

Preface

During the last year, there were new rules relating to video and audio copies of proceedings, effectively maintaining Maryland's ban on televised trials (91:1); important limitations on allowable pretrial discovery delimited by pretrial orders (39:1); elimination of any requirement that motions to change name after divorce be served on any party (10:16); a rule allowing clients to waive in writing conflicts of interest by attorneys arising after suit (7:5); requirements that email addresses of parties not represented by an attorney be included on pleadings (18:1); elimination of discovery in aid of execution with respect to some small claims (76:3); and elimination of a requirement that an amicus brief be attached to a motion for its allowance (93:20).

A new statute bars the charging of fees to attorneys for copies of clients' medical records (48:1).

Cases allow discovery of Brady materials in post-conviction proceedings (6:3, 87:7); define the appealability of motion rulings (38:6); define standards for remittur (64:10); bar covenants not to compete by attorneys (7:5); deal with jury selection (60:6); administrative appeals (31:10, 87:18) and hold that the State's waiver of sovereign immunity does not extend to actions under federal statutes (26:21).

There are new forms for complaints for absolute divorce (53.12); applications by corporations for access to MDEC documents (17.16); transfers of structured settlements (75:21); counterclaims for absolute divorce (53.12); judgment debtor information sheets (77.11); motions for restoration of former name (10:16); motion to limit inspection of case record (75:14); notice of alternate service (2:16); notice of appeal (87:3); nurse practitioner's certificate (59:20); petition for peace order (11:40); and request for order directing appearance for examination (45:8).

The text includes statutes of the 2024 session and cases and rules changes reported as of June 25, 2024.

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