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## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the House Judiciary Committee

From: Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA)  
Shaoli Katana, Esq., Advocacy Director

Subject: House Bill 134 - Clerks of the Courts - Case Management System - Information

Date: January 24, 2023

Position: Support

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The Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) supports **House Bill 134 - Clerks of the Courts - Case Management System - Information**. HB134 requires the clerk of the court to include the name of the judge or magistrate who presided over a hearing or took judicial action as part of case information in the case management system of the court; requiring a clerk of the District Court to include the name of the judge who presided over a hearing or took judicial action as part of case information in the case management system of the District Court; etc.

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The MSBA supports public access to information, here regarding the presiding judge or magistrate in a judicial action. This information is already available to the public in the



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court case file and should be publicly accessible via case search to the public and to our legal practitioners.

For the reasons stated above, MSBA supports HB 134 and respectfully requests a favorable report.

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