

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND
FURTHER AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON JUDICIAL ABSENCES
FROM COURT

WHEREAS, On January 21, 2010, an Amended Administrative Order on Judicial Absences from Court was issued, *inter alia*, in recognition of the numerous changes, over time, to the policies and procedures governing aspects of judicial absences from court; and

WHEREAS, By Order, dated June 17, 2010, the Court amended the Administrative Order as to the Judicial Institute and Judicial Absences from Court, issued on October 16, 2009, so as to conform with the January 21, 2010 Order; and

WHEREAS, Among the forms of leave addressed in the January 21, 2010 Order was religious observance leave; and

WHEREAS, Clarifications as to the definition and use of religious observance leave are appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and administrative head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, do hereby order this 21st day of March 2014, that the Administrative Order, dated January 21, 2010, be further amended as follows:

1. Definitions. Section 2.w. of the Order shall read as follows:

w. Religious Observance Leave. “Religious observance leave” means annual or personal leave taken pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-104, in connection with a religious holiday that is not a Judiciary holiday, when a judge’s religious beliefs require absence from

court.

2. Religious Observance Leave. Section 24 of the Order shall read as follows:

24. Religious Observance Leave. The appropriate administrative judge shall allow a judge to be absent from court on a religious holiday that is not a Judiciary holiday when required by the judge's religious beliefs. A judge may use only annual or personal leave for this purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Maryland Rule 16-104.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera
Mary Ellen Barbera
Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals

Filed: March 24, 2014

/s/ Bessie M. Decker
Bessie M. Decker
Clerk
Court of Appeals of Maryland