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INTRODUCTION

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It is my pleasure to share with you the Statistical Abstract for Fiscal Year 2012. This product is evidence and a reflection of the ongoing efforts on the part of so many people who dedicate their careers to serving justice. I am indebted to the hundreds of judges, clerks, administrators and support staff who adjudicate and process cases in a fair and timely manner on a daily basis. Our work is done in concert with many justice partners, and I wish to express the Judiciary's appreciation to these partners, including attorneys, parole and probation officers, specialists in alternative dispute resolution, juvenile justice organizations, Executive branch agencies, the Legislature, witnesses, and others.

My tenure as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals ends this year. It has been my distinct honor to have worked with all of you in service to the citizens of Maryland, and to initiate and promote programs that ensure trust and confidence in the courts and our system of justice. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

Prominent in the Judiciary's future is a new case management system, Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC). MDEC will be used by every court in the state court system to collect, store and process records electronically, in near real time. Court users will be able to file their cases electronically, and have 24/7 online access to their records as cases travel from District Court to circuit court and on to the appellate courts. The new system will also allow courts to "go green" by making paper records available when requested.

Consequently, this will allow the Judiciary to provide more detailed statistics, improve public safety and enhance access to justice. There are many other major initiatives under way that place Maryland in the forefront of shaping the future of justice. I am confident that these initiatives will continue and evolve over time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert M. Bell".

Robert M. Bell
Chief Judge

**TABLE DC-7
DISTRICT COURT**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES FILED AND TERMINATED

Fiscal Years 2010 through 2012

	FY 2010		FY 2011		FY 2012	
	Filed ¹	Terminated ²	Filed ¹	Terminated ²	Filed ¹	Terminated ²
District 1	4,265	4,136	4,292	4,177	4,410	4,254
Baltimore City	4,265	4,136	4,292	4,177	4,410	4,254
District 2	1,022	970	987	904	891	847
Dorchester	191	179	157	142	145	136
Somerset	88	83	105	98	103	97
Wicomico	514	476	475	440	426	399
Worcester	229	232	230	224	217	215
District 3	1,275	1,198	1,188	1,090	1,141	1,007
Caroline	226	200	197	171	201	165
Cecil	607	562	585	533	535	476
Kent	60	60	41	39	71	63
Queen Anne's	232	226	216	202	176	156
Talbot	150	150	149	145	158	147

	FY 2010		FY 2011		FY 2012	
	Filed ¹	Terminated ²	Filed ¹	Terminated ²	Filed ¹	Terminated ²
District 4	1,580	1,490	1,501	1,394	1,505	1,385
Calvert	350	334	349	324	347	326
Charles	716	658	738	685	769	689
St. Mary's	514	498	414	385	389	370
District 5	5,141	4,740	5,068	4,706	5,276	4,798
Prince George's	5,141	4,740	5,068	4,706	5,276	4,798
District 6	2,034	1,899	2,044	1,792	2,202	1,910
Montgomery	2,034	1,899	2,044	1,792	2,202	1,910

	FY 2010		FY 2011		FY 2012	
	Filed ¹	Terminated ²	Filed ¹	Terminated ²	Filed ¹	Terminated ²
District 7	2,185	2,044	2,064	1,938	2,161	2,071
Anne Arundel	2,185	2,044	2,064	1,938	2,161	2,071
District 8	3,476	3,409	3,555	3,461	3,455	3,375
Baltimore	3,476	3,409	3,555	3,461	3,455	3,375
District 9	798	752	764	705	833	753
Harford	798	752	764	705	833	753

	FY 2010		FY 2011		FY 2012	
	Filed ¹	Terminated ²	Filed ¹	Terminated ²	Filed ¹	Terminated ²
District 10	995	931	932	867	955	844
Howard	646	598	614	574	592	511
Carroll	349	333	318	293	363	333
District 11	1,724	1,645	1,759	1,692	1,804	1,728
Frederick	709	667	679	649	679	639
Washington	1,015	978	1,080	1,043	1,125	1,089
District 12	598	579	560	548	570	556
Allegany	431	411	405	394	422	414
Garrett	165	168	155	154	148	142

	FY 2010		FY 2011		FY 2012	
	Filed ¹	Terminated ²	Filed ¹	Terminated ²	Filed ¹	Terminated ²
State Totals	25,091	23,793	24,694	23,274	25,203	23,528

¹ Filings include child abuse, domestic violence, and vulnerable adult cases filed.

² Terminations represent the total number of final protective orders granted, denied and dismissed; temporary orders denied and dismissed; and interim orders denied.

