

**IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY
Administrative Order No. 2026-05**

WHEREAS, Maryland Rules 16-104 and 16-105 grant the Administrative Judge the responsibility for the overall administration of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, and

WHEREAS, Maryland Rule 16-208(b)(2)(B) prohibits a person from taking or recording a photograph, video, or other visual image in a court facility except when permitted by the Local Administrative Judge, and

WHEREAS, Maryland Rule 16-208(b)(2)(E) prohibits the use of electronic devices to receive, transmit, or record sounds, visual images, data, or other information, and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) has implemented a Body-Worn Camera Program (Program) relating to correctional staff assigned to escort incarcerated individuals to and within Maryland's courthouses, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of DPSCS's Program is to enhance the safety and security of staff, incarcerated individuals, members of the public, and court personnel while promoting accountability, transparency, and the accurate documentation of events and incidents that occur during the performance of DPSCS staff duties;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is this 31st day of August 2026, by the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, hereby

ORDERED, that DPSCS staff shall deactivate their body-worn cameras upon entry to all courtrooms or hearing rooms of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, and it is further

ORDERED, that DPSCS staff, while in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, shall deactivate their body-worn cameras to ensure that confidential communications between

incarcerated individuals and their counsel are not recorded or otherwise compromised, and it is further

ORDERED, that DPSCS staff may activate their body-worn cameras while escorting incarcerated individuals through hallways, elevators, stairwells, and other secured areas, including lock-up areas, of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, and it is further

ORDERED, that DPSCS staff may activate their body-worn cameras within the Circuit Court for Baltimore City if a confrontation, disturbance, or other incident occurs during the escort that requires DPSCS staff intervention or presents a potential safety or security concern.

/s/
Audrey J.S. Carrión
Administrative Judge
Circuit Court for Baltimore City