Preface

During the last year, there were new rules allowing compulsory assisted outpatient treatment of mental conditions (11:7);requiring self-represented litigants to choose between paper and electronic filings (17:14); requiring identification of claims for medical debt (23:2, 70:8); discussing statutes of repose (31:23); regulating mediation confidentiality (53:7); regulating child support modification (53:30); relating to exclusion of government witnesses (59:3); allowing impeachment of jury verdicts where discrimination is alleged (63:1); enlarging jurisdiction of magistrates under case management plans ((67:1); relating to waivers of costs (72:11); allowing up to $6000 in cash accounts to be released from levy without a hearing (80:1); exempting up to $500 per garnishment (82:1); altering procedure in certified cases in the appellate courts (87:19); and lowering from eight to five the number of record extracts required to be filed (92:1).

New statutes created a cause of action against officers misusing firearms (30:7); enhanced court security (60:1); amended laws relating to juror disqualification (60:4); and raised the bankruptcy exemption for owner-occupied property to $125,000(80:1).

There were important cases on class actions (13:1); on air pollution actions (13:1); on derivative suits (13:6);on the standard of review for administrative agencies (23:7); on the Maryland Public Information Act (48:8); on expert medical and nursing testimony and immunities (59:5 and 59:6); on damages for pre-impact fright (64:11); on damages for ethnic discrimination (64:18); and on remedies for waste before a foreclosure sale (81:26).

There was a new general form for motions (38:2); a new form for petitions for expedited hearings (55:2); and numerous replacement forms.

The text includes statutes of the 2026 session and cases and rules changes reported as of June 30, 2026.

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