

Access to Counsel in Evictions Task Force
Implementation Committee Meeting
Minutes of Meeting of November 3, 2021

Committee Members in attendance: Charisse Lue (co-chair); Stuart Simms (co-chair); Sumbul Alam; Luke Lanciano; Pamela Ortiz; Jessica Quincosa; Reena Shah; Vicki Schultz (Task Force Chair, *ex officio*)

Task Force Members and Staff in attendance: Deb Seltzer; Brenda Hurford; Leah Tulin

- Introductions
- Committee members engaged in a discussion of the Committee's agenda and its focus on certain key areas of implementation, including notice and uniformity in the courts.
- The Committee co-chairs shared, and the Committee discussed, a slide presentation. The discussion included an overview of implementation ideas for Maryland's program, some of which are contained in the Maryland law and some derived from the Task Force's research of other jurisdictions' programs. The topics included:
 - An overview of the language of HB18
 - District Court Form DC-CV-115
 - The filing process utilized by landlords
 - How to use the new 10-day notice period effectively, (e.g., affirmative outreach, connecting tenants to resources prior to the day of court)
 - Whether any potential tenants could be contacted at or prior to the 10-day notification
 - The availability of pre-court resources for tenants
 - The possibility of postponements/continuances; advising tenants of their right to counsel; implementation of e-filing of cases
 - The concept of a centralized and coordinated intake/referral system
- The Committee did not develop any recommendations to be made to the Task Force.