

DeLawrence Beard
Chief Judge, Sixth Judicial
Circuit of Maryland

Judge DeLawrence Beard has been a judge on the Circuit for Montgomery County since 1984, Chief Judge since 1996. Previously, he served as judge of the District Court for Montgomery County from 1982 to 1984.

From 1979 to 1982 Judge Beard was the District Public Defender for Montgomery County, Maryland and an Assistant State's Attorney for Montgomery County for five years prior to that appointment.

Judge Beard received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Missouri in 1964 where he majored in political science; he then received his Juris Doctor from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1970 and a Masters of Law from Georgetown University Law Center in 1977.

Judge Beard has been an Adjunct Professor at the Washington College of Law since 1990. Prior teaching experience includes Assistant Professorial Lecturer at the George Washington College of General Studies, Graduate School of Forensic Science from 1977 to 1979, and an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland University College since 1989.