

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND

Petitioner v. _____
Respondent

Petition No. _____, September Term, _____
(To be filled in by the Clerk)

INFORMAL PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI (REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY THE SUPREME COURT)

In most cases, you do not have an automatic right to review of your case by the Supreme Court of Maryland. You can submit a request to the Supreme Court to review your case. The Court will then decide whether to grant your request. The request you file is called a “petition for writ of certiorari.” Maryland Rule 8-303 lists the information you must include in your request. If you are not represented by a lawyer, you may file an “informal” petition for writ of certiorari using this form. You must still meet the deadlines found in Maryland Rule 8-302. The Maryland Rules that apply to the process of filing your petition are available [HERE](#).

File the fully completed form and your filing fee (\$61.00) with the Clerk of the Supreme Court. If you cannot afford the filing fee, you may file a fee waiver request. There are three ways to file and pay:

(1) Mail it with your check to:

Supreme Court of Maryland
361 Rowe Boulevard
Annapolis, Maryland 21401;

(2) Hand-deliver the form with a check or cash to the address shown above; or

(3) File the form using MDEC, the e-filing system used by the Maryland courts. You must be a registered user of MDEC to file online.



(1) List case numbers in each of the courts where your case has been heard to date (if any):

District Court:

Case Name: _____

Case Number: _____

Circuit Court:

Case Name: _____

Case Number: _____

Appellate Court of Maryland:

Case Name: _____

Case Number: _____

(2) Has this case been decided by the Appellate Court of Maryland?

☐ Yes or ☐ No.

(3) If the case is or was pending in the Appellate Court, were briefs filed?

☐ Yes or ☐ No.

If briefs haven't been filed yet, what date are they due? _____.

(4) Did the judgment or decision of the circuit court resolve the entire case with respect to all of the parties?

☐ Yes or ☐ No.

(5) What is the date of the circuit court's judgment or decision? _____.

(6) What is the date of the Appellate Court's decision, if any? _____.

(7) What issues would you like the Supreme Court to review? Please use the section below to state the issues you would like the Supreme Court to consider. If you need more room, you may attach a separate document up to 15 pages long.

In your statement be sure to:

- Identify the legal issues you want the court to consider.
- Identify the information from the record that relates to those issues. This is also called the supporting facts.
- State why the court should rule in your favor on each of those issues. This is your legal argument.
- State why a review of those issues by the Supreme Court is desirable and in the public interest.
- Cite relevant case law, statutes, rules, or other authorities to support your argument.

You may also attach relevant documents from the record.

Note: This form has space for three issues, but you may list more.

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Supporting facts and argument:

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(8) If you haven't already done so, please explain why a review of the issues you identified above is desirable and in the public interest:

(9) If you did not include citations to appropriate legal authority in the discussion of the issues you identified above, you may list or describe that authority here:

Date: _____

Signature

Name (Printed)

Address

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on _____ (date) I served a complete copy of this Informal
Petition for Writ of Certiorari on all parties by mailing it to:

Name

Name

Address

Address

Signature

Please note: If the Certificate of Service is not completed, this filing will not be accepted. If you do not serve the other party or parties in this case, this filing may be stricken, and this petition may be dismissed.

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**IF YOU ARE AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL IN A
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, FILL OUT THIS CERTIFICATE**

CERTIFICATE OF FILING (Md. Rule 1-322)

I, _____ (name), certify that

(1) I am involuntarily confined in _____ (name of facility);

(2) I have no direct access to the U.S. Postal Service or to a permitted means of electronically filing the attached pleading or paper;

(3) on _____ (date) at approximately _____ (time)

☐ I personally deposited the attached pleading or paper for mailing in a receptacle designated by the facility for outgoing mail;

or

☐ I personally delivered it to an employee of the facility authorized by the facility to collect outgoing mail; and

(4) the item was in mailable form and had the correct postage on it.

I solemnly affirm this _____ day of _____ 20____, under the penalty of perjury and upon personal knowledge that the foregoing statements are true.

Signature