



## Maryland Automated Guidelines System (MAGS) Development and Implementation Timeline, 2012-Present

**January 27, 2012:** The Administrative Office of Court approved the planned pilot project for MAGS in the Montgomery County Circuit Court (MCCC).

**May 8, 2012:** The MCCC began a six-month pilot project for MAGS.

**September 24, 2012:** The Administrative Office of the Courts approved the MSCCSP request to continue utilizing the MAGS application in the MCCC after the conclusion of the six-month pilot period on November 7, 2012.

**February 22, 2013:** The MCCC completed an evaluation of the MAGS pilot project. The report was distributed to the AOC, MSCCSP Commissioners, and the Conference of Circuit Judges (CCJ).

**March 18, 2013:** Researchers from the MCCC provided a presentation to the CCJ summarizing the findings of the evaluation of the MAGS pilot project.

**April 15, 2013:** The MSCCSP released an updated version of MAGS (2.0).

**September 16, 2013:** The AOC granted permission for the continued use of MAGS in the MCCC beyond the extended pilot period.

**October 16, 2013:** The MCCC provided a review of the extended MAGS pilot project. The review included three recommendations:

1. MAGS should be permanently utilized at the MCCC and expanded to other circuit courts.
2. Develop MAGS business protocol and performance goals.
3. Integrate MAGS into the statewide case management system.

**January 8, 2014:** The MSCCSP released an updated version of MAGS (3.0).

**January 27, 2014:** Dr. Soulé met with the CCJ to provide an update on the MAGS project. The CCJ approved the following actions:

1. Adopting permanent use of MAGS in the MCCC.
2. Gradually rolling-out MAGS in the remaining circuit courts.
3. Moving ahead with the Calvert County Circuit Court (CCCC) as the next jurisdiction to adopt use of MAGS.

**May 19, 2014:** Minor programming updates.

**June 2, 2014:** The CCCC began use of MAGS to initiate, edit, and submit all official sentencing guidelines worksheets.

**September 25, 2014:** The MSCCSP, in consultation with the AOC, developed a proposed timeline for deployment of MAGS to the remaining jurisdictions, whereby MAGS will be deployed on a circuit-by-circuit basis. The proposed schedule designates the remaining jurisdictions will deploy MAGS in three-month intervals, with the hope of statewide implementation of MAGS in four to five years.



**December 22, 2014:** Minor programming updates.

**March 2, 2015:** The Frederick County Circuit Court began use of MAGS to initiate, edit, and submit all official sentencing guidelines worksheets.

**June 1, 2015:** The MSCCSP released an updated version of MAGS (4.0).

**July 1, 2015:** The Charles County Circuit Court began use of MAGS to initiate, edit, and submit all official sentencing guidelines worksheets.

**October 1, 2015:** The Prince George's County Circuit Court began use of MAGS to initiate, edit, and submit all official sentencing guidelines worksheets.

**October 22, 2015:** The Office of the Attorney General began use of MAGS to initiate sentencing guidelines worksheets for cases prosecuted by their office in those jurisdictions that have adopted use of MAGS.

**December 1, 2015:** The St. Mary's County Circuit Court began use of MAGS to initiate, edit, and submit all official sentencing guidelines worksheets.

**January 1, 2016:** The Cecil County Circuit Court began use of MAGS to initiate, edit, and submit all official sentencing guidelines worksheets.

**April 1, 2016:** The Harford County Circuit Court began use of MAGS to initiate, edit, and submit all official sentencing guidelines worksheets.

**June 1, 2016:** The MSCCSP released an updated version of MAGS (5.0).

**October 1, 2016:** The Baltimore County Circuit Court began use of MAGS to initiate, edit, and submit all official sentencing guidelines worksheets.

**January 1, 2017:** The Allegany County Circuit Court and the Garrett County Circuit Court began use of MAGS to initiate, edit, and submit all official sentencing guidelines worksheets.

**April 1, 2017:** The Washington County Circuit Court deployed MAGS for the initiation and submission of sentencing guidelines worksheets.

**July 1, 2017:** The Circuit Courts for Caroline County and Talbot County began use of MAGS to initiate, edit, and submit all official sentencing guidelines worksheets.

**October 1, 2017:** The Circuit Courts for Kent County and Queen Anne's County began use of MAGS to initiate, edit, and submit all official sentencing guidelines worksheets.

**January 1, 2018:** The Circuit Courts for Dorchester County and Somerset County began use of MAGS to initiate, edit, and submit all official sentencing guidelines worksheets.



**February 1, 2018:** The MSCCSP released an updated version of MAGS (6.0). MAGS 6.0 provides updates requested by MAGS users, as well as additional enhancements identified by the MSCCSP. Additional enhancements include sentences to a *corrections options* program being flagged as guidelines-compliant if necessary criteria are met, the limiting of the multiple victim stacking enhancement to single criminal events with not more than one seriousness category I or II offense, a pre-populated Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) case number prefix for jurisdictions utilizing the MDEC system, revisions to specific language on both the *Offense Sentence* screen and *Victim Information* tab to provide greater clarity to practitioners, and finally, the relocation of the *Victim Information* tab to encourage completion by both the worksheet preparer and judge or judge's designee.

**April 1, 2018:** The Circuit Court for Wicomico County began use of MAGS to initiate, edit, and submit all official sentencing guidelines worksheets.