a member of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County on January 9, 1975. He filled a vacancy created by the constitutional retirement of Judge George Sachse on November 24, 1974. Judge Sachse had served on the bench since June 27, 1962.

Clerks of Court who have qualified for office since the last published report of the Administrative Office are Raymond W. Walker of Allegany County,

Charles C. Keller of Frederick County, Charles E. Callow of Prince George's County, and Lawrence A. Murphy of Baltimore City. New Chief Deputies include Ola Leap of Dorchester County, Betty P. Smith of Wicomico County, Bessie B. Smith of Worcester County, Nelson D. Stubbs of Cecil County and James L. Vogelsang and Gerald J. Flanigan of Baltimore City.

For the first time since these reports have been published, statistics for the current report were tabulated on a fiscal year basis and cover the period of July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974. This statistical year will be referred to in this section of the report as simply "1973-74." Earlier years cover a reporting period of September 1 through August 31 with the year September 1, 1972 through August 31, 1973 being referred to as "1972-73."

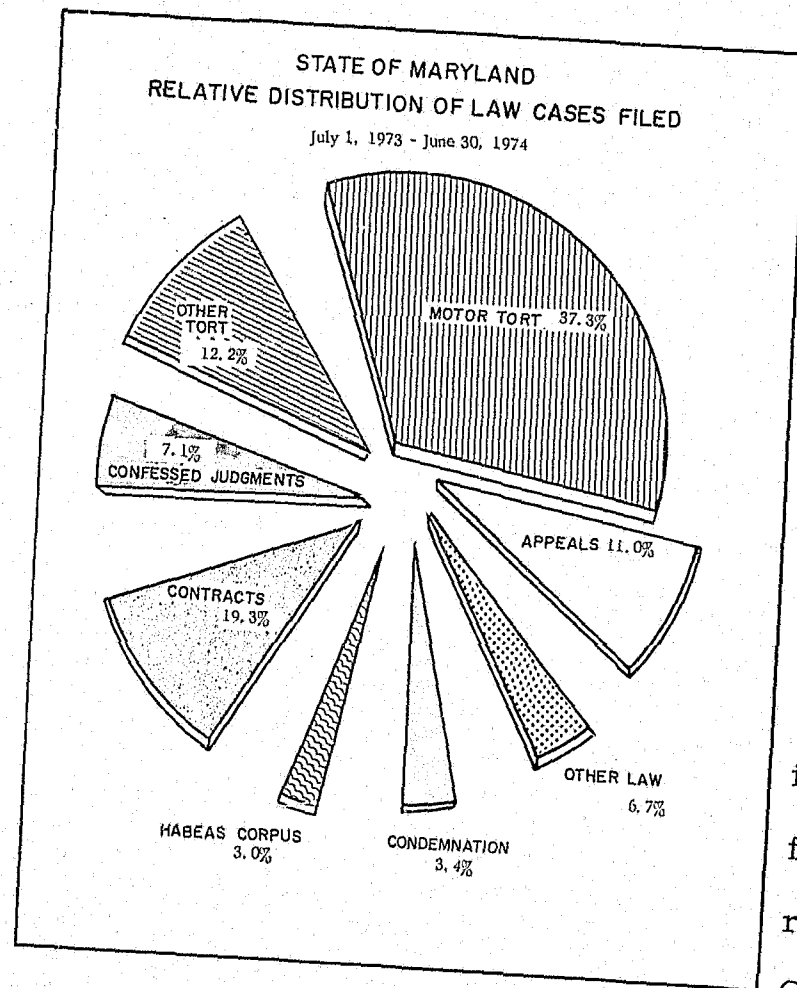
During year 1973-74, 78,519 civil and criminal actions were filed in the trial courts of general jurisdiction. That figure represented an increase of 4,837 filings (6.5 percent) over the corresponding figure reported for 1972-73 (73,682). Terminations for 1973-74 numbered 78,621 and exceeded filings for the year by 102. They exceeded the corresponding figure for 1972-73 by 8.6 percent (6,262). Thus, the courts in general are keeping abreast of the caseload, although by only a slim margin. Equity proceedings accounted for 46.4 percent

CIVIL CASES INSTITUTED*										
	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
Total	49,873	51,233	49,245	50,594	50,384	53,667	57,985	50,591	52,601	53,916
Law	26,277	26,777	26,081	25,583	25,235	27,140	27,436	19,021	18,306	17,505
Original Cases	(23,820)	(24,148)	(23,531)	(22,893)	(22,528)	(24,015)	(24,241)	(16,914)	(16,872)	(15,573)
Appeals	(2,457)	(2,629)	(2,550)	(2,690)	(2,707)	(3,125)	(3,195)	(2,107)	(1,934)	(1,932)
Equity	23,596	24,456	23,164	25,011	25,149	26,527	30,549	31,570	34,295	36,411

*1973-74 reflects period of July 1 - June 30.
Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

of the caseload, followed by criminal cases with 31.3 percent and law cases with 22.3 percent.

One trend that has become apparent since the establishment of the District Court of Maryland in 1971 has been the decline in law cases filed at the circuit court level. This has been due to their filing and disposition in the District Court. Since 1971-72 the circuit courts have terminated several thousand more law cases each year than were filed in them.



LAW cases filed in 1973-74 numbered 17,505, a decrease of 4.4 percent from the 18,306 noted in 1972-73. Law terminations numbered 20,616 and slightly exceeded those for 1972-73 when 20,307 were recorded.

EQUITY cases filed in 1973-74 numbered 36,411, an increase of 6.1 percent over the 34,295 filed in 1972-73. The trend in equity filings has been that of a steady rise over the past seven years.

CRIMINAL cases filed in 1973-74 increased by 16.7 percent over 1972-73 and numbered 24,603 as compared to 21,081 in that year. The drop in criminal filings of a few years ago, due to the creation of the District Court and disposition of a number of criminal matters there, has evidently been reversed. An encouraging note is that terminations in the

criminal area exceeded filings by nearly 2,000 as 26,567 were recorded and represented a 29.4 percent increase over 1972-73.

MOTOR TORT cases represented 37.3 percent of the law caseload in 1973-74 as 6,523 such actions were filed, a decrease of 9.8 percent from the 7,233 filed in 1972-73. Baltimore City recorded 2,935 motor tort filings as compared to 3,311 in 1972-73. The four largest counties also reflected decreases in motor tort cases from those tallied in 1972-73.

Baltimore County reported the largest number filed, 930, closely followed by Prince George's with 910. Montgomery and Anne Arundel reported 613 and 339, respectively. The combined metropolitan jurisdictions registered 87.8 percent of the caseload in motor torts, a slight decrease from 1972-73 when they registered 88.7 percent.

COMPARATIVE FILINGS IN MOTOR TORTS *

	Total Law Cases	Motor Torts	Percentage of Motor Torts
1964-65	26,277	8,586	32.7
1965-66	26,777	9,009	33.6
1966-67	26,081	8,669	33.2
1967-68	25,583	8,991	35.1
1968-69	25,235	8,932	35.4
1969-70	27,140	9,406	34.7
1970-71	27,436	8,501	31.0
1971-72	19,021	7,532	39.6
1972-73	18,306	7,233	39.6
1973-74	17,505	6,523	37.3

*1973-74 reflects period of July 1 - June 30.
Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

APPEALS from the District Court and administrative agencies, as reported by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts, totalled 7,206 statewide. The ratio of appeals from the District Court, as compared to the caseload of that Court, remained at 0.6 percent, the same figure tallied for each year since the Court began operations. This very low rate of appeals has been a decided influence in keeping down the caseload of the circuit courts. A tabulation showing the historical number of appeals from administrative agencies is included in this report. A study of those figures will reveal that appeals from those agencies

COMPARATIVE APPEALS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES*

	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
FIRST CIRCUIT										
Dorchester	0	6	2	0	7	2	10	10	8	13
Somerset	3	5	3	5	4	8	3	2	6	4
Wicomico	14	10	16	16	11	15	17	13	19	12
Worcester	7	4	0	7	5	4	0	1	11	4
SECOND CIRCUIT										
Caroline	7	2	1	2	4	5	3	2	0	2
Cecil	15	14	14	15	1	1	10	12	6	10
Kent	5	4	7	1	2	0	15	11	6	9
Queen Anne's	2	2	3	5	0	6	5	6	2	3
Talbot	3	3	4	1	2	9	3	2	8	8
THIRD CIRCUIT										
Baltimore	126	116	107	91	108	115	112	104	114	121
Harford	28	15	15	26	22	19	16	17	24	18
FOURTH CIRCUIT										
Allegany	15	21	24	19	22	13	15	15	23	14
Garrett	0	1	5	2	2	8	3	1	3	1
Washington	21	3	1	7	17	9	0	11	17	19
FIFTH CIRCUIT										
Anne Arundel	45	35	43	24	54	41	44	49	53	58
Carroll	19	10	16	12	23	11	17	15	14	11
Howard	0	6	9	10	10	26	21	22	24	16
SIXTH CIRCUIT										
Frederick	4	13	11	13	22	10	8	11	13	14
Montgomery	91	57	72	73	79	96	96	89	71	67
SEVENTH CIRCUIT										
Calvert	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	11	11	14
Charles	5	6	4	11	5	9	20	18	12	7
Prince George's	62	89	69	96	98	130	120	104	104	74
St. Mary's	9	2	6	6	7	4	4	5	10	9
EIGHTH CIRCUIT										
Baltimore City	754	664	622	569	532	642	582	642	580	545
TOTAL	1235	1088	1054	1011	1037	1183	1134	1173	1139	1053

*Year 1973-74 reflects period of July 1 - June 30.
Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

APPEALS FROM DISTRICT COURT AND ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

	LAW			CRIMINAL		TOTALS
	District Court	Administrative Agencies	Total	Motor Vehicle	Other	
FIRST CIRCUIT						
Dorchester	1	13	14	13	55	82
Somerset	0	4	4	4	41	49
Wicomico	6	12	18	39	56	113
Worcester	10	4	14	22	12	48
SECOND CIRCUIT						
Caroline	2	2	4	4	7	15
Cecil	8	10	18	30	49	97
Kent	2	9	11	0	7	18
Queen Anne's	1	3	4	6	13	23
Talbot	3	8	11	17	12	40
THIRD CIRCUIT						
Baltimore	187	121	308	369	173	850
Harford	21	18	39	42	24	105
FOURTH CIRCUIT						
Allegany	27	14	41	29	95	165
Garrett	0	1	1	11	2	14
Washington	18	19	37	43	50	130
FIFTH CIRCUIT						
Anne Arundel	59	58	117	120	107	344
Carroll	12	11	23	26	28	77
Howard	41	16	57	69	51	177
SIXTH CIRCUIT						
Frederick	15	14	29	53	64	146
Montgomery	71	67	138	242	277	637
SEVENTH CIRCUIT						
Calvert	0	14	14	8	12	34
Charles	5	7	12	28	18	58
Prince George's	69	74	143	188	297	628
St. Mary's	8	9	17	10	15	42
EIGHTH CIRCUIT						
Baltimore City	313	545	858	1409	1027	3294
STATE	879	1053	1932	2782	2492	7206

have been rather stable in number over the years, and have in fact declined, both statewide and in Baltimore City, for the past two years.

LAW cases terminated by trial numbered 3, 678 in 1973-74 and accounted for 17.8 percent of all law dispositions statewide. The disposition rate by trial for law cases in Baltimore City was 12.4 percent. Trials were held before a jury in 34.3 percent of the cases (1, 261) and were held before a court sitting without a jury in 65.7 percent (2, 417). Baltimore City accounted for 31.4 percent of all law cases tried as it reported 1, 154. Prince George's County reported more law cases tried

TYPES OF LAW CASES TRIED										
JURY AND NON-JURY										
July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974										
	MOTOR TORT		OTHER TORT		CONDEMNATION		CONTRACT		OTHER LAW	
	Jury	Non-Jury	Jury	Non-Jury	Jury	Non-Jury	Jury	Non-Jury	Jury	Non-Jury
FIRST CIRCUIT										
Dorchester	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	22
Somerset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3
Wicomico	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	16	3	16
Worcester	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	8
SECOND CIRCUIT										
Caroline	0	3	0	0	3	0	3	2	0	0
Cecil	8	0	2	0	1	1	1	3	4	13
Kent	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	1	6
Queen Anne's	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1
Talbot	0	2	0	6	1	1	0	10	8	14
THIRD CIRCUIT										
Baltimore	76	76	59	21	10	30	9	125	7	174
Harford	13	11	2	2	0	0	0	10	6	29
FOURTH CIRCUIT										
Allegany	3	2	11	3	1	0	0	1	0	7
Garrett	1	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
Washington	10	5	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	20
FIFTH CIRCUIT										
Anne Arundel	58	16	10	5	20	3	10	28	12	80
Carroll	1	2	5	2	1	0	0	7	3	9
Howard	2	15	1	1	3	5	3	37	6	33
SIXTH CIRCUIT										
Frederick	4	4	6	5	2	0	1	1	2	5
Montgomery	76	14	35	5	4	2	19	44	25	57
SEVENTH CIRCUIT										
Calvert	8	5	9	3	0	0	2	7	1	3
Charles	18	5	2	2	3	0	3	3	2	15
Prince George's	101	23	82	21	17	2	1	13	45	455
St. Mary's	7	3	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	13
EIGHTH CIRCUIT										
Baltimore City	249	311	31	61	27	13	17	169	57	219
STATE	641	507	258	142	98	58	76	497	188	1213

LAW CASES
(1973 - 74)
TIME LAPSE BETWEEN FILING AND TRIAL WITH NUMBER TRIED*

	Time Lapse				
	State	Baltimore City	All Counties	Four Metropolitan Counties	Other 19 Counties
TOTAL Cases	15.3	22.4	12.0	11.9	12.5
JURY Cases	19.3	24.8	16.9	17.6	14.5
Motor Torts	20.8	26.1	17.5	18.0	15.5
Other Torts	19.7	28.6	18.4	19.6	13.4
Other Cases	16.2	20.3	14.6	14.9	13.9
NON-JURY Cases	13.2	21.2	9.4	8.7	11.5
Motor Torts	21.4	25.2	15.3	13.8	18.2
Other Torts	18.7	27.5	12.1	11.5	13.1
Other Cases	10.4	17.0	8.4	7.9	10.1
	Number Tried				
	State	Baltimore City	All Counties	Four Metropolitan Counties	Other 19 Counties
TOTAL Cases	3678	1154	2524	1870	654
JURY Cases	1261	381	880	676	204
Motor Torts	641	249	392	311	81
Other Torts	258	31	227	186	41
Other Cases	362	101	261	179	82
NON-JURY Cases	2417	773	1644	1194	450
Motor Torts	507	311	196	129	67
Other Torts	142	61	81	52	29
Other Cases	1768	401	1367	1013	354

* Average number of months between filing and trial.

than any other county, 760, followed by Baltimore County with 587.

