

The Beginning of the End of the Death Penalty

1638	2 men hanged for piracy
1922	hangings moved from public areas to state penitentiary
1955	method changed to lethal gas
1961	309 executions in MD since 1638
1972 1976	<i>Furman v. Georgia</i> <i>Gregg v. Georgia</i> U.S. Supreme Court decisions cause many states to retool procedures
1987	juveniles excluded from execution
1989	mentally retarded excluded from execution
1993	executions resume; method: lethal injection
1994–1998	3 executions
2002	Gov. Glendening issues moratorium
2004	Gov. Ehrlich ends moratorium
2004–2005	2 executions

Cathy Knepper will discuss the death penalty in Maryland in light of

- the death penalty in an international and national context
- results of the death penalty study commissioned by Gov. Glendening in 2002
- current death penalty issues before Maryland's highest court
- possible impact of new Maryland legislature and administration of Gov. O'Malley

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