

Task Force to Study Fiduciary Adjudication in Maryland

Senator Nick Charles, Jr., Chair

Agenda

Monday, December 1, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

<https://dls.maryland.gov/policy-areas/tf-to-study-fiduciary-adjudication-in-md>

I. Opening Remarks by Chair

II. Public Hearing

- Members of the public who signed up to speak will speak as panels, each member of the public will have **two minutes to speak** to the task force, and then the panel may be asked questions by the task force members
- Members of the public who signed up to speak will be called on by the Chair
- Testimony submitted by the public can be found under meeting materials

III. Continued from last Monday's meeting – Preliminary Fiscal Information of Fiduciary Adjudication Scenarios Related to “Structural” Changes in the Current Court System

- Questions from task force members for Jo Tetlow (Department of Legislative Services), Jonathan Lasley (Maryland State Bar Association), and Monica Mitchell (Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies – National)

IV. Analyze the Effect of the Different Qualifications of Orphans' Court Judges and Related Litigation Procedures on the Uniform Application of Justice in Maryland

Each task force member will be **given 2-3 minutes to briefly address** this topic before any questions or discussions take place. The speaking order will be as follows, should members choose to speak:

Judge Athena Malloy Groves
Judge Juliet G. Fisher
Judge Catherine Huger McQueen
Jonathan G. Lasley, Esq.
Kelly M. Preteroti, Esq.
Byron E. Macfarlane, Register of Wills
Mary C. Rolle, Register of Wills
Monica Mitchell

Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett
Delegate Aaron Kaufman
Senator Chris West
Chair Nick Charles

Each task force member will be given the opportunity to speak before any questions or discussions take place

V. Concluding Remarks by the Chair

- The final meeting of the task force will be held next **Monday on December 8, 2025**
- **See under task force materials – [Proposals Working Document](#)**
- Recommendations will be proposed by task force members and voted on by task force members at that upcoming meeting