Law cases averaged 15.3 months statewide from initial filing to trial in 1973-74, an increase of 1.3 months over 1972-73. Generally speaking, jury cases took longer to reach trial, with those in Baltimore City consuming more time than in the counties. Law cases on the average, reached trial slightly faster in the four larger counties than in the nineteen smaller ones. The delay from filing to trial in motor torts is greater than in any other type of case.

Of all law cases tried, 54.1 percent reached the trial stage in less than one year. The corresponding figure for 1972-73 was 62.6 percent.

In the EQUITY area, proceedings in divorce matters constituted 57.4 percent of the statewide caseload as 20,890 were filed compared to 36,411 total equity cases. Reported equity hearings before a judge in open court totalled 6,473. For the first time a tabulation of the time lapse in equity hearings was computed for this report.

Equity hearings averaged 8.6 months from the original filing date of the case until any subsequent hearing. The equity time lapse for Baltimore City was the shortest, 7.1 months, followed by the nineteen smaller counties who averaged 8.1 months. The four largest counties averaged 9.3 months.

LAW CASES PROPORTION OF TRIALS TO DISPOSITIONS			
	Total Law Cases Disposed Of	Disposed Of By Trial	Percent Disposed Of By Trial
Allegany	176	28	15.9
Anne Arundel	1124	242	21.5
Baltimore City	9312	1154	12.4
Baltimore	2302	587	25.5
Calvert	150	38	25.3
Caroline	65	11	16.9
Carroll	265	30	11.3
Cecil	455	33	7.2
Charles	206	53	25.7
Dorchester	111	37	33.3
Frederick	237	30	12.6
Garrett	88	20	22.7
Harford	433	73	12.0
Howard	627	106	16.9
Kent	63	16	25.4
Montgomery	1099	281	25.5
Prince George's	2708	760	28.0
Queen Anne's	58	6	10.3
St. Mary's	128	31	24.2
Somerset	54	7	12.9
Talbot	120	42	35.0
Washington	346	42	12.1
Wicomico	164	40	24.4
Worcester	325	11	3.4
STATE	20,616	3678	17.8

AVERAGE NUMBER OF MONTHS ELAPSING BETWEEN FILING AND TRIAL OF LAW CASES* (Jury and Non-Jury)

	State	Baltimore City	All Counties	Four Metropolitan Counties	Other 19 Counties
1964-65	14.4	19.6	11.4	12.5	9.2
1965-66	14.9	21.2	12.3	14.0	9.9
1966-67	15.5	21.7	12.2	13.1	10.5
1967-68	15.0	21.7	11.4	12.1	10.0
1968-69	14.5	21.2	11.2	11.5	10.6
1969-70	15.8	22.7	11.9	12.3	11.1
1970-71	14.0	20.4	10.4	10.2	11.0
1971-72	13.8	20.8	9.9	9.5	11.0
1972-73	14.0	19.7	10.8	10.6	11.3
1973-74	15.3	22.4	12.0	11.9	12.5

* Year 1973-74 reflects period of July 1, - June 30. Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

EQUITY HEARINGS

(1973 - 74)

TIME LAPSE BETWEEN ORIGINAL FILING AND HEARING AND NUMBER OF HEARINGS*

	State	Baltimore City	All Counties	Four Metropolitan Counties	Other 19 Counties
Time Lapse	8.6	7.1	8.8	9.3	8.1
Number of Hearings	6473	854	5619	3467	2152

*Average number of months between filing and hearing.

EQUITY HEARINGS REPORTED					
	Divorce	Adoption	Foreclosure	Other	Totals
FIRST CIRCUIT					
Dorchester	141	8	1	93	243
Somerset	2	0	0	20	22
Wicomico	16	0	0	44	60
Worcester	5	0	0	9	14
SECOND CIRCUIT					
Caroline	7	6	0	8	21
Cecil	219	36	4	70	329
Kent	9	12	0	13	34
Queen Anne's	2	0	0	6	8
Talbot	31	7	0	70	108
THIRD CIRCUIT					
Baltimore	464	186	1	693	1344
Harford	63	2	7	80	152
FOURTH CIRCUIT					
Allegany	103	0	0	23	126
Garrett	15	9	0	25	49
Washington	230	78	0	82	390
FIFTH CIRCUIT					
Anne Arundel	320	24	3	210	557
Carroll	122	2	0	36	160
Howard	81	37	2	38	158
SIXTH CIRCUIT					
Frederick	13	46	0	23	82
Montgomery	262	15	0	104	381
SEVENTH CIRCUIT					
Calvert	2	0	0	5	7
Charles	32	36	0	32	100
Prince George's	543	445	0	197	1185
St. Mary's	30	35	0	24	89
EIGHTH CIRCUIT					
Baltimore City	493	21	1	339	854
TOTALS	3205	1005	19	2244	6473

CRIMINAL filings increased significantly in 1973-74 compared to the prior year. Baltimore City and Prince George's County both showed sizable rises while Anne Arundel and Montgomery Counties showed moderate increases. Baltimore County, on the other hand, showed a slight decrease. Baltimore City accounted for 56.2 percent of the total criminal caseload as it recorded 13,830 filings. It also reported 54.0 percent of the total cases tried. A total of 1,734 criminal cases were tried before a jury while 16,179 were tried by a court sitting without a jury statewide. Criminal cases tried reflected a 31.8 percent increase over 1972-73. Time lapses computed for all criminal cases showed a 5.4 month span from filing to trial, a slight increase from 1972-73 when a time of 4.9 months was computed.

CRIMINAL CASES ^a								
Jury				Time Lapse ^b				
Baltimore City	Metropolitan Counties	Other 19 Counties	State		Baltimore City	Metropolitan Counties	Other 19 Counties	State
5.8	3.8	3.1	4.0	1966-67	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1
6.8	4.9	2.3	4.4	1967-68	4.0	3.1	2.8	3.5
6.6	4.6	3.1	4.6	1968-69	5.1	3.2	3.3	4.3
6.7	4.7	3.9	5.1	1969-70	5.1	3.8	4.2	4.6
6.9	4.5	4.0	4.8	1970-71	5.7	3.5	3.6	4.7
7.0	4.2	4.0	5.2	1971-72	4.9	3.5	4.4	4.4
6.1	5.2	4.7	5.6	1972-73	5.7	3.8	4.5	4.8
7.5	6.3	4.1	6.3	1973-74	6.2	4.6	3.9	5.2

a/ Year 1973-74 reflects period of July 1 - June 30. Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.
b/ Average number of months between filing and trial.

CRIMINAL CASES TRIED*

	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
FIRST CIRCUIT								
Dorchester	89	95	129	139	115	86	107	128
Somerset	61	45	34	57	35	54	70	39
Wicomico	178	108	75	73	121	169	263	285
Worcester	115	119	98	129	151	112	146	125
SECOND CIRCUIT								
Caroline	22	38	41	28	22	30	27	26
Cecil	87	112	206	228	143	120	112	152
Kent	95	94	106	161	58	55	59	77
Queen Anne's	49	77	38	88	85	36	58	66
Talbot	94	127	68	88	127	154	81	89
THIRD CIRCUIT								
Baltimore	1382	1363	1430	1634	1761	1521	1603	1943
Harford	222	193	317	296	271	360	286	276
FOURTH CIRCUIT								
Allegany	108	180	171	236	140	121	189	154
Garrett	43	69	45	90	118	73	61	58
Washington	228	209	180	292	214	234	299	343
FIFTH CIRCUIT								
Anne Arundel	680	710	802	1065	1071	801	1021	1155
Carroll	95	120	141	211	145	171	234	358
Howard	139	128	153	266	177	172	252	258
SIXTH CIRCUIT								
Frederick	72	89	108	130	155	125	130	203
Montgomery	308	458	476	557	443	383	453	567
SEVENTH CIRCUIT								
Calvert	144	130	161	169	99	50	34	32
Charles	102	116	99	96	128	119	148	162
Prince George's	802	1043	900	1058	1312	1196	1045	1518
St. Mary's	130	139	159	192	203	118	187	215
EIGHTH CIRCUIT								
Baltimore City	5458	6073	7545	7367	7031	5559	6721	9684
STATE	10,703	11,835	13,482	14,710	14,125	11,819	13,586	17,913

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APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW OF CRIMINAL SENTENCES

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

	Filed During Year	Terminated			
		Withdrawn by Applicant	Considered and Disposed of		
			Original Sentence Unchanged	Original Sentence Increased	Original Sentence Decreased
FIRST CIRCUIT					
Dorchester	2	0	1	0	0
Somerset	0	0	0	0	0
Wicomico	9	0	11	0	0
Worcester	5	1	5	0	0
SECOND CIRCUIT					
Caroline	0	0	0	0	0
Cecil	4	0	4	0	0
Kent	3	0	5	0	0
Queen Anne's	0	0	0	0	0
Talbot	0	0	0	0	0
THIRD CIRCUIT					
Baltimore	32	3	33	0	15
Harford	4	0	6	0	2
FOURTH CIRCUIT					
Allegany	2	1	2	0	0
Garrett	8	0	7	0	1
Washington	1	0	2	0	0
FIFTH CIRCUIT					
Anne Arundel	11	0	8	0	1
Carroll	3	0	2	0	1
Howard	5	0	2	0	1
SIXTH CIRCUIT					
Frederick	6	2	5	0	0
Montgomery	21	5	9	0	4
SEVENTH CIRCUIT					
Calvert	0	0	0	0	0
Charles	4	1	1	0	0
Prince George's	61	0	55	0	2
St. Mary's	1	0	1	0	0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT					
Baltimore City	159	5	176	0	4
STATE	341	18	335	0	29

APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW OF CRIMINAL SENTENCES numbered 341 for 1973-74, a decrease of 20 from the 361 reported for 1972-73. During 1973-74, 382 such applications were disposed of, 18 of which were withdrawn. The original sentence was unchanged in 335 instances and decreased in 29. A significant fact worth noting is that no sentence was increased. Since the establishment of the procedure on July 1, 1966, a total of 1,953 applications have been filed as of June 30, 1974. During the same period 138 sentences have been reduced.

Petitions filed for writs of HABEAS CORPUS AND POST CONVICTION relief totalled 527 and 448, respectively, for 1973-74. The figures for 1972-73 were 806 and 351. A trend over the last few years has surfaced to reflect a sizable

HABEAS CORPUS AND POST CONVICTION CASES FILED														
Habeas Corpus*								Post Conviction*						
	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
FIRST CIRCUIT														
Dorchester	3	5	3	5	0	4	4	3	0	5	0	3	0	3
Somerset	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	2	1	2	3	4
Wicomico	7	4	3	9	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	13
Worcester	1	6	4	1	7	0	0	2	2	2	1	4	3	2
SECOND CIRCUIT														
Caroline	1	9	4	5	2	1	1	0	4	6	7	3	3	4
Cecil	20	29	11	10	5	5	3	8	6	12	7	6	8	4
Kent	2	0	1	4	1	2	0	0	0	4	3	5	3	0
Queen Anne's	2	4	3	2	2	1	2	1	3	4	3	3	0	0
Talbot	1	7	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THIRD CIRCUIT														
Baltimore	71	91	60	42	45	47	74	30	42	42	29	23	19	34
Harford	13	7	1	8	8	8	4	4	2	3	3	4	5	7
FOURTH CIRCUIT														
Allegany	2	2	2	2	2	0	1	10	4	7	4	0	1	0
Garrett	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	1	1
Washington	5	9	7	9	28	34	15	4	3	5	1	1	6	6
FIFTH CIRCUIT														
Anne Arundel	42	50	58	47	15	15	9	21	22	35	12	16	11	13
Carroll	6	6	5	7	11	5	7	4	2	4	0	3	2	1
Howard	15	13	17	47	21	19	16	3	4	18	6	2	6	9
SIXTH CIRCUIT														
Frederick	6	3	5	8	6	2	2	2	6	3	5	4	3	2
Montgomery	47	47	49	39	116	50	23	7	8	22	10	4	8	10
SEVENTH CIRCUIT														
Calvert	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	1	1	1	2	5
Charles	14	2	3	10	0	0	2	4	5	2	1	0	3	1
Prince George's	66	72	81	107	29	28	41	51	42	38	48	24	33	43
St. Mary's	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	4	0	2	2
EIGHTH CIRCUIT														
Baltimore City	502	661	845	1004	799	581	320	248	276	316	280	192	227	281
TOTALS	830	1032	1174	1367	1100	806	527	410	439	537	427	306	351	448

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decline in habeas corpus petitions with a corresponding gradual rise in post conviction petitions. As in past years, the majority of both types of petitions were filed in Baltimore City.

The Circuit Court for Montgomery County, which exercises jurisdiction formerly held by an orphans' court, reported that it held 45 hearings and signed 2,740 orders during 1973-74. The Circuit Court for Harford County also assumed such jurisdiction on November 5, 1974 as the result of the ratification of a constitutional amendment in the November 1972 General Election.

JUVENILE CAUSES filed in 1973-74 numbered 24,527 and reflected a 7.2 percent increase over 1972-73. Delinquency cases totalled 20,107 and accounted for 80.0 percent of the juvenile workload. Terminations in juvenile causes numbered 22,784 for 1973-74. All juvenile matters are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the circuit courts except in Montgomery County where jurisdiction is exercised by the Juvenile Division of the District Court.

The following pages of this section of the report contain tabulations of the workload of the circuit courts.

