



Legislative Briefing for Joint Session of the
Senate Judicial Proceedings & House Judiciary Committees by
Judicial Conference Workgroup on Judicial Selection
<https://www.courts.state.md.us/judicialselectionworkgroup>

January 27, 2023 at 1:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Introductory Remarks – Chief Justice Matthew Fader
2. Overview of Scope of Workgroup and Workgroup Meetings by Co-Chairs:
Hon. Kathleen Dumais, Associate Judge, Circuit Court for Montgomery County
Hon. Alex Williams (retired), Director, The Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. Center
for Education, Justice, and Ethics
3. The O'Connor Judicial Selection Plan – Published by the Institute for the Advancement of
the American Legal System (IAALS), University of Denver – Hon. Kathleen Dumais
4. Judicial Nominating Commissions – Current Process and Proposed Reforms
Carville Collins, Esquire – Partner, DLA Piper
5. Status and Next Steps – Hon. Kathleen Dumais and Hon. Alex Williams
6. Questions

Materials for Meeting:

- a. [Roster of Workgroup Members](#)
- b. [Distribution of Judges – Race and Gender](#)
- c. [Judicial Vacancies – Readvertisements Due to Number of Applications Received](#)
- d. [Judicial Vacancies – Number of Applications Received Per Vacancy \(2018-2022\)](#)
- e. [Judges Winning Contested Elections Since 1985](#)
- f. [Circuit Court Vacancies – District Court Judges Who Applied \(1/1/2012-9/22/2022\)](#)
- g. [Brennan Center for Justice, Judicial Selection for the 21st Century by John Kowal](#)
- h. [IAALS, The O'Connor Plan Judicial Selections Plan](#)
- i. IAALS, [Choosing Judges: Judicial Nominating Commissions and the Selection of Supreme Court Justices](#)