

**West Virginia Legislature
Judicial Compensation Commission**

August 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.

The Judicial Compensation Commission met at 10:00 a.m., on August 20, 2024. 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, 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 December 21, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. meeting. The motion was adopted.

Chairwoman Rinehart recognized Keith Hoover, Deputy Administrative Director, WV Supreme Court of Appeals, distributed handouts and addressed the Commission.

Chairwoman Rinehart recognized Stacy Nowicki-Eldridge, Boone County Circuit Judge, addressed the Commission.

Chairwoman Rinehart recognized Heather Wood, Ohio County Family Court Judge, addressed the Commission.

Chairwoman Rinehart recognized Jean Ann Luikart, Putnam County Magistrate, addressed the Commission.

Chairwoman Rinehart recognized Mr. Hoover, who responded to questions from the Commission.

Anne B. Ellison, Counsel to the Commission and Assistant Director of Legislative Services, distributed copies of the 2024 draft report and explained the updated information to the Commission members and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued regarding the 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 Steve Rubin for the purpose of a motion to adopt the 2024 recommendations. By a vote of 4/0, the motion was adopted.

The recommendations from the Commission are as follows:

Based upon a 4-0 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	2024 Recommendations
Justice	\$158,725
Intermediate Court Judges	\$157,152
Circuit Judge	\$147,054
Family Court Judge	\$110,290
Magistrate	\$67,108

Chairman Rinehart recognized Kevin Craig for the purpose of a motion to adjourn. The motion was adopted.