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Chief Justice Margaret L. Workman was elected to the Supreme Court of Appeals in November 2008 and is serving her fourth term as Chief Justice. She previously was elected to the Court in November 1988, when she became the first woman elected to the Court and the first woman elected to statewide office in West Virginia.

Chief Justice Workman was born in Charleston, the daughter of Mary Emma Thomas Workman and Frank Eugene Workman, a coal miner whose ancestors were among the first settlers of Boone County. Chief Justice Workman attended Kanawha County public schools and was the first in her family to go to college. She attended West Virginia University and West Virginia University College of Law. After she received her law degree in 1974, she served as assistant counsel to the majority of the U.S. Senate Public Works Committee, whose chairman was Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia. She returned to West Virginia to work as a law clerk to the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (Kanawha County). In 1976, she served as an advance person in the Carter Presidential Campaign, and she later worked on the campaign staff of U.S. Senator Jay Rockefeller. She then opened her own law office in Charleston. In 1981, Chief Justice Workman became the youngest circuit court judge in the state when then-Governor Jay Rockefeller appointed her to the Kanawha County Circuit Court. She ran for the unexpired term in 1982 and the full term in 1984. As a circuit judge, Chief Justice Workman inherited West Virginia's largest backlog of cases, and during her tenure on the court reduced it to the lowest in the circuit and held more jury trials than any other circuit judge in the state during the same period. She also visited every prison and secure juvenile correctional facility in West Virginia.

After her election to the Supreme Court in 1988, she served as Chief Justice in 1993 and 1997. In her capacity as Chief Justice, she fostered a close working relationship between the court system and domestic violence programs, and she visited many shelters to learn how the court system could be more effective in addressing domestic violence. Chief Justice Workman created the Task Force on Gender Fairness in the Courts and the Task Force on the Future of the Judiciary. She formed the Broadwater Committee, which made reforms in the court system’s response to children’s issues and spearheaded the development of rules governing child abuse and neglect cases. In her tenure as Chief Justice in 2011, she focused on improving rehabilitation services for juveniles and established the Adjudicated Juveniles Rehabilitation Commission, now the Juvenile Justice Commission, which monitors juvenile facilities and works to improve rehabilitative services.

Chief Justice Workman has been active in church and community activities. She is the mother of Lindsay, Chris, and Ted Gardner and the grandmother of Lilly Elizabeth Gardner.
Justice Robin Jean Davis was born in Boone County, West Virginia, on April 6, 1956. She is married to Scott Segal and they have one son, Oliver. She received her bachelor’s degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1978 and her master’s degree and law degree from West Virginia University in 1982. She was engaged in the private practice of law from 1982 until 1996 at the six-person law firm of Segal and Davis, L.C. She concentrated in the field of employee benefits and domestic relations. In 1993, she became the first lawyer in West Virginia to be inducted into the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

In 1991, the Supreme Court of Appeals appointed her to the seven-person West Virginia Board of Law Examiners, on which she served until her election to the Supreme Court in 1996. She initially was elected to an unexpired term and was re-elected in November 2000 and November 2012 to full 12-year terms. Justice Davis served as Chief Justice in 1998, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2010, and 2014, and is the only person to have served as Chief Justice six times. Justice Davis is the Supreme Court’s designee to the Judiciary’s Initiative on Truancy, and in that role she has held dozens of public meetings to encourage collaborative community truancy programs.

Under her leadership as Chief Justice in 2010, the Court approved Revised Rules of Appellate Procedure, which modernized and comprehensively changed the appellate process in West Virginia to provide a decision on the merits in every case. The Court in 2010 also approved new Rules of Juvenile Procedure. In her previous terms as Chief Justice, she initiated a number of programs which have proven to be essential to the Court’s continuing work with children and families and that have allowed the Judicial Branch to remain current with the constant changes in technology. These initiatives include the Workers’ Compensation Mediation Program; the expansion of parent education programs; Rules on Mass Litigation; the expansion of courtroom technology, including the video initial appearance pilot project; the creation of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules; the establishment of an online Child Abuse and Neglect database; and additions to legal rules governing child abuse and neglect proceedings. In 2007 she led the West Virginia delegation to the National Judicial Leadership Summit in New York City and she was responsible for the Court using a competitive federal grant to initiate the West Virginia Domestic Violence Registry. Under her guidance, the Supreme Court Administrative Office also received other major grants that have been used to improve the way the court system handles abuse and neglect cases. She expanded the Supreme Court’s outreach efforts by taking the Court for the first time in recent years to Wheeling and Charles Town, the beginning of what are now regular out-of-Charleston argument dockets. She established the LAWS program for high school students and the Robes to Schools program for all West Virginia school students.

