

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

**MEMORANDUM OF COURT REGARDING JURY LISTS THAT ARE
DISSEMINATED TO PARTIES AND OTHERS PRIOR TO THE VOIR DIRE
PROCESS**

At a meeting of the judges of the Prince Georges County Circuit Court on May 18, 2010, the issue of the handling of the jury lists that are distributed by the Jury Supervisor pursuant to Maryland Rule 2-512(c)(2) and 4-312(c)(2), was discussed. The discussion involved the action that should be taken by the court pursuant to 2-512(c)(B) and 4-312(c)(B). These two provisions provide that the jury lists or the information therein contained may not be disseminated by any party to whom the list has been provided without the concurrence of the trial judge.

Moreover, both of the above listed Rules contain a paragraph [2-512(c)(B) and (3)] which provides that the copies of jury lists shall be returned to the Jury Supervisor unless it is marked for identification and offered into evidence pursuant to the appropriate evidentiary Rule. These provisions provide that jury lists not be disseminated for any purpose other than the selection of the jury for the particular case in which the Jury Supervisor has compiled it. Furthermore, the Civil (2-512) and the Criminal (4-312) Rules allow the court to direct that all lists be returned to the Jury Supervisor after the jury has been empanelled.

In light of the above, the Judges of the Prince Georges County Circuit Court have determined that the jury lists in both civil and criminal cases shall be collected from all persons and parties after the jury and any alternates have been empanelled. Once collected, the Clerk of the Court is authorized to maintain custody of the jury lists until the jury has completed its deliberations and returned a verdict. After the jury has returned the verdict in a civil or criminal case, the jury list shall be returned to the Jury Supervisor unless such list has been entered into evidence pursuant to the appropriate Rule. The judges of the court took the above action because of the desire to assist the Sheriff in providing security for those citizens who are fulfilling their civic obligation by serving as jurors in this court. It is to that end, that no jury list shall remain in the custody of a party or any other person to whom it has been distributed subsequent to the empanelling of the jury and the alternates. Copying of the jury lists by a party or any other person is also strictly prohibited.

An order memorializing the decision and the compliance with the Maryland Rules is attached to this memorandum.

WILLIAM D. MISSOURI
Chief Judge, 7th Circuit

Date: _____

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

**ORDER OF COURT REGARDING JURY LISTS DISSEMINATED PURSUANT
TO MARYLAND RULE 2-512**

Pursuant to the attached memorandum, it is on this _____ day of
May, 2010, by the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County, Maryland,

ORDERED, that a jury list disseminated in a civil case pursuant to Rule
2-512(c)(2) shall be returned to the Clerk of the Court subsequent to the
empanelling of the jury and the alternates as directed by Rule 2-512(c)(B); and it
is further

ORDERED, that the lists returned to the Clerk of the Court shall be held
by the Clerk until the jury in the case has rendered a verdict; and it is further

ORDERED, that should there be a need to consult the list prior to the
jury being excused for deliberation the Clerk can, pursuant to a directive of the
trial judge, present the list to the parties in the case; and it is further

ORDERED, that once the jury has retired for deliberations, all copies of
the jury list, unless the trial judge orders otherwise, shall be returned to the
Jury Supervisor; and it is further

ORDERED, that copying of a jury list that was disseminated by the Jury
Supervisor is strictly prohibited by any party or person; and it is further

ORDERED, that the judges of the Circuit Court for Prince Georges
County have authorized the Chief/Administrative Judge to pass this order on
behalf of the entire bench; and it is further

ORDERED, that this order is effective June 7, 2010.

WILLIAM D. MISSOURI
Chief Judge, 7th Circuit

cc: Honorable Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge
Honorable Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.
Resident Judges
Jury Supervisor
Prince George's County Bar Association

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

**ORDER OF COURT REGARDING JURY LISTS DISSEMINATED PURSUANT
TO MARYLAND RULE 4-312**

Pursuant to the attached memorandum, it is on this _____ day of
May, 2010, by the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County, Maryland,

ORDERED, that a jury list disseminated in a civil case pursuant to Rule
4-312(c)(2) shall be returned to the Clerk of the Court subsequent to the
empanelling of the jury and the alternates as directed by Rule 4-312(c)(B); and it
is further

ORDERED, that the lists returned to the Clerk of the Court shall be held
by the Clerk until the jury in the case has rendered a verdict; and it is further

ORDERED, that should there be a need to consult the list prior to the
jury being excused for deliberation the Clerk can, pursuant to a directive of the
trial judge, present the list to the parties in the case; and it is further

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Chief Judge, 7th Circuit

cc: Honorable Robert M. Bell
Honorable Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.
Resident Judges
Honorable Glenn F. Ivey, State's Attorney
Brian C. Denton, Esquire, Public Defender
Jury Supervisor
Prince Georges County Bar Association