

**West Virginia Legislature  
Judicial Compensation Commission**

December 21, 2023  
9:30 a.m.

The Judicial Compensation Commission met at 9:30 a.m., on December 21, 2023. 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, David McCormick (TEAMS), Kevin Craig, Virginia King, Steve Rubin, 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 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. meeting. The motion was adopted.

Chairwoman Rinehart recognized Keith Hoover, Deputy Administrative Director, WV Supreme Court of Appeals, distributed handout and presented information before the Commission.

Chairwoman Rinehart recognized Judge Anita Ashley, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court Judges Association, addressed the Commission.

Chairwoman Rinehart recognized Judge Susan Riffle, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, Family Court Judges Association, addressed the Commission.

Chairwoman Rinehart recognized Judge Joseph Mendez, Logan County Magistrate Court, Magistrate Court Judges Association, addressed the Commission.

Anne B. Ellison, Counsel to the Commission and Assistant Director of Legislative Services, distributed copies of the 2023 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 Steve Rubin for the purpose of a motion to adopt a twelve percent pay raise, with an additional increase of \$10,000 to Family Court Judges and an additional increase of \$5,000 to Magistrate Court Judges.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Rinehart recognized Mr. Rubin for the purpose of a motion to adopt a twelve percent pay raise, with an additional increase of \$10,000 to Family Court Judges and an additional increase of \$5,000 to Magistrate Court Judges.

Chairman Rinehart recognized Virginia King for the purpose of a motion to adopt the 2023 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	2023 Recommendations
Justice	\$167,552
Intermediate Court Judges	\$159,600
Circuit Judge	\$155,232
Family Court Judge	\$125,416
Magistrate	\$75,840

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