TABLE A-1

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED
IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

	FILED			TERMINATED		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
TOTAL-FIRST CIRCUIT	3144	2852	292	3002	2727	275
LAW	690	640	50	654	587	67
EQUITY	1538	1538	XXX	1491	1491	XXX
CRIMINAL	916	674	242	857	649	208
DORCHESTER COUNTY	515	433	82	541	459	82
LAW	90	76	14	111	96	15
EQUITY	286	286	XXX	298	298	XXX
CRIMINAL	139	71	68	132	65	67
SOMERSET COUNTY	397	348	49	332	317	15
LAW	64	60	4	54	49	5
EQUITY	232	232	XXX	194	194	XXX
CRIMINAL	101	56	45	84	74	10
WICOMICO COUNTY	1241	1128	113	1114	1007	107
LAW	167	149	18	164	143	21
EQUITY	633	633	XXX	622	622	XXX
CRIMINAL	441	346	95	328	242	86
WORCESTER COUNTY	991	943	48	1015	944	71
LAW	369	355	14	325	299	26
EQUITY	387	387	XXX	377	377	XXX
CRIMINAL	235	201	34	313	268	45

TABLE A-2

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

	FILED			TERMINATED		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
TOTAL-SECOND CIRCUIT	2479	2286	193	2952	2767	185
LAW	543	495	48	761	714	47
EQUITY	1343	1343	XXX	1630	1630	XXX
CRIMINAL	593	448	145	561	423	138
CAROLINE COUNTY	284	269	15	340	326	14
LAW	61	57	4	65	63	2
EQUITY	183	183	XXX	237	237	XXX
CRIMINAL	40	29	11	38	26	12
CECIL COUNTY	1191	1094	97	1507	1401	106
LAW	279	261	18	455	434	21
EQUITY	631	631	XXX	803	803	XXX
CRIMINAL	281	202	79	249	164	85
KENT COUNTY	331	313	18	361	344	17
LAW	61	50	11	63	51	12
EQUITY	191	191	XXX	204	204	XXX
CRIMINAL	79	72	7	94	89	5
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	287	264	23	269	248	21
LAW	58	54	4	58	55	3
EQUITY	129	129	XXX	117	117	XXX
CRIMINAL	100	81	19	94	76	18
TALBOT COUNTY	386	346	40	475	448	27
LAW	84	73	11	120	111	9
EQUITY	209	209	XXX	269	269	XXX
CRIMINAL	93	64	29	86	68	18

TABLE A-3

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED
IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND
JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

	FILED			TERMINATED		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
TOTAL-THIRD CIRCUIT	11,013	10,058	955	10,245	9329	916
LAW	2699	2352	347	2735	2440	295
EQUITY	5678	5678	XXX	4908	4908	XXX
CRIMINAL	2636	2028	608	2602	1981	621
BALTIMORE COUNTY	9289	8439	850	8729	7906	823
LAW	2299	1991	308	2302	2053	249
EQUITY	4738	4738	XXX	4179	4179	XXX
CRIMINAL	2252	1710	542	2248	1674	574
HARFORD COUNTY	1724	1619	105	1516	1423	93
LAW	400	361	39	433	387	46
EQUITY	940	940	XXX	729	729	XXX
CRIMINAL	384	318	66	354	307	47

TABLE A-4

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED
IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND
JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

	FILED			TERMINATED		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
TOTAL-FOURTH CIRCUIT	2833	2524	309	2683	2347	336
LAW	599	520	79	610	508	102
EQUITY	1437	1437	XXX	1341	1341	XXX
CRIMINAL	797	567	230	732	498	234
ALLEGANY COUNTY	1052	887	165	933	801	132
LAW	232	191	41	176	155	21
EQUITY	548	548	XXX	539	539	XXX
CRIMINAL	272	148	124	218	107	111
GARRETT COUNTY	333	319	14	304	285	19
LAW	88	87	1	88	82	6
EQUITY	166	166	XXX	150	150	XXX
CRIMINAL	79	66	13	66	53	13
WASHINGTON COUNTY	1448	1318	130	1446	1261	185
LAW	279	242	37	346	271	75
EQUITY	723	723	XXX	652	652	XXX
CRIMINAL	446	353	93	448	338	110

TABLE A-5

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED
IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND
JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

	FILED			TERMINATED		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
TOTAL-FIFTH CIRCUIT	7641	7043	598	7692	7099	593
LAW	1777	1580	197	2016	1758	258
EQUITY	3865	3865	XXX	3493	3493	XXX
CRIMINAL	1999	1598	401	2183	1848	335
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	5206	4862	344	4929	4605	324
LAW	979	862	117	1124	960	164
EQUITY	2833	2833	XXX	2378	2378	XXX
CRIMINAL	1394	1167	227	1427	1267	160
CARROLL COUNTY	925	848	77	962	876	86
LAW	249	226	23	265	238	27
EQUITY	477	477	XXX	356	356	XXX
CRIMINAL	199	145	54	341	282	59
HOWARD COUNTY	1510	1333	177	1801	1618	183
LAW	549	492	57	627	560	67
EQUITY	555	555	XXX	759	759	XXX
CRIMINAL	406	286	120	415	299	116

TABLE A-6

LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED
IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND
JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

	FILED			TERMINATED		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
TOTAL-SIXTH CIRCUIT	8056	7253	803	6130	5709	421
LAW	2265	2098	167	1336	1273	63
EQUITY	4483	4483	XXX	3632	3632	XXX
CRIMINAL	1308	672	636	1162	804	358
FREDERICK COUNTY	1270	1124	146	1372	1238	134
LAW	284	255	29	237	223	14
EQUITY	705	705	XXX	873	873	XXX
CRIMINAL	281	164	117	262	142	120
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	6786	6129	657	4758	4471	287
LAW	1981	1843	138	1099	1050	49
EQUITY	3778	3778	XXX	2759	2759	XXX
CRIMINAL	1027	508	519	900	662	238

TABLE A-7

**LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED
IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND
JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974**

	FILED			TERMINATED		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
TOTAL-SEVENTH CIRCUIT	11,916	11,154	762	11,290	10,549	741
LAW	2762	2576	186	3192	2950	242
EQUITY	6630	6630	XXX	5792	5792	XXX
CRIMINAL	2524	1948	576	2306	1807	499
CALVERT COUNTY	585	551	34	443	414	29
LAW	148	134	14	150	140	10
EQUITY	294	294	XXX	202	202	XXX
CRIMINAL	143	123	20	91	72	19
CHARLES COUNTY	913	855	58	947	865	82
LAW	170	158	12	206	182	24
EQUITY	407	407	XXX	424	424	XXX
CRIMINAL	336	290	46	317	259	58
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	9606	8978	628	9201	8604	597
LAW	2277	2134	143	2708	2507	201
EQUITY	5503	5503	XXX	4818	4818	XXX
CRIMINAL	1826	1341	485	1675	1279	396
ST. MARY'S COUNTY	812	770	42	699	666	33
LAW	167	150	17	128	121	7
EQUITY	426	426	XXX	348	348	XXX
CRIMINAL	219	194	25	223	197	26

TABLE A-8

**LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED
IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MARYLAND
JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974**

	FILED			TERMINATED		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
TOTAL-EIGHTH CIRCUIT BALTIMORE CITY	31,437	28,143	3294	34,627	30,431	4196
TOTAL-LAW COURTS	6170	5312	858	9312	8086	1226
SUPERIOR COURT	3727	3484	243	6372	6121	251
COMMON PLEAS	736	719	17	644	635	9
BALTIMORE CITY	1707	1109	598	2296	1330	966
TOTAL-EQUITY COURTS	11,437	11,437	XXX	9151	9151	XXX
CIRCUIT COURT	4241	4241	XXX	3733	3733	XXX
CIRCUIT COURT No. 2	7196	7196	XXX	5418	5418	XXX
TOTAL-CRIMINAL COURTS	13,830	11,394	2436	16,164	13,194	2970

**LAW, CRIMINAL AND EQUITY CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED
IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND
JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974**

	FILED			TERMINATED		
	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS	CASES AND APPEALS	CASES	APPEALS
TOTAL-STATE OF MARYLAND	78,519	71,313	7206	78,621	70,958	7663
LAW	17,505	15,573	1932	20,616	18,316	2300
EQUITY	36,411	36,411	XXX	31,438	31,438	XXX
CRIMINAL	24,603	19,329	5274	26,567	21,204	5363

TABLE B-1

DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

	STATE		FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT							
	ALL JUDICIAL CIRCUITS		DORCHESTER		SOMERSET		WICOMICO		WORCESTER	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
LAW (TOTAL)	17,505	100.0	90	100.0	64	100.0	167	100.0	369	100.0
MOTOR TORT	6523	37.3	10	11.1	22	34.4	41	24.5	15	4.1
OTHER TORT*	2138	12.2	3	3.3	1	1.6	9	5.4	0	0.0
CONTRACT	3385	19.3	10	11.1	9	14.0	53	31.7	87	23.5
CONFESSED JUDGMENTS	1247	7.1	6	6.7	16	25.0	27	16.2	116	31.4
CONDEMNATION	585	3.4	1	1.1	1	1.6	2	1.2	4	1.1
OTHER LAW**	1168	6.7	42	46.7	10	15.6	16	9.6	133	36.1
HABEAS CORPUS	527	3.0	4	4.4	1	1.6	1	0.6	0	0.0
APPEALS—										
DISTRICT COURT	879	5.0	1	1.1	0	0.0	6	3.6	10	2.7
ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES	1053	6.0	13	14.5	4	6.2	12	7.2	4	1.1
EQUITY (TOTAL)	36,411	100.0	286	100.0	232	100.0	633	100.0	387	100.0
ADOPTION***	2568	7.0	7	2.4	7	3.0	47	7.4	21	5.4
DIVORCE	20,890	57.4	152	53.1	144	62.1	392	61.9	135	34.9
PATERNITY	4506	12.4	84	29.4	33	14.2	81	12.8	26	6.7
FORECLOSURE	1412	3.9	21	7.4	10	4.3	47	7.4	127	32.8
OTHER EQUITY	7035	19.3	22	7.7	38	16.4	66	10.5	78	20.2
CRIMINAL (TOTAL)	24,603	100.0	139	100.0	101	100.0	441	100.0	235	100.0
DESERTION	2016	8.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER CRIMINAL	16,865	68.6	68	48.9	52	51.5	333	75.5	199	84.7
APPEALS—										
MOTOR VEHICLE	2782	11.3	13	9.4	4	3.9	39	8.9	22	9.4
CRIMINAL	2492	10.1	55	39.6	41	40.7	56	12.7	12	5.1
POST CONVICTION	448	1.8	3	2.1	4	3.9	13	2.9	2	0.8

* Includes 402 Consent Cases.

** Includes 87 Defective Delinquent Cases.

*** Includes 325 Petitions For Guardianship.

TABLE B-2

DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

	SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT									
	CAROLINE		CECIL		KENT		QUEEN ANNE'S		TALBOT	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
LAW (TOTAL)	61	100.0	279	100.0	61	100.0	58	100.0	84	100.0
MOTOR TORT	9	14.8	41	14.7	7	11.5	16	27.6	12	14.3
OTHER TORT	7	11.5	6	2.2	2	3.3	4	6.9	6	7.1
CONTRACT	16	26.2	36	12.9	15	24.6	19	32.8	3	3.6
CONFESSED JUDGMENTS	16	26.2	61	21.9	12	19.7	11	19.0	28	33.3
CONDEMNATION	0	0.0	7	2.5	0	0.0	1	1.7	1	1.2
OTHER LAW	8	13.1	107	38.3	14	22.9	1	1.7	22	26.2
HABEAS CORPUS	1	1.6	3	1.1	0	0.0	2	3.4	1	1.2
APPEALS—										
DISTRICT COURT	2	3.3	8	2.9	2	3.3	1	1.7	3	3.6
ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES	2	3.3	10	3.5	9	14.7	3	5.2	8	9.5
EQUITY (TOTAL)	183	100.0	631	100.0	191	100.0	129	100.0	209	100.0
ADOPTION	11	6.0	54	8.6	14	7.3	13	10.0	10	4.8
DIVORCE	88	48.1	415	65.8	121	63.4	64	49.6	111	53.1
PATERNITY	28	15.3	54	8.6	14	7.3	6	4.7	29	13.9
FORECLOSURE	9	4.9	23	3.6	10	5.2	6	4.7	6	2.9
OTHER EQUITY	47	25.7	85	13.4	32	16.8	40	31.0	53	25.3
CRIMINAL (TOTAL)	40	100.0	281	100.0	79	100.0	100	100.0	93	100.0
DESERTION	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER CRIMINAL	25	62.5	198	70.5	72	91.1	78	78.0	64	68.8
APPEALS—										
MOTOR VEHICLE	4	10.0	30	10.7	0	0.0	6	6.0	17	18.3
CRIMINAL	7	17.5	49	17.4	7	8.9	13	13.0	12	12.9
POST CONVICTION	4	10.0	4	1.4	0	0.0	3	3.0	0	0.0

TABLE B-3

DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

	THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT				FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT					
	BALTIMORE		HARFORD		ALLEGANY		GARRETT		WASHINGTON	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
LAW (TOTAL)	2299	100.0	400	100.0	232	100.0	88	100.0	279	100.0
MOTOR TORT	930	40.5	141	35.3	37	16.0	9	10.2	66	23.7
OTHER TORT	282	12.3	21	5.2	29	12.5	0	0.0	17	6.1
CONTRACT	490	21.3	68	17.0	22	9.5	1	1.1	89	31.9
CONFESSED JUDGMENTS	79	3.4	49	12.3	80	34.5	11	12.5	30	10.8
CONDEMNATION	75	3.2	8	2.0	18	7.8	3	3.5	5	1.8
OTHER LAW	61	2.7	70	17.5	4	1.7	63	71.6	20	7.1
HABEAS CORPUS	74	3.2	4	1.0	1	0.4	0	0.0	15	5.3
APPEALS—										
DISTRICT COURT	187	8.1	21	5.2	27	11.6	0	0.0	18	6.5
ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES	121	5.3	18	4.5	14	6.0	1	1.1	19	6.8
EQUITY (TOTAL)	4738	100.0	940	100.0	548	100.0	166	100.0	723	100.0
ADOPTION	372	7.9	81	8.6	73	13.3	13	7.8	80	11.1
DIVORCE	2984	63.0	494	52.6	354	64.6	92	55.4	460	63.6
PATERNITY	198	4.2	35	3.7	28	5.1	0	0.0	56	7.7
FORECLOSURE	105	2.2	38	4.0	13	2.4	12	7.2	17	2.4
OTHER EQUITY	1079	22.7	292	31.1	80	14.6	49	29.6	110	15.2
CRIMINAL (TOTAL)	2252	100.0	384	100.0	272	100.0	79	100.0	446	100.0
DESERTION	225	10.0	0	0.0	25	9.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER CRIMINAL	1451	64.4	311	81.0	123	45.2	65	82.2	347	77.8
APPEALS—										
MOTOR VEHICLE	369	16.4	42	10.9	29	10.7	11	13.9	43	9.6
CRIMINAL	173	7.7	24	6.3	95	34.9	2	2.6	50	11.2
POST CONVICTION	34	1.5	7	1.8	0	0.0	1	1.3	6	1.4