TABLE DC-8
DISTRICT COURT

PEACE ORDER CASES FILED AND TERMINATED

Fiscal Years 2010 through 2012

	FY 2010		FY 2011		FY 2012	
	Filed	Terminated ¹	Filed	Terminated ¹	Filed	Terminated ¹
District 1	3,020	2,979	3,302	3,292	3,640	3,619
Baltimore City	3,020	2,979	3,302	3,292	3,640	3,619
District 2	696	696	704	687	700	697
Dorchester	105	107	105	103	92	94
Somerset	84	79	60	59	79	77
Wicomico	349	343	373	363	363	365
Worcester	158	167	166	162	166	161
District 3	785	785	669	669	669	670
Caroline	163	169	117	118	109	107
Cecil	324	317	268	271	236	240
Kent	29	28	59	57	71	71
Queen Anne's	124	126	125	123	148	146
Talbot	145	145	100	100	105	106

	FY 2010		FY 2011		FY 2012	
	Filed	Terminated ¹	Filed	Terminated ¹	Filed	Terminated ¹
District 4	1,315	1,303	1,226	1,229	1,268	1,266
Calvert	291	287	281	279	267	268
Charles	654	646	642	648	741	730
St. Mary's	370	370	303	302	258	268
District 5	4,287	4,237	4,182	4,201	4,255	4,184
Prince George's	4,287	4,237	4,182	4,201	4,255	4,184
District 6	2,274	2,239	2,160	2,126	2,168	2,121
Montgomery	2,274	2,239	2,160	2,126	2,168	2,121

	FY 2010		FY 2011		FY 2012	
	Filed	Terminated ¹	Filed	Terminated ¹	Filed	Terminated ¹
District 7	1,712	1,698	1,630	1,627	1,718	1,697
Anne Arundel	1,712	1,698	1,630	1,627	1,718	1,697
District 8	2,256	2,233	2,260	2,252	2,440	2,408
Baltimore	2,256	2,233	2,260	2,252	2,440	2,408
District 9	578	568	532	544	587	575
Harford	578	568	532	544	587	575

	FY 2010		FY 2011		FY 2012	
	Filed	Terminated ¹	Filed	Terminated ¹	Filed	Terminated ¹
District 10	981	981	813	817	1,022	1,000
Howard	531	531	366	369	509	497
Carroll	450	450	447	448	513	503
District 11	1,327	1,311	1,243	1,236	1,461	1,480
Frederick	626	620	514	507	620	613
Washington	701	691	729	729	841	847
District 12	395	390	315	318	276	972
Allegany	242	235	225	228	208	908
Garrett	153	155	90	90	68	64

	FY 2010		FY 2011		FY 2012	
	Filed	Terminated ¹	Filed	Terminated ¹	Filed	Terminated ¹
State Totals	19,626	19,420	19,036	18,998	20,202	20,679

¹Peace Order Cases Terminated equal the number of Interim orders denied, plus temporary orders denied and dismissed, plus final peace orders granted, denied and dismissed.

**TABLE DC-9
DISTRICT COURT**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISPOSITIONS

Fiscal Year 2012

	Cases Filed	Transfers to Circuit Court	Interim Orders Granted	Temporary Orders Granted	Temporary Orders Reissued	Protective Orders Granted	Appeals
District 1	4,410	51	2,209	2,483	3,971	952	25
Baltimore City	4,410	51	2,209	2,483	3,971	952	25
District 2	891	39	234	613	168	279	8
Dorchester	145	10	74	101	14	49	0
Somerset	103	6	14	71	11	32	0
Wicomico	426	21	106	302	117	137	5
Worcester	217	2	40	139	26	61	3
District 3	1,141	92	414	700	151	321	24
Caroline	201	23	93	138	21	73	5
Cecil	535	52	167	320	84	111	7
Kent	71	4	23	41	11	21	0
Queen Anne's	176	8	61	112	16	56	7
Talbot	158	5	70	89	19	60	5
District 4	1,505	86	865	859	211	472	19
Calvert	347	17	175	186	27	96	6
Charles	769	56	485	402	99	220	12
St. Mary's	389	13	205	271	85	156	1
District 5	5,276	362	2,577	3,344	1,213	1,412	59
Prince George's	5,276	362	2,577	3,344	1,213	1,412	59
District 6	2,202	12	842	1,316	410	801	42
Montgomery	2,202	12	842	1,316	410	801	42
District 7	2,161	68	979	1,363	486	623	27
Anne Arundel	2,161	68	979	1,363	486	623	27
District 8	3,455	33	1,332	1,990	923	824	51
Baltimore	3,455	33	1,332	1,990	923	824	51
District 9	833	70	406	531	155	311	4
Harford	833	70	406	531	155	311	4
District 10	955	64	459	611	180	286	21
Howard	592	46	290	368	140	154	8
Carroll	363	18	169	243	40	132	13
District 11	1,804	51	835	1,121	302	577	19
Frederick	679	28	330	389	89	181	10
Washington	1,125	23	505	732	213	396	9
District 12	570	4	236	356	78	157	5
Allegany	422	4	168	273	71	126	5
Garrett	148	0	68	83	7	31	0
State Totals	25,203	932	11,388	15,287	8,248	7,015	304

