

Maryland Tax Court

MISSION

The Maryland Tax Court, an independent unit of State government, provides both the taxpayer and the taxing authority with the ability to appeal and obtain a fair and efficient hearing of a final decision, determination or order from any other unit of State or Local government regarding any tax issue.

VISION

A State in which all taxpayers are provided with the highest quality tax dispute resolutions system.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. To efficiently process appeals.

Obj. 1.1 For the year 2017 and beyond, the percentage of appeals (cases) to be opened, heard and closed within 8 months shall be 90 percent.

Performance Measures	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.
Number of appeals filed from taxing authorities to the Tax Court in a fiscal year	1,515	1,119	1,328	1,337	1,168	1,600	1,400
Number of appeals disposed of by the Tax Court	1,595	1,073	1,083	1,403	1,283	1,700	1,500
Percent of appeals opened and closed within 8 months	89%	88%	88%	85%	86%	90%	90%
Percent of appeals opened and closed within 12 months (Benchmark: 90 percent within 12 months for non-jury civil trial)	96%	96%	96%	94%	94%	95%	96%
Median time (days) between opening and closing of real property valuation appeals	125	137	137	133	135	120	120
Number of appeals pending at fiscal year end	657	703	948	882	767	667	567
Median time (days) between opening and closing of appeals	138	147	151	151	155	145	145
Clearance rate (number of cases disposed/total filed) (Benchmark: 90 percent)	105%	96%	82%	105%	110%	107%	108%

Goal 2. To provide fair and consistent decisions.

Obj. 2.1 For the year 2017 and beyond, the Tax Court will further ensure and attempt to measure its consistent application of the law, policy and procedure.

Performance Measures	2012 Act.	2013 Act.	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Est.	2018 Est.
Number of Maryland Tax Court decisions appealed to the Circuit Court	22	22	30	20	29	25	24
Percent of affirmations by the Appellate Courts	94%	83%	79%	88%	N/A	90%	90%