

Ceremonial Courtroom (Room 400)
The Clarence M. Mitchell Jr. Courthouse

For practitioners in Baltimore City, there are few places as significant as this room. It is the place where new admittees to the Baltimore Bar are welcomed, new judges appointed to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City are given the oath to judicial office, and recently deceased members of the Baltimore Bench and Bar are remembered in a memorial service. Adorning the walls of Courtroom 400 are portraits of renowned judges and lawyers from the City of Baltimore, including Justice Thurgood Marshall; Judge Henry D. Harlan (appointed Chief Judge, Supreme Bench of Baltimore City in 1888 at the age of 30); Judge Shirley Jones (first woman to serve as a judge in Maryland); Judge Joseph C. Howard (first African-American appointed to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland); Reverdy Johnson (Attorney General of the United States as well as United States Senator); Arthur W. Machen, Sr. and Arthur W. Machen, Jr. (The Machens are the first family of the Baltimore Bar Library, both serving on the Library's Board of Directors, Mr. Machen, Sr. as President from 1874-1915.)

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