TABLE B-4

DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

	FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT						SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT			
	ANNE ARUNDEL		CARROLL		HOWARD		FREDERICK		MONTGOMERY	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
LAW (TOTAL)	979	100.0	249	100.0	549	100.0	284	100.0	1981	100.0
MOTOR TORT	339	34.6	28	11.3	99	18.0	90	31.7	613	30.9
OTHER TORT	93	9.5	26	10.4	21	3.8	25	8.8	254	12.8
CONTRACT	253	25.9	27	10.9	336	43.0	76	26.8	780	39.4
CONFESSED JUDGMENTS	49	5.0	129	51.8	95	17.3	43	15.1	104	5.2
CONDEMNATION	66	6.8	6	2.4	7	1.3	5	1.8	33	1.7
OTHER LAW	53	5.4	3	1.2	18	3.3	14	4.9	36	1.8
HABEAS CORPUS	9	0.9	7	2.8	16	2.9	2	0.7	23	1.2
APPEALS—										
DISTRICT COURT	59	6.0	12	4.8	41	7.5	15	5.3	71	3.6
ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES	58	5.9	11	4.4	16	2.9	14	4.9	67	3.4
EQUITY (TOTAL)	2833	100.0	477	100.0	555	100.0	705	100.0	3778	100.0
ADOPTION	227	8.0	50	10.5	54	9.7	55	7.8	286	7.6
DIVORCE	1786	63.0	333	69.8	372	67.0	447	63.4	2244	59.4
PATERNITY	239	8.4	1	0.2	0	0.0	68	9.6	41	1.1
FORECLOSURE	124	4.4	15	3.1	16	2.9	30	4.3	11	1.6
OTHER EQUITY	457	16.2	78	16.4	113	20.4	105	14.9	1131	30.3
CRIMINAL (TOTAL)	1394	100.0	199	100.0	406	100.0	281	100.0	1027	100.0
DESERTION	183	13.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER CRIMINAL	971	69.7	144	72.3	277	68.2	162	57.6	498	48.5
APPEALS—										
MOTOR VEHICLE	120	8.6	26	13.1	69	17.0	53	18.9	242	23.6
CRIMINAL	107	7.7	28	14.1	51	12.6	64	22.8	277	27.0
POST CONVICTION	13	0.9	1	0.5	9	2.2	2	0.7	10	0.9

TABLE B-5

DISTRIBUTION, WITH PERCENTAGES, OF CASES AND APPEALS FILED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND
JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

	SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT				EIGHTH *	
	CALVERT	CHARLES	PRINCE GEORGES	ST. MARY'S	BALTIMORE CITY	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
LAW (TOTAL)	148	100.0	170	100.0	167	100.0
MOTOR TORT	53	35.8	59	34.7	41	24.5
OTHER TORT	8	5.4	21	12.4	7	4.2
CONTRACT	16	10.8	41	24.1	30	18.0
CONFESED JUDGMENTS	12	8.1	14	8.2	17	10.2
CONDEMNATION	2	1.4	15	8.8	10	6.0
OTHER LAW	43	29.1	6	3.5	45	26.9
HABEAS CORPUS	0	0.0	2	1.2	0	0.0
APPEALS--						
DISTRICT COURT	0	0.0	5	3.0	8	4.8
ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES	14	9.4	7	4.1	9	5.4
EQUITY (TOTAL)	294	100.0	407	100.0	426	100.0
ADOPTION	15	5.1	37	9.1	43	10.1
DIVORCE	92	31.3	215	52.8	288	67.6
PATERNITY	56	19.1	18	4.4	11	2.6
FORECLOSURE	13	4.4	22	5.4	25	5.9
OTHER EQUITY	118	40.1	115	28.3	59	13.8
CRIMINAL (TOTAL)	143	100.0	336	100.0	219	100.0
DESERTION	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER CRIMINAL	118	82.5	289	86.0	192	87.7
APPEALS--						
MOTOR VEHICLE	8	5.6	28	8.3	10	4.6
CRIMINAL	12	8.4	18	5.4	15	6.8
POST CONVICTION	5	3.5	1	0.3	2	0.9

* Eighth Judicial Circuit.

DISTRIBUTION OF CASES FILED IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

	STYLOT	Baltimore City	St. Mary's	Prince George's	Calvert	Montgomery	Frederick	Howard	Ilford	Arundel	Washington	Garrett	Allegany	Hartford	Baltimore	TOTAL	St. Anne's	Kent	Cecil	Carroll	Worcester	Wicomico	Somerset	Dorchester
LAW - TOTALS	17,505	6170	167	2277	170	1981	284	549	249	979	279	88	232	400	2299	84	58	61	279	61	369	167	64	90
TORT:	6523	2935	41	910	59	613	90	99	28	335	66	9	37	141	930	12	16	7	41	9	15	41	22	10
Motor Tort	1736	605	6	429	18	241	20	20	22	89	10	0	23	11	209	9	3	1	5	4	0	6	1	1
Other Tort	402	225	1	37	3	13	5	1	4	4	7	0	9	10	73	0	1	1	1	3	0	3	0	2
Consent Cases	3385	699	30	309	41	780	76	236	27	253	89	1	22	68	490	6	19	15	16	36	87	53	9	10
CONTRACT	1247	159	0	83	14	104	43	95	4	49	30	0	80	2	79	28	0	0	61	16	116	27	16	6
CONFESED JUDGMENTS	72	3	0	2	2	32	2	2	2	4	0	0	18	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motions to Strike*	585	222	10	93	15	33	5	7	6	66	5	3	4	8	75	1	1	0	7	0	4	2	1	1
CONDEMNATION	1081	147	45	191	5	23	12	14	3	43	17	63	4	69	49	22	1	14	107	8	133	16	10	42
OTHER LAW	374	235	0	25	2	20	2	14	6	5	9	0	1	4	39	0	2	0	3	1	0	1	0	4
HABEAS CORPUS	153	85	0	16	0	3	0	2	1	4	6	0	0	1	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Writs by Prisoners	87	[67]**	0	41	1	13	2	4	0	10	3	0	0	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	879	313	8	69	5	71	15	41	12	59	18	0	27	21	187	3	1	2	2	10	6	0	0	1
DEFECTIVE DELINQUENT	1053	545	9	74	7	67	14	16	11	58	19	1	14	18	121	8	3	9	10	2	4	12	4	13
APPEALS:																								
From District Court																								
From Administrative Agencies																								
EQUITY - TOTALS	36,411	11,437	426	5503	407	3778	705	555	477	2883	723	166	548	940	4738	209	129	191	631	183	387	633	232	286
ADOPTION	2243	440	37	396	31	241	46	54	43	208	61	13	61	69	372	10	11	10	48	9	21	36	5	6
Petitions for Guardianship	325	105	6	57	6	45	9	0	7	19	19	0	12	12	0	0	2	4	6	2	0	11	2	1
DIVORCE, NULLITY, MAINTENANCE	20,890	5042	288	4065	215	2244	447	372	333	1786	460	92	354	494	2984	111	64	121	415	88	135	392	144	152
PATERNITY PETITIONS	4506	3314	11	86	18	41	68	1	1	239	56	0	28	35	198	29	6	14	54	28	26	81	33	84
FORECLOSURE	1412	445	25	215	22	63	30	16	15	124	17	12	13	38	105	6	10	23	9	47	47	10	21	21
OTHER	7035	2091	59	684	115	1144	105	113	78	457	110	49	80	292	1079	53	40	32	85	47	78	66	38	22
CRIMINAL - TOTALS	24,603	13,830	219	1826	336	1027	281	406	199	1394	446	79	272	384	2252	93	100	79	281	40	235	441	101	139
DESERTION AND NON-SUPPORT	2016	1583	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	183	0	0	25	0	225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER CRIMINAL	16,865	9530	192	1298	289	498	162	277	144	971	347	65	123	311	1451	64	78	72	198	25	199	333	52	68
APPEALS FROM DISTRICT COURT:																								
Motor Vehicle	2782	1409	10	188	28	242	53	69	26	120	43	11	29	42	369	17	6	0	30	4	22	39	4	13
Criminal	2492	1027	15	297	18	277	64	51	28	107	50	2	95	24	173	12	13	7	49	7	12	56	41	55
POST CONVICTION	448	281	2	43	1	10	2	9	1	13	6	1	0	7	34	0	3	0	4	4	2	13	4	3

* Not Included in Totals.

** Not Included in Total. Reported under "Other Criminal" category.

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* Not included in total. Reported under "Other Criminal" category.

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	1966-67		1967-68		1968-69		1969-70		1970-71		1971-72		1972-73		1973-74	
	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T
FIRST CIRCUIT																
Dorchester	133	102	170	148	148	153	158	121	134	130	78	87	102	96	90	111
Somerset	171	169	102	143	92	95	138	134	145	135	71	91	61	80	64	54
Wicomico	263	278	317	279	285	299	260	276	246	255	164	206	222	180	167	164
Worcester	198	210	177	167	184	177	217	223	230	220	138	167	181	140	369	325
SECOND CIRCUIT																
Caroline	93	97	122	108	143	113	176	173	202	205	62	117	73	86	61	65
Cecil	534	459	557	493	642	589	550	544	441	460	264	526	278	410	279	455
Kent	116	107	132	116	120	119	125	135	139	126	97	155	65	64	61	63
Queen Anne's	144	151	120	127	153	155	141	150	135	151	95	129	53	64	58	58
Talbot	149	142	120	130	123	118	149	194	120	111	116	116	88	99	84	120
THIRD CIRCUIT																
Baltimore	2425	2843	2593	4540	2595	2488	2750	2762	2817	2862	2304	2893	2411	2468	2299	2302
Harford	597	495	587	553	617	724	543	464	490	482	362	424	365	394	400	433
FOURTH CIRCUIT																
Allegany	554	457	530	664	479	464	501	416	147	590	279	307	241	278	232	176
Garrert	186	187	146	138	159	170	133	136	108	111	93	112	67	77	88	88
Washington	562	524	544	196	469	221	587	323	549	418	335	338	324	315	279	346
FIFTH CIRCUIT																
Anne Arundel	1530	1316	1465	2135	1542	1269	1461	1300	1494	1853	1067	1211	1104	1116	979	1124
Carroll	408	409	480	457	556	552	525	512	426	456	262	293	266	288	249	265
Howard	584	536	488	421	507	471	529	498	533	492	468	512	505	462	549	627
SIXTH CIRCUIT																
Frederick	464	380	375	356	332	326	362	399	351	338	235	389	210	214	284	237
Montgomery	3185	2359	3606	3293	3530	2910	4042	3450	3413	2972	2049	2019	1896	1293	1981	1099
SEVENTH CIRCUIT																
Calvert	262	220	257	219	295	250	329	360	363	388	205	259	153	179	148	150
Charles	295	291	310	310	350	319	345	320	441	357	228	305	191	219	170	206
Prince George's	3116	3384	2803	2590	2757	2808	3089	2951	3122	2521	2173	2035	2245	2787	2277	2708
St. Mary's	224															

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TABLE D-2

COMPARATIVE TABLE
EQUITY CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED*

	1966-67		1967-68		1968-69		1969-70		1970-71		1971-72		1972-73		1973-74	
	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T
FIRST CIRCUIT																
Dorchester	219	198	257	211	260	311	231	198	242	303	251	235	311	310	286	298
Somerset	200	202	160	152	151	171	188	149	209	151	196	160	249	183	232	194
Wicomico	519	528	515	451	579	458	560	696	556	595	607	535	635	559	633	622
Worcester	184	160	208	192	193	204	204	206	283	261	261	248	291	240	387	377
SECOND CIRCUIT																
Caroline	94	78	106	154	134	148	108	103	136	134	162	143	205	215	183	237
Cecil	389	334	433	327	430	321	473	326	439	371	503	697	579	799	631	803
Kent	134	135	138	123	138	143	136	152	149	173	174	192	161	137	191	204
Queen Anne's	135	105	120	194	125	110	117	108	124	130	99	108	131	123	129	117
Talbot	154	127	180	132	171	143	194	394	215	166	203	248	239	214	209	269
THIRD CIRCUIT																
Baltimore	2708	2430	2991	2544	2847	2813	3170	3010	3490	2755	4076	6967	4292	4130	4738	4179
Harford	620	573	664	570	697	1122	753	692	780	771	789	653	859	740	940	729
FOURTH CIRCUIT																
Allegany	517	432	513	465	532	533	556	702	615	540	643	504	602	576	548	539
Garrett	135	99	114	120	120	129	136	130	117	128	236	152	171	196	166	150
Washington	649	551	649	596	666	1168	786	664	706	606	724	617	803	671	723	652
FIFTH CIRCUIT																
Anne Arundel	1554	1222	1699	2116	1731	1799	1879	1783	1994	1793	2268	2145	2669	2651	2833	2378
Carroll	253	373	281	274	297	251	361	444	310	305	401	345	393	395	477	356
Howard	286	212	290	176	316	186	272	197	340	248	396	328	446	369	555	759
SIXTH CIRCUIT																
Frederick	463	428	504	402	508	481	577	649	614	647	668	700	667	604	705	873
Montgomery	2059	2485	2237	2250	2412	2245	2544	2553	2751	2480	2916	2800	4220	3636	3778	2759
SEVENTH CIRCUIT																
Calvert	129	133	189	183	174	171	222	194	248	300	239	226	246	201	294	202
Charles	214	237	208	213	242	258	228	185	241	202	272	243	372	334	407	424
Prince George's	3507	3712	3837	3348	4039	4435	4079	4077	4264	3828	4786	4385	4917	4625	5503	4818
St. Mary's	288	224	357	788	385	392	428	370	398	349	413	471	359	282	426	348
EIGHTH CIRCUIT																
Baltimore City	7754	6835	8361	7455	8002	7135	8325	7271	11328	10555	10287	9496	10478	9329	11437	9151
STATE	23164	21813	25011	23436	25149	25087	26527	25253	30549	27791	31570	32598	34295	31519	36411	31438

