

CHIEF JUDGE JOHN P. MORRISSEY  
DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

Judge Morrissey graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from James Madison University, and in 1989 earned his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Baltimore School of Law. While at the University of Baltimore, Judge Morrissey was Editor-in-Chief of Volume 18 of the *Law Review*.

He started his career as an associate with the law firm of Venable, Baetjer and Howard concentrating his practice on complex tort litigation. In 1992, Mr. Morrissey joined his three brothers in forming the law firm of Morrissey Brothers, P.C. And in 2003, Judge Morrissey was named counsel to the Prince George's County Board of Elections.

Two years later in November 2005, John Morrissey was appointed a District Court Judge for Prince George's County. On June 1, 2014, Judge Morrissey was named Chief Judge of the District Court of Maryland.

Chief Judge Morrissey is a member of the Judicial Council Executive Committee, the Chair of the Judicial Council District Court Chief Judge's Committee, a Member of the Judicial Council Legislative Committee, a Member of the Judicial Council Technology Committee and Chair of the Maryland Electronic Courts Executive Steering Committee. Previously, Chief Judge Morrissey has been the Vice-Chair of the Access to Justice Commission, a Member of the Governor's Task Force on Civil Right to Counsel, a Member of the Governor's Commission on Pretrial Reform, a Member of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy and a Member of the Judicial Ethics Committee. He was named Judge of the Year in 2013-2014 by the Maryland State Bar Association Litigation Section.

More recently, Chief Judge Morrissey was one of 51 recipients honored as this year's Influential Marylanders by The Daily Record. Influential Marylanders was created in 2006 to honor people who have made significant impacts in their field and continue to be leaders in Maryland.