



Chapter 51. Courts and Their Officers

§51-9-10. Services of senior judges.

The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals is authorized and empowered to create a panel of senior judges to utilize the talent and experience of former circuit court judges and supreme court justices of this state. The Supreme Court of Appeals shall promulgate rules providing for said judges and justices to be assigned duties as needed and as feasible toward the objective of reducing caseloads and providing speedier trials to litigants throughout the state: *Provided*, That reasonable payment shall be made to said judges and justices on a per diem basis: *Provided, however*, That the **per diem and retirement compensation of a senior judge shall not exceed the salary of a sitting judge**, and allowances shall also be made for necessary expenses as provided for special judges under articles two and nine of this chapter.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

RULE ON RETIRED JUDGES ADMITTED TO SENIOR STATUS

"(f) Financial Allowances

(1) Per Diem.

- (A) Compensation for service by a judge admitted to senior status will be at the rate of \$435 per day.
- (B) For service within the circuit of residence, service will be billable in half-day increments; for service outside the circuit of residence, service will be billable in full-day increments.
- (C) *Provided, however*, that the **per diem and retirement compensation of a retired judge, admitted to senior status shall not exceed the salary of a sitting judge.**"