

**MARYLAND**

Maryland was one of the original thirteen states, and so its district court was established by the Judiciary Act of 1789.<sup>1</sup> A single-district state with ten authorized district judgeships, it is housed in the Fourth Circuit.

MD.ST.02 was authorized as a temporary position, with the proviso that the first vacancy to occur in either MD.ST.01 or MD.ST.02 would go unfilled and the line would end. With Judge Morris' death in 1912, MD.ST.01 was abolished and MD.ST.02 effectively became a permanent line.

<b>Statutory History</b>		
<i>Seat</i>	<i>Legislation</i>	<i>Authority</i>
MD.ST.01	Act of September 24, 1789	1 STAT. 73
MD.ST.02	Act of February 24, 1910	36 STAT. 201
MD.ST.03	Act of March 3, 1927	44 STAT. 1346
MD.ST.04	Act of May 19, 1961	75 STAT. 80
MD.ST.05	Act of May 19, 1961	75 STAT. 80
MD.ST.06	Act of March 18, 1966	80 STAT. 75
MD.ST.07	Act of June 2, 1970	84 STAT. 294
MD.ST.08	Act of June 2, 1970	84 STAT. 294
MD.ST.09	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
MD.ST.10	Act of October 20, 1978	92 STAT. 1629
MD.ST.11	Act of July 10, 1984	98 STAT. 333

<b>Seat Histories</b>					
<i>Position #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Confirmation</i>	<i>Date of Departure</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Party</i>

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<sup>1</sup>September 24, 1789, 1 STAT. 73. See H.H. Walker Lewis and James F. Schneider, *A Bicentennial History of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, 1790-1990* (Baltimore: Maryland Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, 1990).

MD.ST.01.01	Paca, William	February 10, 1790 <sup>2</sup>	October 13, 1799	Deceased	Federalist
MD.ST.01.02	Winchester, James	December 10, 1799 <sup>3</sup>	April 5, 1806	Deceased	Federalist
MD.ST.01.03	Houston, James	April 21, 1806	June 8, 1819	Deceased	Jeffersonian Democrat
MD.ST.01.04	Bland, Theodoric	January 5, 1820 <sup>4</sup>	August 16, 1824	Resigned	Jeffersonian Democrat
MD.ST.01.05	Glenn, Elias	January 3, 1825 <sup>5</sup>	April 5, 1836	Resigned	Democratic-Republican
MD.ST.01.06	Heath, Upton Scott	April 11, 1836	February 21, 1852	Deceased	Democrat
MD.ST.01.07	Glenn, John	March 24, 1852	July 8, 1853	Deceased	Whig
MD.ST.01.08	Giles, William Fell	January 11, 1854 <sup>6</sup>	March 21, 1879	Deceased	Democrat
MD.ST.01.09	Morris, Thomas John	July 1, 1879	June 6, 1912	Deceased	Republican
MD.ST.02.01	Rose, John Carter	April 4, 1910	December 20, 1922	Elevated to Fourth Circuit	Republican
MD.ST.02.02	Soper, Morris Ames	February 24, 1923	May 6, 1931	Elevated to Fourth Circuit	Republican
MD.ST.02.03	Chesnut, William Calvin	January 12, 1932 <sup>7</sup>	July 31, 1953	Retired	Republican

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<sup>2</sup>Recess appointment, December 22, 1789.

<sup>3</sup>Recess appointment, October 31, 1799.

<sup>4</sup>Recess appointment, November 23, 1819.

<sup>5</sup>Recess appointment, August 31, 1824.

<sup>6</sup>Recess appointment, July 18, 1853.

<sup>7</sup>Recess appointment, May 9, 1931.

MD.ST.02.04	Thomsen, Roszel C.	May 11, 1954	January 31, 1970	Retired	Republican
MD.ST.02.05	Murray, Herbert F.	July 29, 1971	December 31, 1988	Retired	Republican
MD.ST.02.06	Nickerson, William M.	May 11, 1990	June 11, 2002	Retired	Republican
MD.ST.02.07	Quarles, William D., Jr.	March 12, 2003	Active	Active	Republican
MD.ST.03.01	Coleman, William Caldwell	December 19, 1927 <sup>8</sup>	June 1, 1955	Resigned	Republican
MD.ST.03.02	Watkins, Robert Dorsey	March 1, 1956 <sup>9</sup>	August 11, 1971	Retired	Republican
MD.ST.03.03	Young, Joseph H.	July 29, 1971	August 1, 1987	Retired	Republican
MD.ST.03.04	Garbis, Marvin J.	October 24, 1989	June 14, 2003	Retired	Republican
MD.ST.03.05	Titus, Roger W.	November 5, 2003	Active	Active	Republican
MD.ST.04.01	Northrop, Edward S.	September 1, 1961	June 12, 1981	Retired	Democrat
MD.ST.04.02	Black, Walter E., Jr.	April 20, 1982	October 21, 1994	Retired	Republican
MD.ST.04.03	Davis, Andre M.	August 11, 1995	Active	Active	Democrat
MD.ST.05.01	Winter, Harrison Lee	February 7, 1962 <sup>10</sup>	June 24, 1966	Elevated to Fourth Circuit	Democrat
MD.ST.05.02	Harvey, Alexander, II	September 22, 1966	March 8, 1991	Retired	Democrat

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<sup>8</sup>Recess appointment, April 6, 1927.

<sup>9</sup>Recess appointment, August 12, 1955.

<sup>10</sup>Recess appointment, November 9, 1961.

MD.ST.05.03	Chasanow, Deborah Koss	October 18, 1993	Active	Active	Democrat
MD.ST.06.01	Kaufman, Frank A.	September 22, 1966	June 16, 1986	Retired	Democrat
MD.ST.06.02	Niemeyer, Paul V.	February 19, 1988	August 7, 1990	Elevated to Fourth Circuit	Republican
MD.ST.06.03	Legg, Benson Everett	September 12, 1991	Active	Active	Republican
MD.ST.07.01	Miller, James R., Jr.	October 13, 1970	December 1, 1986	Resigned	Republican
MD.ST.07.02	Smalkin, Frederic N.	September 25, 1986	January 8, 2003	Retired	Republican
MD.ST.07.03	Bennett, Richard D.	April 9, 2003	Active	Active	Republican
MD.ST.08.01	Blair, C. Stanley	July 29, 1971	April 2, 1980	Deceased	Republican
MD.ST.08.02	Ramsey, Norman Park	September 29, 1980	November 1, 1991	Retired	Democrat
MD.ST.08.03	Williams, Alexander, Jr.	August 17, 1994	Active	Active	Democrat
MD.ST.09.01	Howard, Joseph C., Sr. <sup>11</sup>	October 4, 1979	November 15, 1991	Retired	Democrat
MD.ST.09.02	Messitte, Peter J.	October 18, 1993	Active	Active	Democrat
MD.ST.10.01	Jones, Shirley B. <sup>12</sup>	October 4, 1979	December 31, 1982	Resigned	Democrat

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<sup>11</sup>First African American district judge appointed from Maryland.

<sup>12</sup>First female district judge appointed from Maryland.

MD.ST.10.02	Hargrove, John R.	February 9, 1984	February 21, 1994	Retired	Democrat
MD.ST.10.03	Blake, Catherine C.	August 11, 1995	Active	Active	Democrat
MD.ST.11.01	Motz, J. Frederick	July 11, 1985	Active	Active	Republican

