

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON
PROTOCOLS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN
ELECTRONIC OFFICIAL RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE COURTS OF APPEAL

WHEREAS, The Maryland Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act (MUELMA), codified as Code, State Government Article, Sections 10-1601 through 10-1611, effective October 1, 2017, addresses the electronic publication of state legal materials, including requirements for authentication, preservation, and security thereof; and

WHEREAS, Maryland Rule 1-105, recently adopted by this Court to take effect on July 1, 2018, provides the procedure by which the Court of Appeals shall ensure the authenticity, preservation, and security of decisions of the Court of Appeals and the Court of Special Appeals should the Court of Appeals determine that decisions that are published electronically are the official record of each Court; and

WHEREAS, Maryland Rule 1-105(c)(2) requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop protocols that comply with the requirements of Code, State Government Article, Title 10, Subtitle 16, to ensure the authenticity, preservation, and security of decisions and submit the protocols for consideration by the Court; and

WHEREAS, the Court, having considered the protocols submitted by the Administrative Office of the Courts through the State Court Administrator and having been satisfied that the protocols comply with the statutory requirements,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, this 10th day of April, 2018, that the protocols proposed by the Administrative Office of the Courts are hereby approved and shall be implemented no later than September 1, 2018, on which date henceforth, for the Court of the Appeals and the Court of Special Appeals, the official record of a decision in a Maryland Electronic Court (MDEC) action shall be the electronically published decision.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera
The Honorable Mary Ellen Barbera

/s/ Clayton Greene, Jr.
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/s/Sally D. Adkins
The Honorable Sally D. Adkins

/s/ Robert N. McDonald
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/s/ Shirley M. Watts
The Honorable Shirley M. Watts

/s/ Michele D. Hotten
The Honorable Michele D. Hotten

/s/ Joseph M. Getty
The Honorable Joseph M. Getty

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/s/ Bessie M. Decker
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Clerk
Court of Appeals of Maryland