
By: **Senators Stone, Brochin, Haines, Harris, Hollinger, Kasemeyer, Kelley,
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Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2005

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County - Orphans' Court Judges - Practice of Law**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a judge of the Orphans' Court in Baltimore County to
4 practice law under certain circumstances; and generally relating to Baltimore
5 County Orphans' Court judges and the practice of law.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Estates and Trusts
8 Section 2-109
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Estates and Trusts**

14 2-109.

15 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a judge of the court
16 may not act as an attorney at law in a civil or criminal matter during a term of office.

17 (b) This section does not apply:

18 (1) In Harford County;

19 (2) In Montgomery County;

20 (3) In Baltimore City, to a judge of the Court while practicing law before
21 any court of the State except an orphans' court; or

22 (4) In Prince George's County, BALTIMORE COUNTY, Calvert County, and
23 Howard County, to a judge of the Court while practicing law in connection with a case
24 that is:

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(i) Outside the jurisdiction of orphans' court; and

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(ii) Unrelated to the administration of an estate or guardianship.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

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October 1, 2005.