

**IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY
Administrative Order No. 2024-05**

WHEREAS Maryland Rule 2-541(b)(2) grants a court, by order, the authority to refer to a magistrate any matter or issue not triable of right before a jury; and

WHEREAS Maryland Rule 16-105 assigns the responsibility of administering the circuit court, including assignment of cases for hearings, to the Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS Maryland Rule 16-302 allows the Administrative Judge to adopt procedures consistent with the Maryland Rules to ensure prompt disposition of matters,

NOW THEREFORE, it is on this 29th day of February 2024, hereby

ORDERED that the General Civil Magistrates for the Circuit Court of Baltimore City may conduct hearings on the following matters in general civil cases:

- Pre-Trial Conferences;
- Motions for Temporary Restraining Order;
- Judicial In Rem Foreclosures;
- Ground Rent Ejectments;
- Conventional Mandamus under Rule 15-701, where triable fact questions by a jury are not at issue;
- Discovery in Aid of Enforcement of Judgment (Oral Examinations);
- Receiverships;
- Interpleaders;
- Sales in Lieu of Partition;
- Tax Sale Foreclosures;

- Mortgage Foreclosures;
- Adult Name Changes;
- Adult Judicial Declarations of Gender Identity;
- Petitions to Withdraw Funds from Minor's Guardianship or Title 13 Trust Account;
- Trust Clerk Show Cause Hearings in Guardianships and Title 13 Trust Cases;
- Limited Post-Appointment Issues in Guardianships which only includes matters initiated by Magistrates; and
- Discovery, which shall be decided on a case-by-case basis by the Judge-in-Charge of the Civil Division; and it is further,

ORDERED that a party's ability under Maryland Rule 2-541(f) to file exceptions shall remain in effect; and it is further

ORDERED that the Judge-in-Charge of the Civil Division shall implement a plan in accordance with this Order to smoothly transition the matters listed here to the General Civil Magistrates of the Court immediately.

_____/s/_____
 Audrey J.S. Carrión
 Administrative Judge
 Circuit Court for Baltimore City

cc:

Judges and General Civil Magistrates of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City
 Xavier A. Conaway, Clerk, Circuit Court for Baltimore City