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TABLE D-3

COMPARATIVE TABLE
CRIMINAL CASES
FILED AND TERMINATED*

	1966-67		1967-68		1968-69		1969-70		1970-71		1971-72		1972-73		1973-74	
	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T
FIRST CIRCUIT																
Dorchester	111	123	143	124	136	129	138	149	119	131	128	76	118	114	139	132
Somerset	75	87	87	155	79	53	133	85	57	141	98	81	109	112	101	84
Wicomico	485	501	287	363	233	232	203	220	481	531	375	295	297	314	441	328
Worcester	280	226	238	248	219	207	181	196	232	224	263	180	293	334	235	313
SECOND CIRCUIT																
Caroline	33	50	44	45	88	79	37	47	62	45	43	51	33	44	40	38
Cecil	188	206	205	210	205	212	271	244	248	201	198	216	194	249	281	249
Kent	142	129	121	132	171	175	217	199	109	105	73	94	80	76	79	94
Queen Anne's	61	65	102	102	93	60	127	133	103	132	59	54	76	60	100	94
Talbot	102	73	79	109	52	40	133	65	109	123	87	148	64	75	93	85
THIRD CIRCUIT																
Baltimore	1954	1971	2009	2335	2036	2072	2424	2381	3023	2645	2596	2258	2305	2102	2252	2248
Harford	222	235	229	187	349	349	334	322	341	299	332	369	396	348	384	354
FOURTH CIRCUIT																
Allegany	373	354	372	388	271	301	424	402	292	311	198	196	266	271	272	218
Garrett	64	49	85	97	62	52	91	82	135	136	77	85	78	67	79	66
Washington	335	289	270	214	221	190	229	186	332	288	234	265	301	359	446	448
FIFTH CIRCUIT																
Anne Arundel	883	873	1048	892	1274	1030	1277	1329	1413	1444	1144	1080	1301	1260	1394	1427
Carroll	136	128	156	146	138	143	261	271	235	220	230	193	355	250	199	341
Howard	293	320	299	244	322	228	351	309	328	260	441	344	375	575	406	415
SIXTH CIRCUIT																
Frederick	156	129	173	160	201	183	147	204	224	216	196	163	174	159	281	262
Montgomery	789	480	868	1002	757	695	1000	859	865	1111	669	565	946	612	1027	900
SEVENTH CIRCUIT																
Calvert	218	213	195	219	161	170	168	157	232	257	98	124	117	108	143	91
Charles	233	249	263	239	266	268	241	219	273	225	166	232	312	216	336	317
Prince George's	1661	1623	1926	1943	1955	1995	2402	1981	2527	2400	1265	1727	1372	1058	1826	1675
St. Mary's	219	340	175	180	238	236	245	207	165	226	185	167	251	227	219	223
EIGHTH CIRCUIT																
Baltimore City	10161	8978	12220	10234	13753	12092	13940	12989	10403	14370	11391	9643	11268	11543	13830	16164
STATE	19173	17691	21594	19968	23280	21191	24974	23336	22308	26041	20546	18606	21081	20533	24603	26567

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TABLE E

LAW AND CRIMINAL CASES TRIED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND *

JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

CIRCUITS		LAW						CRIMINAL		
		MOTOR TORT	OTHER TORT	CONDEM- NATION	CONTRACT	OTHER LAW	TOTALS		TOTALS	
							JURY	NON- JURY	JURY	NON- JURY
F I R S T	DORCHESTER COUNTY	5	0	0	7	25	37 5	32	128 53	75
	SOMERSET COUNTY	0	0	0	3	4	7 1	6	39 12	27
	WICOMICO COUNTY	2	2	1	16	19	40 5	35	285 4	281
	WORCESTER COUNTY	0	0	1	2	8	11 2	9	125 5	120
S E C O N D	CAROLINE COUNTY	3	0	3	5	0	11 6	5	26 7	19
	CECIL COUNTY	8	2	2	4	17	33 16	17	152 47	105
	KENT COUNTY	2	1	0	6	7	16 6	10	77 21	56
	QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY	0	0	0	5	1	6 3	3	66 21	45
	TALBOT COUNTY	2	6	2	10	22	42 9	33	89 9	80
T H I R D	BALTIMORE COUNTY	152	80	40	134	181	587 161	426	1943 103	1840
	HARFORD COUNTY	24	4	0	10	35	73 21	52	276 36	240
F O U R T H	ALLEGANY COUNTY	5	14	1	1	7	28 15	13	154 28	126
	GARRETT COUNTY	8	0	1	0	11	20 2	18	58 8	50
	WASHINGTON COUNTY	15	2	1	3	21	42 14	28	343 62	281

* APPEALS INCLUDED

TABLE E (continued)

LAW AND CRIMINAL CASES TRIED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND *

JULY 1, 1973 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974

CIRCUITS		LAW						CRIMINAL		
		MOTOR TORT	OTHER TORT	CONDEM- NATION	CONTRACT	OTHER LAW	TOTALS		TOTALS	
							JURY	NON- JURY	JURY	NON- JURY
F I F T H	ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY	74	15	23	38	92	<u>242</u> 110	132	<u>1155</u> 79	1076
	CARROLL COUNTY	3	7	1	7	12	<u>30</u> 10	20	<u>358</u> 20	338
	HOWARD COUNTY	17	2	8	40	39	<u>106</u> 15	91	<u>258</u> 17	241
S I X T H	FREDERICK COUNTY	8	11	2	2	7	<u>30</u> 15	15	<u>203</u> 21	182
	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	90	40	6	63	82	<u>281</u> 159	122	<u>567</u> 124	443
S , E V E N T H	CALVERT COUNTY	13	12	0	9	4	<u>38</u> 20	18	<u>32</u> 16	16
	CHARLES COUNTY	23	4	3	6	17	<u>53</u> 28	25	<u>162</u> 29	133
	PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	124	103	19	14	500	<u>760</u> 246	514	<u>1518</u> 219	1299
	ST. MARY'S COUNTY	10	3	2	2	14	<u>31</u> 11	20	<u>215</u> 19	196
8 T H	BALTIMORE CITY	560	92	40	186	276	<u>1154</u> 381	773	<u>9684</u> 774	8910
T O T A L	STATE	1148	400	156	573	1401	<u>3678</u> 1261	2417	<u>17,913</u> 1734	16,179

* APPEALS INCLUDED

TABLE F-1

AGE OF LAW CASES TRIED

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

	Totals	Less than 3 mos	3-5	6-11	12-17	18-23	24-29	30-35	36-41	42-47	48-53	54-59	Over 60
FIRST CIRCUIT													
Dorchester	37	13	9	6	3	1	2		1	2			2
Somerset	7		1	3							1		
Wicomico	40	7	17	6	5	2	1	1	1				
Worcester	11			6	1	2				1			
SECOND CIRCUIT													
Caroline	11	2	5	4									
Cecil	33	5	8	14	1	5							
Kent	16	4	3	9									
Queen Anne's	6		2	3	1								
Talbot	42	8	11	9	6	3	1	1				1	2
THIRD CIRCUIT													
Baltimore	587	143	84	107	86	70	29	19	18	7	7	5	12
Harford	73	7	17	6	14	10	10	3		2	2	1	1
FOURTH CIRCUIT													
Allegany	28	7	6	7	3	1	2	2					
Garrett	20	6	3	4		4	1		1			1	
Washington	42	10	7	11	5	4		2	1	2			
FIFTH CIRCUIT													
Anne Arundel	242	49	45	56	29	18	15	12	7	3	4		4
Carroll	30	7	2	8	7	4	2						
Howard	106	7	24	37	9	14	4	1	1	6	1		2
SIXTH CIRCUIT													
Frederick	30	2	2	1	2	10	11	2					
Montgomery	281	11	20	73	76	42	28	16	5	5	2	1	2
SEVENTH CIRCUIT													
Calvert	38	3	7	15	7	2	1	1	1				1
Charles	53	11	16	21	4	1							
Prince George's	760	277	137	217	70	15	20	4	13	4		1	2
St. Mary's	31	11	5	4	6	1	1	1		1	1		
EIGHTH CIRCUIT													
Baltimore City	1154	34	124	184	171	188	132	100	75	48	45	14	39
TOTAL CITY and COUNTIES	3678	624	555	811	506	397	260	165	124	81	63	25	67
Percentage		17.0	15.1	22.0	13.7	10.8	7.1	4.5	3.4	2.2	1.7	0.7	1.8
Cumulative Percentage			32.1	54.1	67.8	78.6	85.7	90.2	93.6	95.8	97.5	98.2	100.0

TABLE F-2

AGE OF EQUITY MATTERS HEARD

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

	Totals	Less than 3 mos	3-5	6-11	12-17	18-23	24-29	30-35	36-41	42-47	48-53	54-59	Over 60
FIRST CIRCUIT													
Dorchester	243	153	52	19	7	5	3	1	1				2
Somerset	22	17	2	2									1
Wicomico	60	24	13	10	2	1	4	1	1	1			3
Worcester	14	9	3	1	1								
SECOND CIRCUIT													
Caroline	21	12	6	3									
Cecil	329	243	41	41	1	1	1						1
Kent	34	21	5	8									
Queen Anne's	8	3	3	2									
Talbot	108	26	18	11	7	3	6	3	4	4	2	3	21
THIRD CIRCUIT													
Baltimore	1344	451	341	302	100	47	33	17	9	12	5	7	20
Harford	152	57	45	23	13	7		4		3			
FOURTH CIRCUIT													
Allegany	126	29	26	21	7	12	6	5	10	3	1	1	5
Garrett	49	19	11	11	6					1			1
Washington	390	218	84	40	14	15	7	2	3	2	2		5
FIFTH CIRCUIT													
Anne Arundel	557	126	143	131	49	24	22	18	12	9	4	2	17
Carroll	160	82	33	27	11	4	2						1
Howard	158	25	27	55	17	11	11	4	1	2	1	3	1
SIXTH CIRCUIT													
Frederick	82	54	16	7	4	1							
Montgomery	381	34	70	130	55	28	17	6	5	7	5	4	20
SEVENTH CIRCUIT													
Calvert	7	1	4	2									
Charles	100	60	27	8	2			1	6	1			1
Prince George's	1185	622	228	201	66	30	17	4		4		1	6
St. Mary's	89	37	27	20	3	2							
EIGHTH CIRCUIT													
Baltimore City	854	352	238	156	47	18	13	9	6	3	3	1	8
TOTAL CITY and COUNTIES	6473	2675	1463	1231	412	209	142	75	58	50	23	22	113
Percentage		41.3	22.6	19.0	6.4	3.2	2.2	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.3	1.7
Cumulative Percentage			63.9	82.9	89.3	92.5	94.7	95.9	96.8	97.6	98.0	98.3	100.0

TABLE F-3

AGE OF CRIMINAL CASES TRIED

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

	Totals	Less than										Over
		1 mo.	2 mos.	3 mos.	4 mos.	5 mos.	6 mos.	1 year	2 years	3 years	3 years	
FIRST CIRCUIT												
Dorchester	128	54	33	26	11		1	2	1			
Somerset	39	5	15	6	4	3		6				
Wicomico	285	70	87	43	28	15	16	24	1	1		
Worcester	125	4	29	20	19	13	9	26	4			1
SECOND CIRCUIT												
Caroline	26	4	4	10	4	2		2				
Cecil	152	24	49	39	18	6	4	11	1			
Kent	77	23	26	9	13	1	2	3				
Queen Anne's	66	8	27	16	7	3		3		2		
Talbot	89	11	18	12	9	11	6	12	4	2		4
THIRD CIRCUIT												
Baltimore	1943	368	402	341	222	157	93	249	88	16		7
Harford	276	23	24	19	28	33	35	87	21	2		4
FOURTH CIRCUIT												
Allegany	154	59	43	28	14	3	2	4		1		
Garrett	58	27	10	8	4	1	2	6				
Washington	343	90	126	58	22	15	2	20	4	6		
FIFTH CIRCUIT												
Anne Arundel	1155	52	322	256	121	55	58	180	58	23		30
Carroll	358	39	35	60	81	53	25	51	11	3		
Howard	258	10	27	31	28	27	31	74	24	5		1
SIXTH CIRCUIT												
Frederick	203	52	65	46	20	7		10	3			
Montgomery	567	14	27	58	72	67	70	155	90	8		6
SEVENTH CIRCUIT												
Calvert	32		2	9	4	6	1	9	1			
Charles	162	20	42	49	11	25	5	6	2	1		1
Prince George's	1518	264	194	353	241	112	94	189	51	11		9
St. Mary's	215	20	37	42	37	20	20	29	10			
EIGHTH CIRCUIT												
Baltimore City	9684	1354	1173	1153	1116	916	763	2285	849	56		19
TOTAL CITY and COUNTIES	17,913	2595	2817	2692	2134	1551	1239	3443	1223	137		82
Percentage		14.5	15.7	15.0	11.9	8.7	6.9	19.2	6.8	0.8		0.5
Cumulative Percentage			30.2	45.2	57.1	65.8	72.7	91.9	98.7	99.5		100.0

TABLE G-1

JUVENILE CAUSES FILED AND TERMINATED
IN THE COURTS OF MARYLAND

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

	FILED				TERMINATED			
	Total	Delinquency	Dependency and Neglect	Adult	Total	Delinquency	Dependency and Neglect	Adult
FIRST CIRCUIT - TOTAL	521	402	116	3	513	399	114	0
Dorchester County ^a	172	136	36	0	161	126	35	0
Somerset County	54	30	21	3	48	29	19	0
Wicomico County ^a	202	155	47	0	219	173	46	0
Worcester County ^a	93	81	12	0	85	71	14	0
SECOND CIRCUIT - TOTAL	497	268	224	5	516	270	238	8
Caroline County ^a	41	28	13	0	55	32	19	4
Cecil County ^a	179	122	55	2	183	120	61	2
Kent County ^a	71	47	23	1	70	45	24	1
Queen Anne's County ^a	110	21	89	0	110	19	91	0
Talbot County ^a	96	50	44	2	98	54	43	1
THIRD CIRCUIT - TOTAL	2363	1701	657	5	2412	1757	651	4
Baltimore County ^a	1918	1413	500	5	1968	1470	494	4
Harford County ^a	445	288	157	0	444	287	157	0
FOURTH CIRCUIT - TOTAL	1023	657	353	13	1056	704	327	25
Allegany County ^a	343	211	132	0	355	223	120	12
Garrett County ^a	102	65	25	12	89	57	20	12
Washington County ^a	578	381	196	1	612	424	187	1
FIFTH CIRCUIT - TOTAL	1916	1570	342	4	1861	1515	342	4
Anne Arundel County ^a	1375	1125	246	4	1278	1050	224	4
Carroll County ^a	233	180	53	0	200	146	54	0
Howard County ^a	308	265	43	0	383	319	64	0
SIXTH CIRCUIT - TOTAL	2297	1781	480	36	2078	1498	556	24
Frederick County ^a	209	150	59	0	234	126	108	0
Montgomery County ^{a-b}	2088	1631	421	36	1844	1372	448	24
SEVENTH CIRCUIT - TOTAL	5038	4104	921	13	5016	4012	995	9
Calvert County	123	105	17	1	94	86	8	0
Charles County ^a	282	177	97	8	260	151	103	6
Prince George's County ^a	4361	3577	780	4	4399	3554	842	3
St. Mary's County ^a	272	245	27	0	263	221	42	0
EIGHTH CIRCUIT								
Baltimore City ^a	10,872	9624	1248	0	9332	8058	1274	0
STATE TOTALS	24,527	20,107	4341	79	22,784	18,213	4497	74

^{a/} "Child In Need of Supervision" and "Mentally Handicapped" Cases included with Dependency and Neglect.^{b/} Juvenile Causes heard at the District Court level.

