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# THE ASTAR PROJECT:

*Science and Technology Education  
for Maryland's Judges*



*Maryland judges discuss how they hope that  
science and technology education will assist  
them in managing cases and other roles.*

*Presented by*

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NOVEMBER 15, 2006

3:00 P.M.—5:30 P.M. (SYMPOSIUM)

5:30 P.M.—7:00 P.M. (COCKTAIL RECEPTION)

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## PROGRAM

Questions from the audience are encouraged at any time.

In July 2005, Chief Judge Robert M. Bell announced the Maryland judiciary's participation in the Advanced Science & Technology Adjudication Resources ("ASTAR") project. Since then, judges from Maryland's Circuit Courts, Court of Special Appeals and Court of Appeals have gone back to school to learn from acclaimed scientists in the areas of molecular biology, genetics, stem cells, DNA, neuroimaging, genetically modified plants and animal products, and scientific fraud. The first class of Maryland's ASTAR-trained judges will "graduate" this year.

The objective of the ASTAR project is to prepare judges to be better and more effective adjudicators when they encounter cases presenting scientific and technical evidence and issues. The project does not aim to create judicial "experts," only better adjudicators by increasing judges' comfort level with scientific principles while still allowing parties to try their cases. ASTAR training does not teach outcomes to issues or cases. In addition to becoming better adjudicators, ASTAR judges aspire to use their training in furtherance of appropriate roles in ADR, consultations with non-ASTAR judges confronted by science and technology issues, liaison with the bar and law schools, the preparation of scholarly articles, and promoting science and technology education for other judges.

MDC is proud to be the first specialty bar association to host a seminar on the Maryland judiciary's participation in ASTAR. The seminar will feature Court of Appeals Judge Glenn T. Harrell, Jr., other Maryland ASTAR-trained judges, and world-renowned scientists from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

- 3:00 P.M. *Registration and Introductions/*MSC Theater
- 3:30 P.M. *Opening Remarks*  
Chief Judge Robert M. Bell  
*Court of Appeals of Maryland*
- 3:45 P.M. *Actual ASTAR Training Presentations*  
*(originally produced on April 29, 2006 and January 20, 2006, respectively)*
- "SCIENTIFIC FRAUD" (30 minutes)*  
Chi Van Dang, M.D., Ph.D.  
*Vice Dean For Research and Professor of Medicine, Oncology, Pathology, and Cell Biology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*
- "STEM CELL PRIMER" (30 minutes)*  
John Gearhart, Ph.D.  
*C. Michael Armstrong Professor of Medicine Director, Stem Cell Program Institute for Cell Engineering Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*
- 4:45 P.M. *The Class of 2006: ASTAR-Trained Judges Share Their Experiences from ASTAR Training and Their Anticipated Role in Handling Cutting-Edge Cases*
- Judge Ellen L. Hollander  
*Court of Special Appeals of Maryland*
- Judge Evelyn Omega Cannon  
*Circuit Court for Baltimore City*
- Judge Stuart R. Berger  
*Circuit Court for Baltimore City*
- Moderator: Judge Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.  
*Court of Appeals of Maryland*
- 5:15 P.M. *What Does The Future Hold For ASTAR?*  
Judge Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.
- 5:30 P.M. *Cocktail Reception/*Chesapeake Bay Exhibit

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