

**West Virginia Legislature  
Judicial Compensation Commission**

October 18, 2022  
3:00 p.m.

The Judicial Compensation Commission met at 3:00 p.m., on October 18, 2022. Amelia Rinehart, Dean of WVU Law School, Commission Chair, called the meeting to order and roll call was taken to establish a quorum.

Members and staff present: Amelia Rinehart, Chair, Dr. Edwin Welch, Phillip “Ben” Robertson, John “Danny” Martin, Virginia King, Anne Ellison, Counsel, and Felisha Sutherland, Commission Clerk.

Chairwoman Rinehart recognized Virginia King for the purpose of a motion to approve the minutes from October 7, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. meeting. The motion was adopted.

Anne B. Ellison, Counsel to the Commission and Assistant Director of Legislative Services, distributed handouts and copies of the 2022 draft report and explained the updated information to the Commission members and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued regarding the handouts and updates to the report and changes were suggested.

Chairman Rinehart recognized Phillip “Ben” Robertson for the purpose of a motion to adopt a nine percent pay raise, with the increase being based off of the 2021 Judicial Compensation Commission’s Final Report recommendations.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Robertson moved to withdrawal his motion. No objections.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Rinehart recognized Mr. Robertson for the purpose of a motion to

adopt a nine percent pay raise, with the increase being based off of the 2021 Judicial Compensation Commission's Final Report recommendations, with the exception of the Intermediate Court, being set at \$176,460. The Family Court salaries would also increase by \$10,000, which is in addition to the 9%.

Chairman Rinehart recognized Mr. Robertson for the purpose of a motion to adopt the 2022 recommendations. By a vote of 5/0, the motion was adopted.

The recommendations from the Commission are as follows:

Based upon a 5-0 vote, the Commission recommends that the salaries of the justices, intermediate court judges, circuit court judges, family court judges, and magistrate judges be increased immediately as set forth below:

Judicial Officer	2021 Recommendations
Justice	\$183,120
Intermediate Court Judges	\$176,460
Circuit Judge	\$169,713
Family Court Judge	\$139,710
Magistrate	\$77,319

Chairman Rinehart recognized Virginia King for the purpose of a motion to adjourned. The motion was adopted.