TABLE G-2

COMPOSITE TABLE OF JUVENILE CAUSES
FILED AND TERMINATED IN THE
COURTS OF MARYLAND
1966 to 1974*

	1966-67		1967-68		1968-69		1969-70		1970-71		1971-72		1972-73		1973-74	
	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T	F	T
TOTALS	19348	19109	19063	17521	17886	18552	18335	18856	21916	19839	25498	21488	22871	21182	24527	22784
Allegany County	426	421	362	370	394	401	337	334	365	375	358	359	288	279	343	355
Anne Arundel County	1184	1240	976	900	1102	1180	1246	1145	1057	1481	1096	1124	1338	1460	1375	1278
Baltimore City	7325	7170	7255	5938	6448	6853	6434	6982	10333	7803	13754	9312	10773	9192	10872	9332
Baltimore County	3029	3126	2738	2635	2352	2421	2074	2067	2038	2030	1904	2072	1828	1838	1918	1968
Calvert County	30	37	79	70	68	73	60	42	68	61	81	95	107	90	123	94
Caroline County	64	60	55	61	96	96	72	72	56	60	64	60	44	45	41	55
Carroll County	120	126	130	107	137	130	118	125	132	145	161	167	139	134	233	200
Cecil County	212	185	152	106	206	204	190	163	190	246	199	268	154	152	179	183
Charles County	118	117	146	140	133	137	160	121	145	123	195	210	201	139	282	260
Dorchester County	153	131	103	97	139	131	117	107	95	92	114	131	155	158	172	161
Frederick County	80	90	55	52	73	72	109	104	88	91	140	132	164	166	209	234
Garrett County	67	58	75	81	68	71	48	43	119	119	102	88	116	115	102	89
Harford County	329	329	476	476	521	501	319	313	318	317	379	377	314	314	445	444
Howard County	133	133	201	190	290	253	285	232	289	298	318	413	264	203	308	383
Kent County	159	146	105	112	97	98	102	97	84	98	55	55	72	70	71	70
Montgomery County	1236	1181	1480	1251	1620	1626	1712	1877	1475	1634	1218	1350	1546	1378	2088	1844
Prince George's County	3636	3527	3603	3865	3092	3216	3751	3873	3767	3581	4085	4020	4061	4111	4361	4399
Queen Anne's County	40	40	85	106	154	151	153	138	191	172	125	127	73	83	110	110
St. Mary's County	61	54	147	119	172	223	134	130	112	121	204	167	200	212	272	263
Somerset County	70	65	57	60	37	40	42	47	73	73	59	62	62	69	54	48
Talbot County	115	131	83	82	52	37	40	45	78	61	64	66	57	58	96	98
Washington County	511	488	460	472	427	432	583	583	597	596	483	487	589	581	578	612
Wicomico County	173	179	132	123	147	146	139	127	151	159	229	224	234	242	202	219
Worcester County	73	75	108	108	66	55	110	89	100	103	112	122	53	93	93	85

*Year 1973-74 reflects period of July 1 - June 30.
Prior years reflect period of September 1 - August 31.

TABLE G-3

DELINQUENCY	a. Jurisdiction waived	b. Charge not sustained	c. Charge sustained - or by adjustment	d. Probation	e. Institutional Commitment	f. Commitment to public or private agency	g. Other conclusion or disposition	h. Fined	i. Sentence suspended	j. Sentenced	k. Elected trial by Criminal Court	l. Transferred to another county	m. Transferred from another county	TOTALS
Allegany	0	1	18	161	15	12	13	2	1	0	0	0	0	223
Anne Arundel	75	318	0	349	10	21	272	0	0	0	0	0	0	1050
Baltimore City	485	4311	0	2139	790	9	322	0	0	0	0	0	0	8038
Baltimore	57	257	0	592	215	2	346	0	0	0	0	0	1	1470
Calvert	2	3	38	37	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
Caroline	5	0	7	10	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
Carroll	12	60	0	68	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	146
Cecil	17	18	6	51	1	18	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	120
Charles	0	0	41	74	22	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	151
Dorchester	27	5	5	43	41	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	126
Frederick	10	32	0	65	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126
Garrett	11	1	0	28	11	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
Harford	2	0	0	141	36	5	102	1	0	0	0	0	0	287
Howard	16	73	57	62	36	8	18	17	0	0	0	0	22	319
Kent	7	0	7	20	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	45
Montgomery	13	620	0	246	71	136	220	0	66	0	0	0	0	1372
Prince George's	28	575	1	941	194	101	1701	0	0	0	0	2	11	3554
Queen Anne's	1	0	0	4	2	2	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	19
St. Mary's	0	14	0	109	28	4	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	221
Somerset	12	2	0	11	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Talbot	7	0	5	23	3	2	9	0	0	0	0	3	2	54
Washington	56	25	19	123	35	20	42	29	58	17	0	0	0	424
Wicomico	48	25	1	68	24	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	173
Worcester	13	3	11	32	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
State Totals	904	6343	216	5397	1561	379	3152	49	126	17	1	29	39	18,213

JUVENILE CAUSES DISPOSED OF

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

DEPENDENCY AND NEGLECT ^a	a. Jurisdiction waived	b. Charge not sustained	c. Charge sustained - dismissed with warning or by adjustment	d. Probation	e. Institutional Commitment	f. Commitment to public or private agency	g. Other conclusion or disposition	h. Fined	i. Sentence suspended	j. Sentenced	k. Elected trial by Criminal Court	l. Transferred to another county	m. Transferred from another county	TOTALS
Allegany	0	0	30	16	3	15	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
Anne Arundel	0	11	0	1	10	69	132	0	0	0	0	1	0	224
Baltimore City	0	266	0	11	30	475	490	0	0	0	0	2	0	1274
Baltimore	0	11	0	54	79	185	161	4	0	0	0	0	0	494
Calvert	0	0	1	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Caroline	0	0	3	0	0	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Carroll	0	10	0	0	5	23	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
Cecil	0	5	10	0	0	19	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
Charles	0	0	8	18	11	64	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	103
Dorchester	0	1	0	0	10	17	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Frederick	0	4	0	42	14	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	108
Garrett	0	0	0	1	4	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Harford	0	0	0	15	6	87	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	157
Howard	0	12	8	10	9	14	7	0	0	0	0	2	2	64
Kent	0	0	4	6	0	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Montgomery	0	88	0	44	9	295	11	0	1	0	0	0	0	448
Prince George's	0	87	1	91	26	448	184	0	0	0	0	0	5	842
Queen Anne's	0	1	0	0	2	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	91
St. Mary's	0	7	0	4	2	1	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
Somerset	0	0	1	0	0	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Talbot	0	0	0	6	6	12	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
Washington	9	4	8	31	9	68	38	0	20	0	0	0	0	187
Wicomico	0	4	0	0	1	21	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Worcester	0	1	1	1	0	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
State Totals	9	512	75	352	240	1911	1361	4	21	0	0	5	7	4497

a/ "Child In Need of Supervision" and "Mentally Handicapped" included.

TABLE G-3 (continued)

JUVENILE CAUSES DISPOSED OF

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

ADULT	a. Jurisdiction waived	b. Charge not sustained	c. Charge sustained - dismissed with warning or by adjustment	d. Probation	e. Institutional Commitment	f. Commitment to public or private agency	g. Other conclusion or disposition	h. Fined	i. Sentence suspended	j. Sentenced	k. Elected trial by Criminal Court	l. Transferred to another county	m. Transferred from another county	TOTALS
Allegany	0	0	4	2	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	12
Anne Arundel	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Baltimore City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Calvert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caroline	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Carroll	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cecil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Charles	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6
Dorchester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frederick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garrett	0	3	2	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Harford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Howard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Montgomery	4	13	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	24
Prince George's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Queen Anne's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Mary's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Somerset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Talbot	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Washington	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wicomico	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worcester	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Totals	6	20	11	10	5	3	10	0	3	0	6	0	0	74

TABLE G-3 (continued)

JUVENILE CAUSES DISPOSED OF

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

TABLE G-3 (continued)

TOTALS	a. Jurisdiction waived	b. Charge not sustained	c. Charge sustained - by adjustment	d. Probation	e. Institutional Commitment	f. Commitment to public or private agency	g. Other conclusion or disposition	h. Fined	i. Sentence suspended	j. Sentenced	k. Elected trial by Criminal Court	l. Transferred to another county	m. Transferred from another county	TOTALS
Allegany	0	1	52	179	19	29	71	2	0	0	0	0	0	355
Anne Arundel	75	333	0	350	20	90	404	0	0	0	0	6	0	1278
Baltimore City	485	4577	0	2150	820	484	812	0	0	0	0	4	0	9332
Baltimore	57	268	0	648	296	187	507	0	0	0	0	0	1	1968
Calvert	2	3	39	38	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
Caroline	5	0	14	10	5	7	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	55
Carroll	12	70	0	68	8	23	16	0	0	0	0	1	0	200
Cecil	17	23	16	51	1	37	36	0	0	0	2	0	0	183
Charles	1	0	50	94	33	76	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	260
Dorchester	27	6	5	43	51	17	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	161
Frederick	10	36	0	107	30	49	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	234
Garrett	11	4	2	33	15	15	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	89
Harford	2	0	0	156	42	92	151	1	0	0	0	0	0	444
Howard	16	85	65	72	45	22	25	17	0	0	0	12	0	383
Kent	7	0	11	26	1	12	10	0	0	0	0	2	0	70
Montgomery	17	721	0	290	80	432	236	0	68	0	0	0	0	1844
Prince George's	28	662	2	1032	220	549	1885	0	0	0	3	2	16	4399
Queen Anne's	1	1	0	4	4	2	96	0	0	0	1	1	0	110
St. Mary's	0	21	0	113	30	5	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	263
Somerset	12	2	1	11	0	12	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Talbot	8	0	5	29	9	14	28	0	0	0	0	3	2	98
Washington	65	29	27	154	45	88	80	29	78	17	0	0	0	612
Wicomico	48	29	1	68	25	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	219
Worcester	13	4	12	33	3	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
State Totals	919	6875	302	5759	1806	2293	4523	53	150	17	7	34	46	22,784

TABLE G-4

HEARINGS IN JUVENILE
CAUSES

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

	Delinquency				Dependency and Neglect*				Adult				Totals			
	Hearings	Re-hearings	Hearings on Support	Totals	Hearings	Re-hearings	Hearings on Support	Totals	Hearings	Re-hearings	Hearings on Support	Totals	Hearings	Re-hearings	Hearings on Support	Totals
Allegany	223	0	0	223	120	0	0	120	12	0	0	12	355	0	0	355
Anne Arundel	1949	337	1	2287	308	171	0	479	0	0	0	0	2257	508	1	2766
Baltimore City	8014	565	0	8579	1262	337	0	1599	0	0	0	0	9276	902	0	10,178
Baltimore County	1269	201	0	1470	332	137	25	494	3	1	0	4	1604	339	25	1968
Calvert	86	139	0	225	20	13	0	33	0	0	0	0	106	152	0	258
Caroline	28	11	0	39	22	41	89	152	0	0	0	0	50	52	89	191
Carroll	108	12	0	120	50	16	0	66	0	0	1	1	158	28	1	187
Cecil	125	40	0	165	68	18	0	86	2	0	3	5	195	58	3	256
Charles	107	4	0	111	63	7	4	74	4	0	0	4	174	11	4	189
Dorchester	151	4	0	155	30	2	0	32	0	0	0	0	181	6	0	187
Frederick	120	41	0	161	81	25	0	106	10	0	0	10	211	66	0	277
Garrett	57	0	0	57	20	0	0	20	12	0	0	12	89	0	0	89
Harford	287	0	0	287	157	0	0	157	0	0	0	0	244	0	0	444
Howard	242	119	0	361	30	30	0	60	0	0	0	0	272	149	0	421
Kent	39	10	1	50	25	9	13	47	1	0	0	1	65	19	14	98
Montgomery	1464	515	2	1981	528	644	70	1242	34	2	0	36	2026	1161	72	3259
Prince George's	1883	3040	0	4923	620	1174	0	1794	0	0	0	0	2503	4214	0	6717
Queen Anne's	19	0	0	19	49	4	26	79	0	0	0	0	68	4	26	98
St. Mary's	226	100	0	326	29	24	0	53	0	0	0	0	255	124	0	379
Somerset	28	1	0	29	19	2	1	22	3	0	0	3	50	3	1	54
Talbot	58	35	0	93	49	11	1	61	0	1	1	2	107	47	2	156
Washington	151	6	0	157	117	19	0	136	0	0	0	0	268	25	0	293
Wicomico	170	0	0	170	49	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	219	0	0	219
Worcester	58	10	0	68	7	3	0	10	0	0	0	0	65	13	0	78
STATE	16,862	5190	4	22,056	4055	2687	229	6971	81	4	5	90	20,998	7881	238	29,117

* 3377 "Child In Need of Supervision" and 121 "Mentally Handicapped" Hearings Included.

VI THE DISTRICT COURT

THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND^a

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Hon. Henry L. Rogers	7/5/71		

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^b/ District Administrative Judge.

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James F. Stewart	(District Three)	Edward L. Utz	(District Nine)
Dennis T. Fean	(District Four)	Martha Bush	(District Ten)
James B. Berry, Jr.	(District Five)	Charles L. Schleigh	(District Eleven)
Jeffrey L. Ward	(District Six)	James S. Stafford	(District Twelve)

Five members of the District Court of Maryland have qualified for office since the last publication of this report, four of whom are from Baltimore City. The fifth, Judge Charles W. Woodward, Jr., filled a vacancy created by the 1974 General Assembly for Montgomery County (District Six). He qualified on September 13, 1974. All of the Baltimore City judges filled existing vacancies rather than new positions. Judge James L. Bundy was sworn in on August 16, 1974. He replaced Judge Benjamin L. Brown who had resigned to accept the position of Solicitor for Baltimore City. Shortly thereafter on August 20, 1974 Judge Alan M. Resnick took the oath, succeeding Judge E. Paul Mason, Jr. who had died in office. Judge James J. Welsh, Jr. filled a vacancy created by the elevation of District Administrative Judge John R. Hargrove to the Circuit Court and qualified on October 18, 1974. Judge Edward F. Borgerding was named to succeed Judge Hargrove as Administrative Judge. The fourth new member of the District Court for Baltimore City is Judge Robert M. Bell who qualified on January 2, 1975. He replaced Judge Mary Arabian who had been elevated to the Circuit Court.

