

**MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Hon. Mary Ellen Barbera  
Chief Judge

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.  
410-260-1523  
**RE:** Senate Bill 596 and Senate Bill 415  
Judges - Selection, Election, Tenure, and Continuance in Office  
**DATE:** February 24, 2020

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Find attached, information in reference to Senate Bill 596 and Senate Bill 415 regarding the election of judges.

Attached:

1. List of incumbent judges defeated in a contested election from 1956 to present which includes demographics.
2. Demographic breakdown charts.
3. Information regarding the selection and retention of judges which includes information on other states.
4. Governor Hogan's executive order regarding the Judicial Nominating Commission.

cc. Judicial Council  
Legislative Committee  
Kelley O'Connor



**SUCCESSFUL CHALLENGES TO SITTING JUDGES  
(1956-2018)**

<u>CHALLENGER</u>	<u>DEMOGRAPHICS</u>	<u>DEFEATED INCUMBENT</u>	<u>DEMOGRAPHICS</u>	<u>CIRCUIT COURT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Harlan, Edwin	WM	Mundy, Cornelius P.	WM	Baltimore City	1956
Raine, John E., Jr.	WM	None		Baltimore County	1956
Dorf, Paul A.	WM	Wolf, Edwin J.	WM	Baltimore City	1968
Howard, Joseph C.	BM	Kenney, Thomas J.	M (Race Not Available)	Baltimore City	1968
Murphy, James W.	WM	Solter, George D.	Not Available	Baltimore City	1970
Mattingly, Joseph A.	WM	Weiner, Joseph D.	Not Available	St. Mary's	1972
Williams, Bruce C.	WM	Biener, Karl F.	WM	Anne Arundel	1976
Clark, Richard J.	WM	Nalley, Robert C.	WM	Charles	1980
Cole, Jr., Donaldson C.	WM	Evans, William B.	WM	Cecil	1980
Murphy, Jr., William H.	BM	Figinski, M. Albert	WM	Baltimore City	1980

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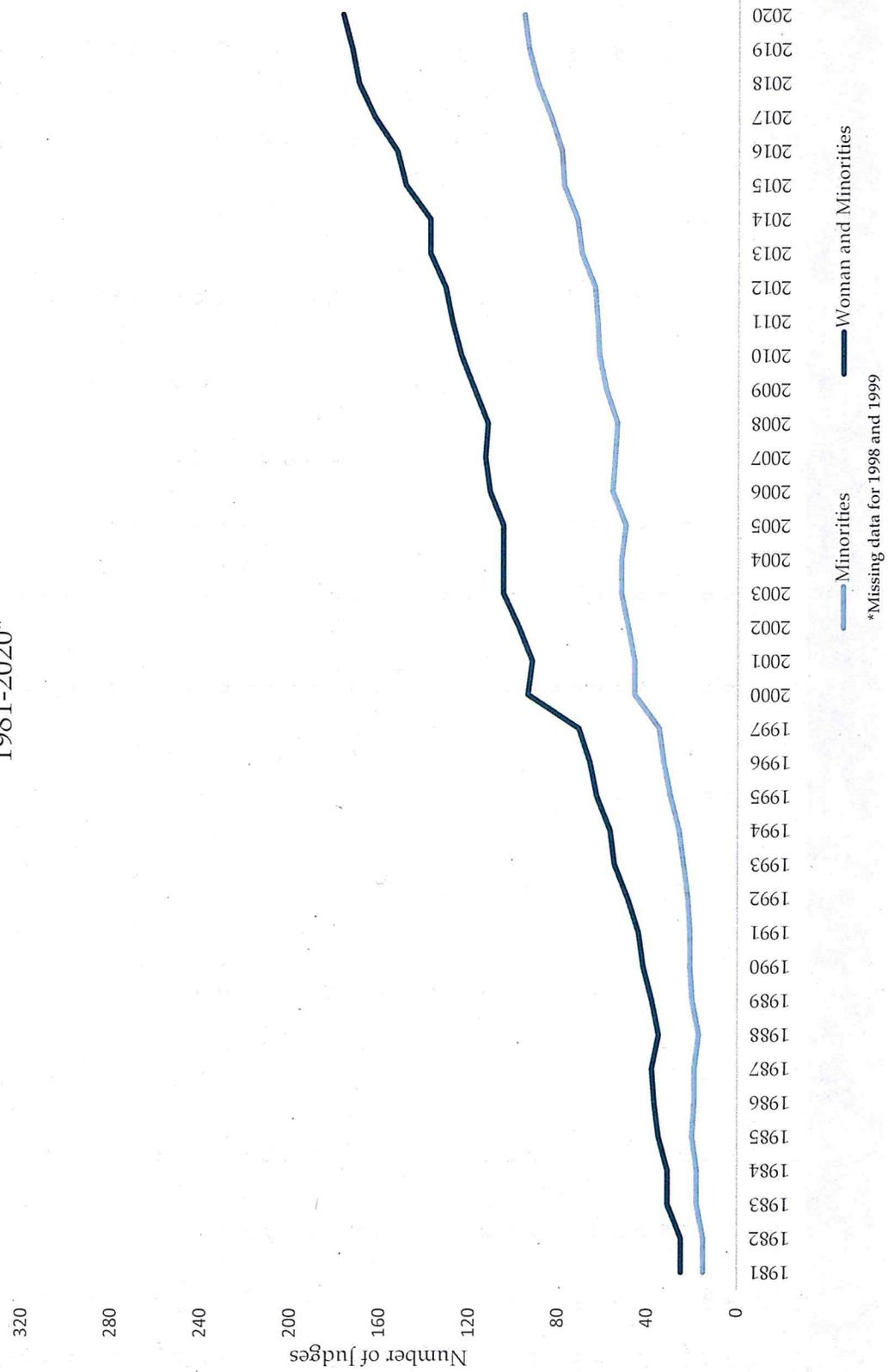
<u>CHALLENGER</u>	<u>DEMOGRAPHICS</u>	<u>DEFEATED INCUMBENT</u>	<u>DEMOGRAPHICS</u>	<u>CIRCUIT COURT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Johnson, Kenneth L.	BM	Perrott, James A.	WM	Baltimore City	1982
Ward, Thomas	WM	Ward, Peter D.	WM	Baltimore City	1982
Gelfman, Lenore R.	WF	Staton, Donna Hill	BF	Howard	1996
Dugan, Robert N.	WM	Wright, Jr., Alexander	BM	Baltimore County	2000
Cavanaugh, Patrick	WM	Wright, Jr., Alexander	BM	Baltimore County	2002
Goetzke, Paul G.	WM	Bruce, David S.	WM	Anne Arundel	2004
Harris, Jr., Paul F.	WM	Warren, Rodney	BM	Anne Arundel	2004
Asti, Alison L.	WF	Jarashow, Ronald A.	WM	Anne Arundel	2010
Simpson, Jr., Thomas R.	WM	Spencer, Jerome R.	WM	Charles	2014
Rolle, Scott L.	WM	O'Connor, Danny B.	WM	Frederick	2014

