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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Maryland Courts Watcher?

Maryland Courts Watcher is a weblog that posts synopses of every publicly available opinion published on the Internet by any court in Maryland. Thus, cases that can only be accessed via commercial services or PACER will not be covered.

All postings include links to the full opinions.

What courts are included?

The Maryland Court of Appeals

The Maryland Court of Special Appeals

The United States District Court for the District of Maryland

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland

The Maryland Tax Court

The Circuit Court for Baltimore City

Opinions on the Maryland Business and Technology Case Management Program website

Who writes the synopses?

Lawyers and law students familiar with Maryland law.

Do the authors get paid?

No. The authors provide these synopses *pro bono* as a service to the legal community and the general public.

Who appoints the authors?

The authors are all self-appointed. The project is large and we can always use additional skilled volunteers. To volunteer, send an email to:

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Do the authors offer commentary with respect to decisions?

Not in the area where the synopses are posted. There, we follow the policy of "Just the facts, Ma'am." However, critical commentary can be offered via the posting of comments in the comments section and we will attempt to link to commentary on the web.

Additionally, we encourage readers of MCW to link to outside commentary in the comments and encourage outside commentators to link to our posts.

Can anyone offer comments with respect to postings?

Yes and comments germane to the specific case, related jurisprudence or other applicable law are heartily encouraged.

Are comments moderated?

Only slightly. The moderation feature has been turned on to thwart comment spammers and to prevent pornographic or defamatory comments.

What subscription services are available?

The MCW site supports both RSS and Atom syndication and readers can subscribe via email through FeedBlitz. The syndications and the subscriptions are available for free. This is, after all, a free country and "free" means you don't pay.

What reliance may I place on the accuracy of the opinions, citations or synopses?

Absolutely none, although we strive in good faith for accuracy. Again, we post links to the full opinions and encourage our readers to read any opinions that they are interested in.

Do you have an email address for further information or to make comments?

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