

Orientation and Training for New Orphans' Court Judges Agenda

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

**Judicial College of Maryland
Maryland Judicial Center**

- 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Check-In at Hotel
- 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm Check-In and Networking at the Maryland Judicial Center
- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner
Welcome and Introductions

So Now You're a Judge!

- 7:00 pm – 7:15 pm Conference of Orphans' Court Judges
Maryland Association for the Judges of the Orphans' Courts (MAJOC)
- 7:15 pm – 7:30 pm History of the Orphans' Court
- 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm Jurisdiction and Roles of Orphans' Court Judges and Register of Wills



Thursday, February 9, 2023

**Judicial College of Maryland
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- 8:30 am – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am Welcome
Planning Committee, Orphans' Court Judges:
- 9:15 am – 9:30 am Introduction to Orphans' Court Bench Book & Reference Guide

9:30 am – 10:15 am Ethics: Maryland Code of Judicial Conduct

10:15 am – 11:15 am Determining the Validity of a Will or Codicil: Execution, Revocation and Caveats

11:15 am – 11:30 am Break

11:30 am – 12:15 pm Making Decisions: How and Where to Find the Law (Statutes, Case Law, Maryland Rules of Procedure, Attorney General Opinions)

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm Lunch

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm Estates & Trusts Section of the Maryland Bar

1:30 pm – 2:30pm Probate Fundamentals: Administrative versus Judicial Probate: Personal Representatives and Special Administrators; Priority of Appointment; Bond; Removal; Funeral Expenses; Spousal Election against Will; Exceptions to Account; Petitions for Commissions and/or Counsel Fees

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Break

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Probate Fundamentals (Continued)

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm The Augmented Estate

4:30 pm – 4:45 pm End of Day Debrief

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Dinner

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm What I Wish I Hadn't Said from the Bench!



Friday, February 10, 2023
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8:30 am – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:00 am Estate Administration: Claims; Distributions; Disclaimers versus Assignments; Closing the Estate; Statute of Limitations; Ancillary Administration

10:00 am – 10:30 am Intestacy: Constructing the Family Tree

10:30 am – 11:00 am Hearings: Transmittal of Issues, Ruling on Motions, Evidence, Orders, and Opinions

11:00 am – 11:15 am Break

11:15 am – 12:15 pm Hearings (continued)

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm How to Read an Account: The Judicial Perspective

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Enforcement of Court Orders: Judgments; Contempt; Writs of Body Attachment; Recovery from Surety; Letters to Attorney Grievance Committee; State's Attorney's Office

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Courtroom Procedures: How to Conduct a Hearing & Manage Your Courtroom Handling Pro Se Litigants - Video from Quarterly Ethics Training

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Closing and Adjourn