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Turner, Ingrid M.	BF	*One of the sitting judges withdrew after the primary.		Prince George's	2016
Oesterreicher, Maria L.	WF	Titus, Richard R.	WM	Carroll	2018
Adkins-Tobin, Diane E.	WF	Kreis, Jr., Lawrence F.	WM	Harford	2018



# Number of Minority and Women Judges 1981-2020\*



Judge Demographics 1981-2020 for Filled Judgeship Positions

Year	White		African American		Asian/Pacific Islander		Hispanic		Multi-racial		Minority Women		Total	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
1981	179	10	14	1							14	1	15	25
1982	177	10	14	1							14	1	15	25
1983	181	13	17	1							17	1	18	31
1984	180	13	17	1							17	1	18	31
1985	180	15	19	1							19	1	20	35
1986	179	18	18	1							18	1	19	37
1987	179	19	18	1							18	1	19	38
1988	181	18	16	1							16	1	17	35
1989	181	18	19	1							19	1	20	38
1990	184	21	20	1							20	1	21	42
1991	181	23	20	1							20	1	21	44
1992	184	27	20	2							20	2	22	49
1993	178	31	22	2							22	2	24	55
1994	178	31	23	3							23	3	26	57
1995	171	33	24	5							24	6	30	63
1996	177	33	24	7							24	9	33	66
1997	172	36	26	7							26	9	35	71
1998**														
1999**														
2000	173	48	31	14							31	15	46	94
2001	169	46	30	14							30	16	46	92
2002	166	49	28	18							29	20	49	98
2003	167	53	28	19							30	22	52	105
2004	161	53	28	19							30	22	52	105
2005	162	55	27	19							28	22	50	105
2006	167	55	28	24							29	27	56	111
2007	170	58	26	24							28	27	55	113
2008	160	58	25	24							27	27	54	112
2009	163	59	26	27							29	30	59	118
2010	153	62	28	28							31	31	62	124
2011	152	65	25	30							29	34	63	128
2012	146	67	27	30							30	34	64	131
2013	142	68	27	35							30	40	70	138
2014	139	66	27	36							30	42	72	138
2015	138	71	28	40							33	45	78	149
2016	137	74	29	40							34	45	79	153
2017	146	79	32	42							37	47	84	163
2018	140	80	32	48							38	52	90	170
2019	133	79	32	51							38	56	94	173
2020	138	81	29	54							37	59	96	177

\* Filled Judgeships does not include vacancies at time of demographic count; full complement of judges is 320

\*\* Missing data for 1998 and 1999

Only Black or White reported until 1984

Multiracial reported beginning 2002

Appointments through:

2/19/20

## DISTRIBUTION OF JUDGES - RACE AND SEX MARYLAND JUDICIARY

Auth. Total	Actual	Vacant	White		African-American		Asian/Pacific Islander		Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native		Hispanic		Multi-Racial	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
7	7	0	3	2		2								
15	14	1	9	2	1	1							1	
<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
9	9	0	6	3										
8	8	0	4	3	1									
26	26	0	13	8	1	3					1			
9	9	0	6	2									1	
22	22	0	12	8	1	1								
30	30	0	16	9	4		1							
35	35	0	14	3	5	13								
35	33	2	12	5	4	10		1			1			
<b>174</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
1	1	0	1											
28	27	1	9	10	3	4		1						
6	6	0	2	2	2									
6	6	0	3	3										
7	7	0	2	3	1	1								
19	19	0	5	2	3	9								
13	13	0	2	5	2	1	1				2			
10	9	1	4	2	2	1								
15	15	0	6	4	1	3	1							
4	4	0	1	2	1									
7	7	0	1	3	1	1					1			
5	5	0	4								1			
3	3	0	3											
<b>124</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>320</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