The caseload of the District Court continues to expand at a high rate as 291,337 civil, 506,650 motor vehicle, and 117,972 criminal cases were processed from July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974. These figures represented increases of 18.5 percent, 10.4 percent and 8.4 percent, respectively, over those compiled for Fiscal Year 1972-73. Of the 291,337 civil filings, 204,527 (70.2 percent) were matters involving landlord and tenant disputes. Baltimore City recorded 167,230 civil filings of which 79.1 percent (132,322) were landlord and tenant cases. In the counties, Prince George's tallied 48,562 civil filings, followed by

Baltimore with 28, 863, Montgomery with 16, 431 and Anne Arundel with 10, 870. The metropolitan area of Baltimore City and the four largest counties accounted for 93.3 percent of the total civil filings. Statewide, 19,315 civil cases were contested with Baltimore City registering 10,586.

Of the 506,650 motor vehicle cases processed during 1973-74, 167,481 were disposed of by trial. Baltimore City accounted for 34.8 percent of these trials (58,346) followed by Baltimore County with 21.6 percent (36,263). The metropolitan area accounted for 81.7 percent of the motor vehicle trials and 72.1 percent of the total motor vehicle caseload.

A total of 90,968 persons were charged with 117,972 criminal acts in the District Court during 1973-74. The Court held 8939 defendants for action by the grand jury while 2863 elected trial by jury in the Circuit Courts. Baltimore City accounted for 38,940 defendants and 53,428 charges. Prince George's and Baltimore Counties recorded nearly the same number of criminal charges as they registered 12,592 and 12,394, respectively.

In addition to handling the heavy caseload thrust upon it, the District Court has continued to provide ample assistance to the trial courts of general jurisdiction in the form of judicial manpower as the needs of those courts require and has particularly been valuable in coping with the heavy criminal caseload at the circuit court level in Baltimore City. For example, at least two and sometimes three District Court judges were designated to sit in the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City regularly during Fiscal 1973-74. Some 25 other District judges were designated to other counties.

The District Court has also had a substantial impact during the several years of its operation in reducing the civil law caseload of the circuit courts as well as reducing the number of appeals taken to those courts.

During the Fiscal Year 1973-74 a total of \$17,088,095.42 in revenues was received by the District Court, of which a sum of \$14,580,149.82 was paid into the state general fund. Expenses for operation of the Court, including salaries of judicial and supporting personnel, totalled \$11,426,107, creating a surplus of \$3,154,042.82 and rendering the Court completely self-sustaining.

Tabulations of the caseload of the District Court are on the following pages of this section of the report.

POPULATION AND CASELOAD PER JUDGE*

	Number of Judges	Population** Per Judge	Cases Filed Per Judge		
			Civil	Motor Vehicle	Criminal
DISTRICT 1 Baltimore City	22	38,509	7601	5035	2428
DISTRICT 2 Dorchester	1	29,000	378	3370	1181
Somerset	1	18,800	419	1831	811
Wicomico	1	57,300	1516	8057	1999
Worcester	1	26,700	1411	5702	1910
DISTRICT 3 Caroline	1	20,400	294	2013	363
Cecil	2	27,250	426	10,394	887
Kent	1	16,700	341	1390	560
Queen Anne's	1	19,400	225	2619	422
Talbot	1	25,100	304	3971	636
DISTRICT 4 Calvert	1	24,800	473	4069	601
Charles	1	58,000	668	9786	1622
St. Mary's	1	51,400	690	5114	1412
DISTRICT 5 Prince George's	8	87,812	6070	10,772	1574
DISTRICT 6 Montgomery	8	72,237	2053	7840	680
DISTRICT 7 Anne Arundel	6	55,083	1811	5146	1507
DISTRICT 8 Baltimore	12	54,008	2405	6215	1032
DISTRICT 9 Harford	2	64,300	1911	9456	1181
DISTRICT 10 Carroll	1	78,300	1163	6789	962
Howard	2	45,000	1261	6318	986
DISTRICT 11 Frederick	2	46,450	679	8073	1228
Washington	2	53,100	850	5346	883
DISTRICT 12 Allegany	2	41,400	443	2977	938
Garrett	1	22,300	357	1673	383
STATE	81	50,733	3596	6254	1456

*Chief Judge of District Court not included in statistics.

**Population Estimate for July 1, 1974 as issued November 29, 1974 by the Maryland Center for Health Statistics.

CIVIL CASES PROCESSED BY THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

	LANDLORD AND TENANT CASES		OTHER CASES		TOTALS	
	Filed	Contested	Filed	Contested	Filed	Contested
DISTRICT 1 Baltimore City	132,322	6294	34,908	4292	167,230	10,586
DISTRICT 2 Dorchester	42	9	336	32	378	41
Somerset	18	2	401	17	419	19
Wicomico	300	14	1216	107	1516	121
Worcester	82	15	1329	100	1411	115
DISTRICT 3 Caroline	25	1	269	9	294	10
Cecil	143	1	710	39	853	40
Kent	11	3	330	22	341	25
Queen Anne's	21	6	204	10	225	16
Talbot	28	4	276	33	304	37
DISTRICT 4 Calvert	28	12	445	24	473	36
Charles	60	29	608	65	668	94
St. Mary's	173	38	517	39	690	77
DISTRICT 5 Prince George's	35,705	3122	12,857	151	48,562	3273
DISTRICT 6 Montgomery	7637	13	8794	781	16,431	794
DISTRICT 7 Anne Arundel	5756	417	5114	465	10,870	882
DISTRICT 8 Baltimore	17,705	680	11,158	1120	28,863	1800
DISTRICT 9 Harford	1798	36	2024	156	3822	192
DISTRICT 10 Carroll	181	49	982	58	1163	107
Howard	1171	115	1351	159	2522	274
DISTRICT 11 Frederick	434	101	924	223	1358	324
Washington	714	81	987	147	1701	228
DISTRICT 12 Allegany	133	51	753	161	886	212
Garrett	40	1	317	11	357	12
STATE	204,527	11,094	86,810	8221	291,337	19,315

MOTOR VEHICLE CASES PROCESSED BY THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

	<u>CASES TRIED</u>	<u>CASES PAID</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES</u>
DISTRICT 1 Baltimore City	58,346	52,426	110,772
DISTRICT 2 Dorchester	769	2601	3370
Somerset	320	1511	1831
Wicomico	1279	6778	8057
Worcester	1387	4315	5702
DISTRICT 3 Caroline	374	1639	2013
Cecil	2009	18,780	20,789
Kent	248	1142	1390
Queen Anne's	425	2194	2619
Talbot	745	3226	3971
DISTRICT 4 Calvert	742	3327	4069
Charles	2237	7549	9786
St. Mary's	1010	4104	5114
DISTRICT 5 Prince George's	18,713	67,465	86,178
DISTRICT 6 Montgomery	10,744	51,978	62,722
DISTRICT 7 Anne Arundel	12,760	18,121	30,881
DISTRICT 8 Baltimore	36,263	38,318	74,581
DISTRICT 9 Harford	5568	13,345	18,913
DISTRICT 10 Carroll	1698	5091	6789
Howard	3835	8802	12,637
DISTRICT 11 Frederick	2951	13,195	16,146
Washington	2697	7995	10,692
DISTRICT 12 Allegany	2010	3945	5955
Garrett	351	1322	1673
STATE	167,481	339,169	506,650

CRIMINAL CASES PROCESSED BY THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974

	<u>TOTAL NUMBER OF DEFENDANTS CHARGED</u>	<u>DEFENDANTS HELD FOR GRAND JURY</u>	<u>DEFENDANTS PRAYING JURY TRIAL</u>	<u>TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARGES</u>
DISTRICT 1 Baltimore City	38,940	2976	1706	53,428
DISTRICT 2 Dorchester	967	70	20	1181
Somerset	640	55	21	811
Wicomico	1579	342	57	1999
Worcester	1229	156	23	1910
DISTRICT 3 Caroline	314	14	2	363
Cecil	1382	162	27	1775
Kent	354	39	14	560
Queen Anne's	308	24	20	422
Talbot	482	47	9	636
DISTRICT 4 Calvert	526	72	2	601
Charles	1481	76	6	1622
St. Mary's	1205	138	21	1412
DISTRICT 5 Prince George's	10,332	1482	196	12,592
DISTRICT 6 Montgomery	5077	574	181	5442
DISTRICT 7 Anne Arundel	7206	645	79	9046
DISTRICT 8 Baltimore	9320	1235	308	12,394
DISTRICT 9 Harford	1847	216	40	2362
DISTRICT 10 Carroll	786	62	16	962
Howard	1637	274	28	1972
DISTRICT 11 Frederick	2066	68	39	2457
Washington	1478	126	18	1766
DISTRICT 12 Allegany	1486	57	26	1876
Garrett	326	29	4	383
STATE	90,968	8939	2863	117,972

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APPENDIX

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE JUDICIARY

Brief biographies of recently-appointed members of the judiciary follow.

THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

Judge David T. Mason

Judge Mason was born December 6, 1914. He graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law and passed the Summer 1951 bar examination. He has served in the Attorney General's Office as Chief of the Criminal Division and as Chairman of the State Parole Board. He also served as a member of the Baltimore City Jail Board.

At the time of his appointment to the bench, Judge Mason was serving as Secretary of Employment and Social Services for Maryland. He took the oath of office as an Associate Judge of the Court of Special Appeals on December 2, 1974.

Judge Ridgely P. Melvin, Jr.

Judge Melvin was born September 26, 1917. He received the AB degree from Princeton University in 1940 and the LLB degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1947, being admitted to the Maryland Bar that same year.

From 1954-62 the Judge served as a member of the House of Delegates in the General Assembly. He also served as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and Chairman of the Anne Arundel County Delegation from 1958-62. Judge Melvin has been a member of the Charter Board for Anne Arundel County and a member of the Maryland Constitutional Convention Commission as well as a member of the Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

At the time of his appointment to the Court of Special Appeals Judge Melvin was a member of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. He is a member of the American, Maryland State and Anne Arundel County Bar Associations and has served as President of the latter organization. The Judge is also a member of the American Judicature Society.

THE CIRCUIT COURTS

Judge Mary Arabian

Judge Arabian was born December 5, 1920. She received her early education in the public schools of Baltimore City, attended the University of Maryland at College Park, graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law and was admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1945.

Judge Arabian has served as an Assistant City Solicitor for Baltimore City and as an Assistant Attorney General of Maryland. She served on the former Municipal Court of Baltimore City as one of its original members and at the time

of her appointment to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City (Eighth Judicial Circuit) was serving on the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City.

Judge Arabian served as President of the Women's Bar Association of Baltimore City in 1952 and is a member of the American, Maryland State and Baltimore City Bar Associations.

Judge John R. Hargrove

Judge Hargrove was born October 25, 1923 at Atlantic City, New Jersey. He received his early education at St. Catherine's Academy and Frederick Douglass High School in Baltimore. Following military service in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1943 - 46 he completed his undergraduate schooling at Howard University, receiving the AB degree in 1947. In 1950 he received the LLB degree from the University of Maryland School of Law and was admitted to the Maryland Bar that same year.

Judge Hargrove has served as Deputy United States Attorney for the District of Maryland from 1957-62, Judge of the former People's Court of Baltimore City and Judge of the former Municipal Court of Baltimore City. He also has been a member of the Maryland State, Baltimore City, Monumental City, and National Bar Associations and delegate to the Maryland Constitutional Convention.

At the time of his appointment to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City (Eighth Judicial Circuit) Judge Hargrove was serving on the District Court of Maryland as Administrative Judge for Baltimore City.

Judge Edward D. Higinbothom

Judge Higinbothom was born February 28, 1914. He graduated in 1934 from Loyola College in Baltimore and received the AB degree. In 1938 he received the LLB degree from the University of Maryland School of Law and was admitted to the Maryland Bar that same year.

Judge Higinbothom has served as Counsel to the Supervisor of Elections for Harford County and as Counsel to the Harford County Metropolitan Commission. He holds memberships in the Order of the Coif and American, Maryland State and Harford County Bar Associations.

Judge Richard B. Latham

Judge Latham was born June 12, 1926. He received his undergraduate schooling at the University of Maryland and his JD degree from its School of Law in 1952. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar that same year.

Judge Latham has served as a Judge of the former People's Court of Montgomery County and at the time of his appointment to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County was serving as a member of the District Court of Maryland for Montgomery County. He is a Fellow of the Maryland Bar Foundation and is a member of the American Judicature Society and American Judges Association.

The Judge has served on the Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association and as President of the Montgomery County Bar Association. He is also a member of the American Bar Association.

Judge Morris Turk

Judge Turk was born April 14, 1921. He is a graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law and passed the Winter 1951 bar examination. In addition to being engaged in the general practice of law prior to his being named to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, he has been Chairman of the State Appeal Board.

Judge Turk is a past President of the Anne Arundel County Bar Association and is a member of the Maryland State Bar Association. He has been Counsel to both the Anne Arundel County School and Elections Boards.

The Judge took the oath of office on January 9, 1975 as an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County.

THE DISTRICT COURT

Judge Robert M. Bell

Judge Bell was born July 6, 1943. He is a graduate of Morgan State College, receiving the AB degree in 1966, and the Harvard University School of Law, receiving the JD degree in 1969. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar that same year.

Prior to his appointment to the bench Judge Bell was an Assistant to the State Board of Law Examiners. He has served on the Board of the Legal Aid Bureau and has been active in committee work of the Baltimore City and Junior Bar Associations. Judge Bell is also a member of the American and Maryland State Bar Associations. He took the oath of office as an Associate Judge of the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City on January 2, 1975.

Judge James L. Bundy

Judge Bundy was born March 6, 1920 at Bluefield, West Virginia. He graduated from Bluefield State College in 1942, receiving the BS degree, and from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1949, receiving the JD degree. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar that same year.

Judge Bundy has served as an Assistant City Solicitor for Baltimore City and at the time of his appointment to the bench was an Assistant Attorney General of Maryland. He is a member of the National, Maryland State, Baltimore City and Monumental City Bar Associations.

Judge Bundy took the oath of office as a member of the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City on August 16, 1974.

Judge Alan M. Resnick

Judge Resnick was born May 14, 1928. He received the AB degree from the University of Maryland in 1950 and the LLB degree from its School of Law in 1952. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar in that same year.

At the time of his appointment to the bench Judge Resnick was a member of the House of Delegates of Maryland and was serving as Chairman of its Subcommittee on Insurance. He is a member of the American Judicature Society and American, Maryland State and Baltimore City Bar Associations.

Judge Resnick qualified as a member of the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City on August 20, 1974.

Judge James J. Welsh, Jr.

Judge Welsh was born January 20, 1927 at Baltimore. He received his undergraduate schooling at the University of Baltimore and the LLB degree from its School of Law in 1960. He was admitted to the Maryland Bar that same year.

Judge Welsh has served as a member of the House of Delegates of Maryland and also as a member of the City Council of Baltimore City. At the time of his appointment to the bench he was serving in the State's Attorney's Office of Baltimore City as Chief of the District Court Division.

