

**LIBRARY NEWS AND NOTES from Mary Rice, Circuit Court Law Library,
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“What is the Wright way to question potential jurors?”--This Daily Record column is the 21st in an occasional series on jury trial issues by retired Howard County Circuit Judge Dennis M. Sweeney. In this column, Judge Sweeney explains the current jury selection process in Maryland, and explores the potential ramifications of the Court of Appeals' opinion in Wright v. State, 411 Md. 503, 938 A. 2d 519 (2009),

See The Daily Record, Monday, December 28, 2009.

SELECTED NEW ACQUISITIONS

Annotated Code of Maryland

State Finance and Procurement, 2009 repl. vol

Charles County Revisited, by Jacqueline Zilliox, 2009. Photos of life in Charles County. You might especially enjoy chapter 6, Law and Order. Thin paperback with sepia cover. On telephone table in Xerox room through December 2009.

Maryland Landlord-Tenant law : Practice and Procedure, by Douglas M. Bregman, 4th edition, 2009.

Preparing Witnesses: A Practical Guide for Lawyers and Their Clients, by Daniel Small, ABA, GP/Solo. Thin green paperback, on telephone table in Xerox room through March, 2010.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Sentencing Guidelines--Corrections Options and Guidelines Compliance--The Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP): In 2001, the “MSCCSP added a field to the guidelines worksheet to capture data on the use of corrections options alternatives. However, in reality, the corrections option field on the worksheet is often left blank. The MSCCSP believes this omission is due in part to a lack of understanding regarding what types of programs are defined as corrections options and a lack of awareness regarding how the use of corrections options impacts guidelines compliance.” Read the full explanation on the web site on the Guidelines E-News 2009 page at:

<http://www.msccsp.org/Reports/Enews2009.aspx>

Click on number 4, dated December 14, 2009 for the PDF download.

2009 Maryland Extradition Manual—This is the first new edition of the Manual since 1988. The library has a copy in a white looseleaf notebook on the phone table in the Xerox room. It is available as a PDF download on the web site of the Office of the Secretary of State:

<http://www.sos.state.md.us/Services/Extradit.aspx>

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