**TABLE DC-10
DISTRICT COURT**

PEACE ORDER DISPOSITIONS

Fiscal Year 2012

	Cases Filed	Interim Orders Granted	Temporary Orders Granted	Peace Orders Granted	Appeals
District 1	3,640	1,773	3,000	898	7
Baltimore City	3,640	1,773	3,000	898	7
District 2	700	80	691	303	1
Dorchester	92	25	73	48	0
Somerset	79	3	82	42	0
Wicomico	363	35	376	156	0
Worcester	166	17	160	57	1
District 3	669	156	544	259	0
Caroline	109	35	76	46	0
Cecil	236	53	226	76	0
Kent	71	18	45	33	0
Queen Anne's	148	20	115	52	0
Talbot	105	30	82	52	0
District 4	1,266	561	974	524	6
Calvert	267	108	181	108	0
Charles	741	349	544	301	6
St. Mary's	258	104	249	115	0
District 5	4,255	1,864	3,614	1,372	21
Prince George's	4,255	1,864	3,614	1,372	21
District 6	2,168	666	1,616	874	16
Montgomery	2,168	666	1,616	874	16
District 7	1,718	605	1,474	618	21
Anne Arundel	1,718	605	1,474	618	21
District 8	2,440	754	2,204	752	32
Baltimore	2,440	754	2,204	752	32
District 9	587	251	447	289	2
Harford	587	251	447	289	2
District 10	1,022	304	826	377	14
Howard	509	155	372	130	7
Carroll	513	149	454	247	7
District 11	1,461	476	1,215	542	3
Frederick	620	172	510	203	3
Washington	841	304	705	339	0
District 12	276	125	238	105	1
Allegany	208	85	190	80	1
Garrett	68	40	48	25	0
State Totals	20,202	7,615	16,843	6,913	124

**TABLE CC-5
CIRCUIT COURTS**

**Domestic Violence Protective Order Dispositions
Fiscal Year 2012**

	Temporary Protective Orders Disposed ¹			Final Protective Orders Disposed ¹		
	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded
First Circuit	97	45	1	56	62	6
Dorchester	35	6	0	18	22	4
Somerset	18	2	0	6	12	0
Wicomico	38	31	1	25	26	2
Worcester	6	6	0	7	2	0

	Temporary Protective Orders Disposed ¹			Final Protective Orders Disposed ¹		
	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded
Second Circuit	102	25	1	93	97	7
Caroline	25	4	1	20	34	3
Cecil	47	5	0	47	43	0
Kent	14	6	0	10	5	3
Queen Anne's	6	7	0	6	9	1
Talbot	10	3	0	10	6	0

	Temporary Protective Orders Disposed ¹			Final Protective Orders Disposed ¹		
	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded
Third Circuit	254	150	4	136	275	7
Baltimore	203	118	3	106	176	5
Harford	51	32	1	30	99	2

	Temporary Protective Orders Disposed ¹			Final Protective Orders Disposed ¹		
	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded
Fourth Circuit	6	10	0	18	20	0
Allegany	6	9	0	3	7	0
Garrett	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	1	0	15	13	0

Domestic Violence Protective Order Dispositions, Continued
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	Temporary Protective Orders Disposed ¹			Final Protective Orders Disposed ¹		
	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded
Fifth Circuit	363	77	3	214	315	18
Anne Arundel	114	30	0	88	136	2
Carroll	177	33	0	90	112	14
Howard	72	14	3	36	67	2

	Temporary Protective Orders Disposed ¹			Final Protective Orders Disposed ¹		
	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded
Sixth Circuit	467	56	1	305	413	2
Frederick	109	32	1	61	74	2
Montgomery	358	24	0	244	339	0

	Temporary Protective Orders Disposed ¹			Final Protective Orders Disposed ¹		
	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded
Seventh Circuit	649	266	7	484	728	36
Calvert	37	12	0	28	29	1
Charles	183	26	3	131	116	9
Prince George's	304	200	2	258	522	26
St. Mary's	125	28	2	67	61	0

	Temporary Protective Orders Disposed ¹			Final Protective Orders Disposed ¹		
	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded
Eighth Circuit	144	24	1	106	89	3
Baltimore City	144	24	1	106	89	3

	Temporary Protective Orders Disposed ¹			Final Protective Orders Disposed ¹		
	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded	Orders Granted	Orders Denied/Dismissed ²	Orders Rescinded
STATE TOTALS	2,082	653	18	1,412	1,999	79

¹Temporary and Final Protective Orders Dispositions represent the first dispositive action (i.e., granted, denied, dismissed, etc.) on petitions at each stage (Temporary and Final). Totals do not include dispositions on modified, reissued, or extended orders. A single case may have more than one dispositive event occur at the Temporary and/or Final protective order stages, but only the first dispositive event at each stage is recorded in this table.

²Temporary and Final Protective Orders Denied/Dismissed may also include orders withdrawn.