Judge Welsh has held memberships in the National District Attorneys and Maryland State's Attorneys Associations as well as the Plaintiffs' Trial Lawyers Association. He is also a member of the Maryland State and Baltimore City Bar Associations. On October 18, 1974 he took the oath of office as a member of the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City.

Judge Charles W. Woodward, Jr.

Judge Woodward was born February 28, 1919 at Poolesville, Maryland. He received the AB degree from the University of Maryland in 1941 and, following military service with the U. S. Army, the LLB degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1948.

Judge Woodward has served in the House of Delegates of Maryland, as a member of the Governor's Judicial Salary and Pension Review Board, as well as a member of the Governor's Commission to Revise the Annotated Code of Maryland. He has been active in committee work of the Maryland State and Montgomery County Bar Associations and has served as President of the latter organization. Judge Woodward has also served as a Trustee of the Clients' Security Trust Fund of the Bar of Maryland. He qualified on September 13, 1974 as a member of the District Court of Maryland for Montgomery County.

COMMISSIONS ON JUDICIAL SELECTION

By issue of the appropriate Executive Orders the Governor of Maryland has created a Commission on Appellate Judicial Selection and eight Commissions on Trial Court Judicial Selection. Those Executive Orders directed that the Commissions be composed of attorneys elected by their fellow members of the bar and laymen appointed by the Governor from the general public. In addition, the Chairman of each Commission is appointed by the Governor and may be either a lawyer or a layman. The Administrative Office of the Courts conducts the election of the lawyer members of the Commissions pursuant to rules promulgated by the Court of Appeals at the direction of the Executive Orders.

The Commissions consider and pass upon the qualifications of candidates seeking judicial office and submit a list of recommended candidates to the Governor from which he is bound to make an appointment. Recommendations for appointment to the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals are made by the Appellate Judicial Selection Commission while the Trial Court Judicial Selection Commissions make recommendations as to the Circuit Courts, including the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and the District Court.

By Executive Order of December 18, 1974 the Governor restructured the Commissions on Judicial Selection. A copy of that Executive Order and the Rules of the Court of Appeals pertaining thereto will be found in The Daily Record of January 13, 1975 and The Maryland Register.

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THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES

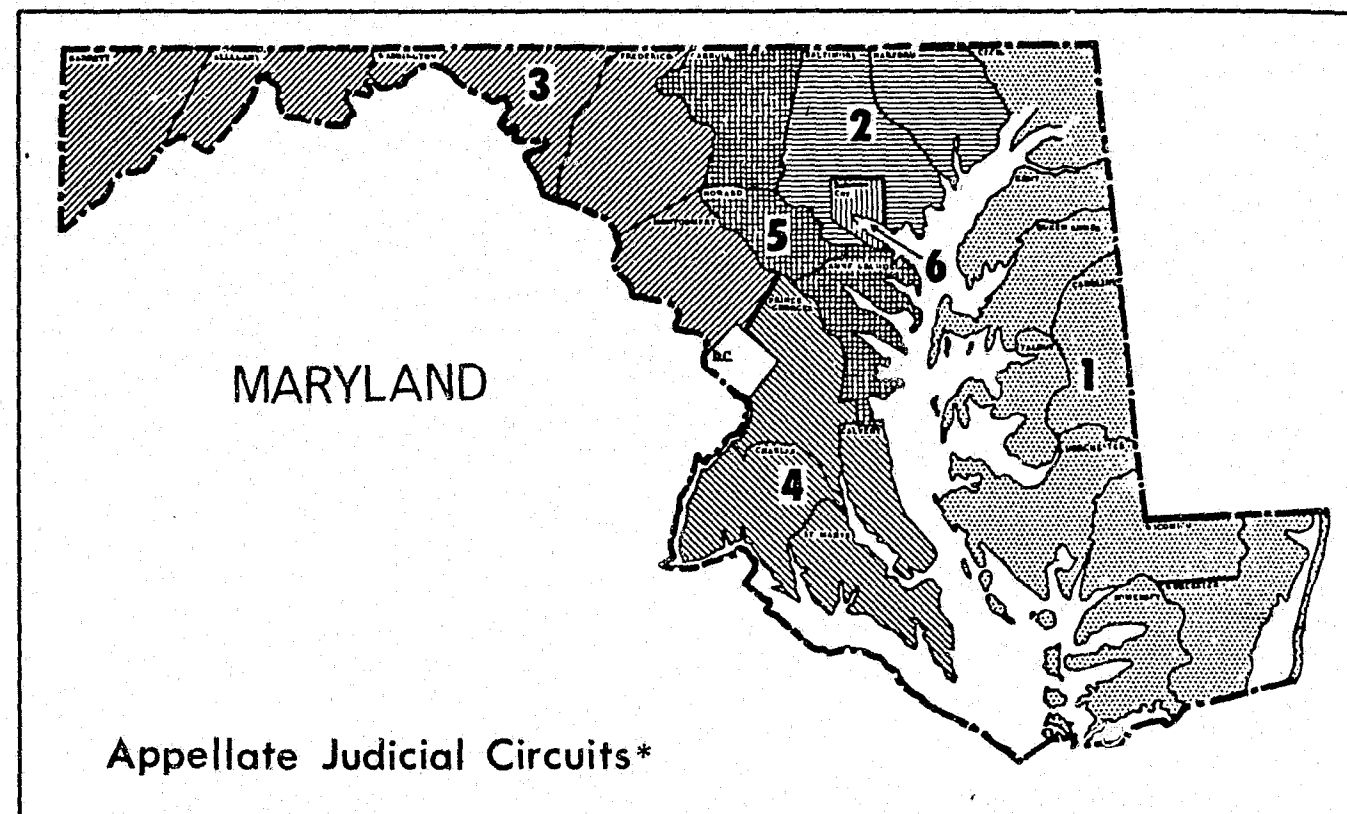
The Maryland Commission on Judicial Disabilities reported that it opened 16 investigative files during the period of July 1, 1973 - June 30, 1974. In addition, it received numerous telephone calls and letters seeking advice on how to file a complaint. No separate tabulation is made of inquiries which do not ripen into formal complaints. All letter writers and those telephone callers who desire it are sent a statement of the Commission's purpose and jurisdiction with instructions on how to file a complaint.

As has been the experience in the past, most of the complaints were dismissed after a minimum of investigation because it was clear that there was no wrongdoing or misconduct. During Fiscal Year 1973-74 the Commission held one formal hearing resulting in a recommendation that a censure be imposed by the Court of Appeals. That recommendation was accepted. In addition, a formal preliminary investigation was held in another case.

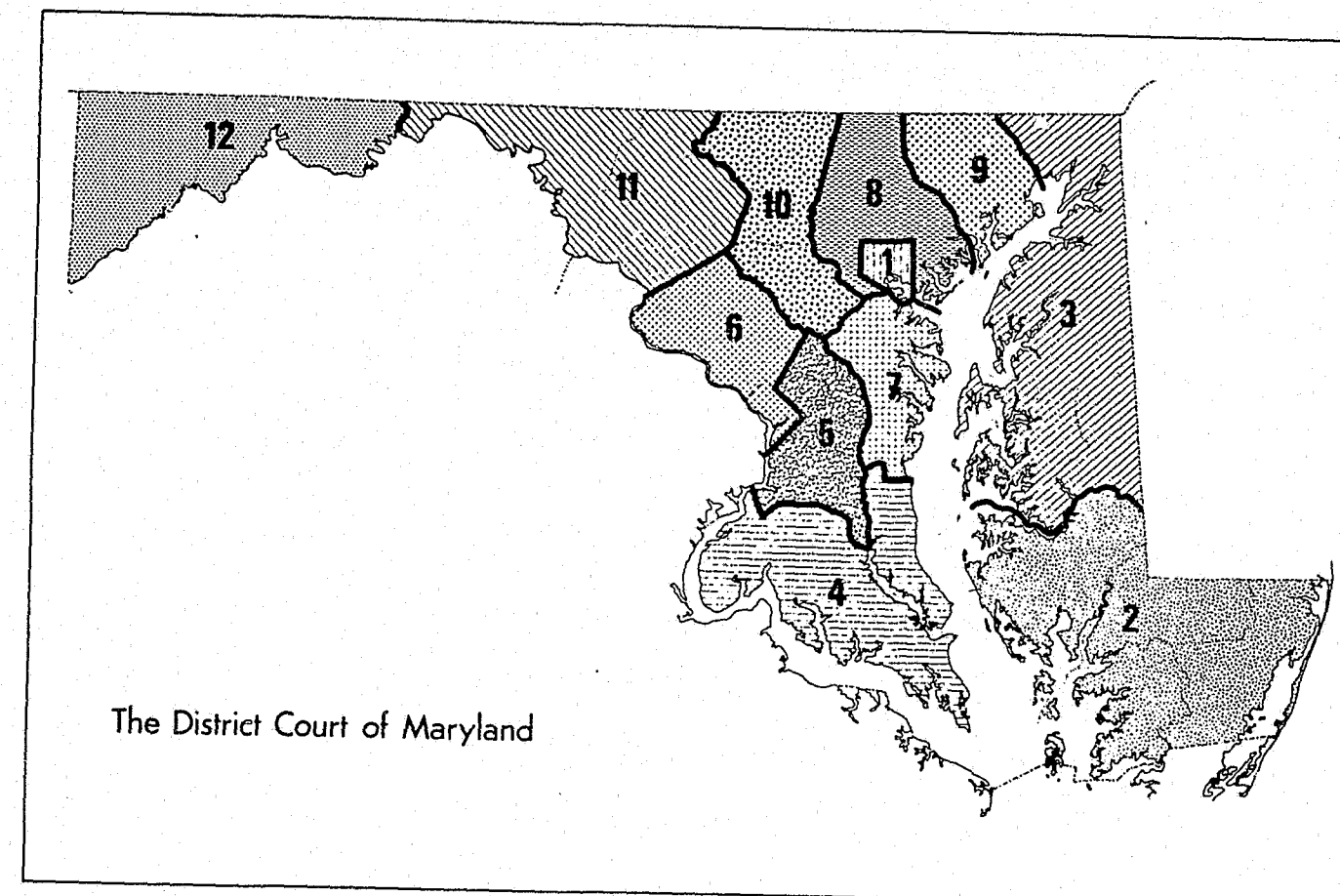
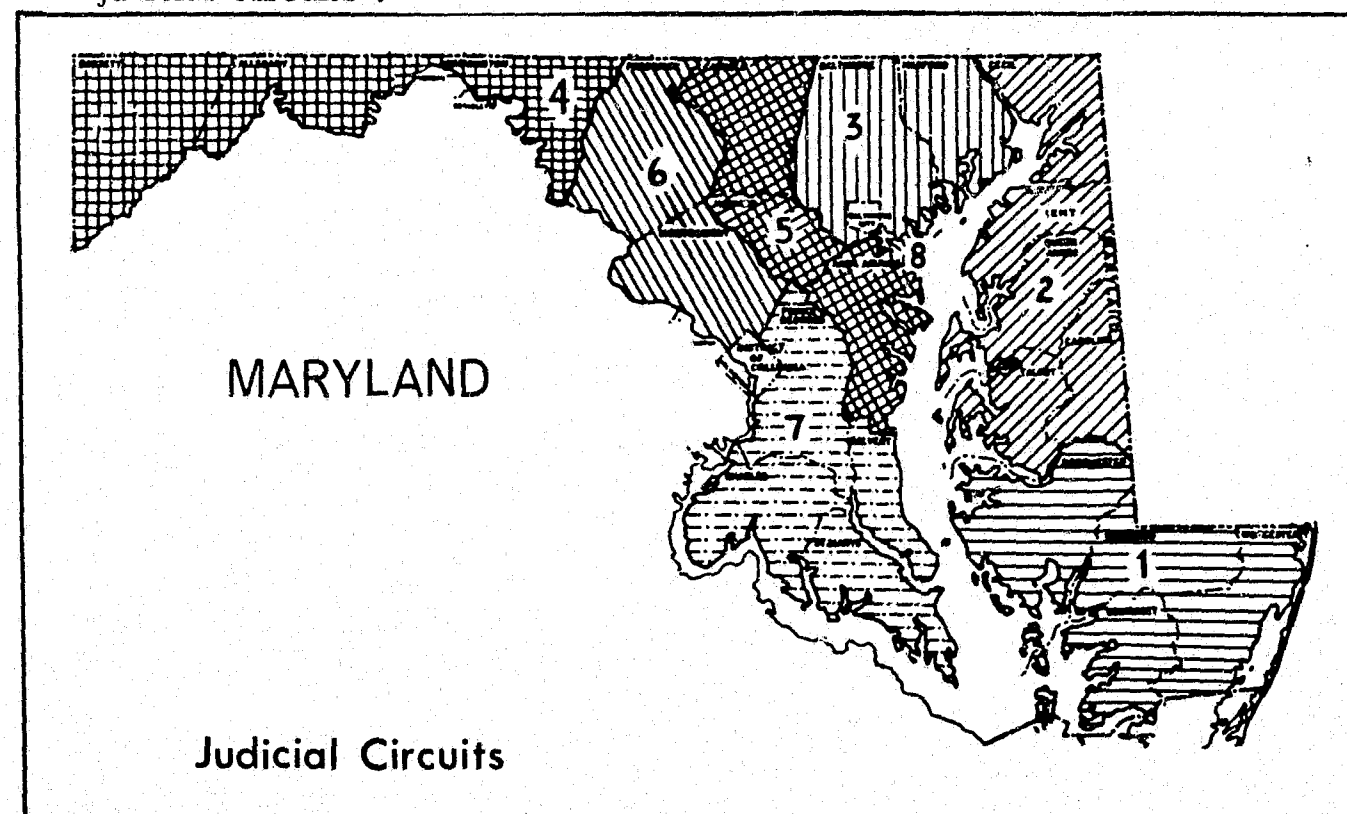
The most prevalent complaint continues to be dissatisfaction with the outcome of litigation usually arising out of either domestic relations cases or minor criminal cases where a complainant has sworn out a warrant against a neighbor and the judge has found the neighbor not guilty.

The Commission meets irregularly depending upon the press of business. Discounting formal hearings, it met three times during Fiscal 1973-74.

Present members of the Commission are: Hon. Richard Paul Gilbert, Chairman; Hon. Charles E. Edmondson; Hon. Solomon Liss; William L. Marbury, Esquire; Carroll W. Royston, Esquire; Walter Sondheim, Jr. and Hon. James H. Taylor. The Executive Secretary to the Commission is Associate Dean Laurence M. Katz of the University of Maryland School of Law.



* By Chapter 99, Laws of 1970, effective July 1, 1970, the "Special Appellate Judicial Circuits" were designated the same as "Appellate Judicial Circuits".



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