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**To:** Members of the Judiciary Committee  
**From:** MLTA Legislative Committee  
**Date:** January 30, 2024 [Hearing date: February 1, 2024]  
**Subject:** **HB 664** – Court Personnel - Protection of Personal Information (Judge Andrew F. Wilkinson Judicial Security Act)  
**Position:** **Favorable**

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The Maryland Land Title Association (MLTA) is a professional organization working on behalf of title industry service providers and consumers, and is comprised of agents, abstractors, attorneys, and underwriters. MLTA **SUPPORTS** HB 664.

Through the creation of the Office of Information Privacy in the Administrative Office of the Courts, the settlement industry is provided with a mechanism to obtain shielded information that may be needed to complete the settlement on any real property purchases or other transactions in which members of the judiciary may be participants.

MLTA understands and supports all reasonable efforts to protect judges and other court personnel. We believe this legislation will strike the correct balance in these efforts. MLTA urges a favorable report on HB 664.