

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND  
ORDER APPROVING REVISED PROCESS FOR APPLICATION FOR  
CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION OF FORMER JUDGES FOR RECALL

Whereas, § 1-302 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides for the recall of former judges for temporary assignment, including required approval for assignment by a majority of the judges of the Supreme Court; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court having determined that the process for approval shall be formalized, with information to be provided by those judges seeking to be certified by way of a confidential application for certification; and

Whereas, a process for further investigation, if warranted, having been developed, for the members of the Court to be informed in determining whether to grant approval; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court having further determined that the certification of former judges for recall shall be renewed on a periodic basis and on a uniform schedule,

Now, therefore, it is ordered, by the Supreme Court of Maryland, this 14th day of December 2022, that former judges seeking certification or recertification for recall for temporary assignment shall complete and submit the application for certification approved by the Supreme Court, a current copy of which shall be maintained on the website of the Judicial Branch; and

Unless otherwise specified by the Court, a former judge's initial certification for recall shall begin on the date specified by the Supreme Court and end on the next June 30

that is at least two calendar years from the date of initial certification.<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise specified by the Court, a recertification term shall begin on the July 1 that follows the expiration of the prior term and last for three years; and

An applicant for recertification shall submit an application between March 15 and April 15 of the year in which their certification or recertification will expire; and

The administrative judge of each circuit or district in which an applicant for certification or recertification for recall seeks approval to sit shall be notified of the application and shall inform the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court whether the administrative judge approves or does not approve the request. For applicants for recertification, administrative judges shall be provided a single list of all applicants for recertification in their jurisdiction by April 25 of each year and shall inform the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of their approval or disapproval of each applicant by May 5 of that year; and

This administrative order supersedes the Order Approving Process for Application for Certification of Former Judges for Recall, dated December 14, 2017, and the order of the identical name dated December 9, 2020, both of which are now vacated.

/s/ Matthew J. Fader  
The Honorable Matthew J. Fader

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<sup>1</sup> In other words, a term of initial certification that begins between the date of this Order and June 30, 2023, inclusive, will end on June 30, 2025; and a term of initial certification that begins between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, inclusive, will end on June 30, 2026.

/s/ Shirley M. Watts  
The Honorable Shirley M. Watts

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

/s/ Brynja M. Booth  
The Honorable Brynja M. Booth

/s/ Jonathan Biran  
The Honorable Jonathan Biran

/s/ Steven B. Gould  
The Honorable Steven B. Gould

/s/ Angela M. Eaves  
The Honorable Angela M. Eaves

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/s/ Gregory Hilton  
Clerk  
Supreme Court of Maryland

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Gregory Hilton, Clerk