In 2000, Justice Davis received the Distinguished West Virginian Award from then-Governor Cecil H. Underwood. In 2008 she received the Graduate of Distinction Award from the West Virginia Education Alliance. Justice Davis is the author of several West Virginia Law Review articles, including “A Tribute to Franklin D. Cleckley: A Compendium of Essential Legal Principles from his Opinions as a Justice on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals”; “A Tribute to Thomas E. McHugh: An Encyclopedia of Legal Principles from his Opinions as a Justice on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals”; and “An Analysis of the Development of Admitting Expert Testimony in Federal Courts and the Impact of that Development on West Virginia Jurisprudence.” She is the co-author with Louis J. Palmer, Jr., of “Punitive Damages Law in West Virginia” and “Workers’ Compensation Litigation in West Virginia: Assessing the Impact of the Rule of Liberaity and the Need for Fiscal Reform.” She is the co-author with former Justice Cleckley and Mr. Palmer of the “Litigation Handbook on West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure.” She has given numerous presentations at West Virginia Judicial Association conferences and community forums. Justice Davis is the most senior member of the Supreme Court of Appeals.
Justice Brent D. Benjamin was elected to a 12-year term on the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in November 2004. He served as Chief Justice in 2009 and 2013. Justice Benjamin is a native of Marietta, Ohio, and holds both a bachelor's degree and a Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University, where he played varsity sports.

After graduation from law school in 1984, Justice Benjamin joined Robinson & McElwee, PLLC, in its Charleston office, being a partner/member for most of his 20 years with the firm. His practice at the firm focused on general civil litigation, including civil rights, toxic torts, and complex litigation. Justice Benjamin is a regular presenter and speaker at national and international forums on civil rights, equal access to justice, judicial selection, and judicial education, including the American Bar Association's Annual Meeting, the National Press Club in Washington D.C., the International Association of Defense Counsel, and most recently, to prosecutors and judges in Ankara and Antalya, Turkey, at the invitation of the Republic of Turkey. He also speaks frequently to law schools and bar-related groups, and he is a frequent guest on broadcasts and in print media on the judicial system and constitutional principles.

On the Supreme Court of Appeals, Justice Benjamin has been a leader in establishing and expanding treatment courts in West Virginia, including Drug Courts, Veterans Courts, and Mental Health Courts. As Chief Justice in 2013, he worked closely with Governor Earl Ray Tomblin to bring Justice Reinvestment to West Virginia and with legislative leaders to expand Drug Courts statewide, and he oversaw the establishment of electronic filing in circuit courts. He established the New View Project and other related projects to enhance the permanent placement of children in the foster care system. As Chief Justice in 2009 he established West Virginia's Access to Justice Commission, a Compliance Committee on Prisons and Jails, a nationally acclaimed Domestic Violence Database, and a statewide Mental Hygiene Registry. He has actively advanced equal access to West Virginia Courts, children's issues, drug and mental health issues, and domestic violence issues. He also has worked to enhance and expand court outreach, public education, and media-court relations. Justice Benjamin has practiced before the United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, and various courts in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He is a member of the bars of West Virginia and Kentucky.

Away from his judicial duties, Justice Benjamin is a Fellow of the Salzburg Seminar in Austria, a graduate of Leadership West Virginia, and a member of the Hocking College Archaeological Mission. He previously was a member of the Amenmesse Project, co-sponsored by the Republic of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities. He has participated in archaeological excavations in the United States and Egypt, including the recent discovery and excavation of tomb KV63 (the first intact tomb to be discovered in the Valley of the Kings since the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun), the continued excavation of KV10, and the re-excavation of TT320 (also known as the “Royal Cache Tomb”).

Justice Benjamin attends Christ Church United Methodist in Charleston. He is the father of five children and the grandfather of one.
Justice Menis Ketchum was elected to a full 12-year term of the Supreme Court of Appeals on November 4, 2008. He served as Chief Justice in 2012. Justice Ketchum was born in 1943 in Huntington, West Virginia, and was raised in Wayne County. He was educated in Wayne County public schools before attending Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where he played varsity baseball and was a member of the 1964 Mid-American Conference Championship Baseball Team. Justice Ketchum returned to West Virginia to attend West Virginia University College of Law. While in law school he was a contributing writer and associate editor of the West Virginia Law Review. He received his law degree in 1967 and returned to Huntington to join his father, Chad W. Ketchum (1911-1998), in the practice of law with the firm of Greene, Ketchum & Baker.

He practiced at that firm and its successors, eventually becoming the senior partner, until his election to the Court. Justice Ketchum’s law practice included insurance defense, personal injury, and criminal defense. He was recognized continuously from 1989 to 2008 in The Best Lawyers in America and was a member of the Leading Honoraries, the American College of Trial Lawyers, and the American Board of Trial Advocates. Throughout his legal career he published legal articles and presented numerous continuing legal education seminars. Justice Ketchum also served as a member of the Board of Governors of Marshall University from 2002 until his campaign for the Court, and served as chairman or vice-chairman of the board from 2003 until 2008. At the time of his election to the Court, he served on the boards of the Public Defender Corporations for the Sixth and Twenty-fourth Judicial Circuits. He previously served on the Huntington Urban Renewal Authority, participated in the statewide Vision Shared Health Care Team, and the Governor’s Mine Safety Task Force.

Justice Ketchum has been married to the former Judy Varnum since 1966. They have three children - Kelli Morgan, Bert Ketchum, and Chad Ketchum - and six grandchildren.
Justice Allen H. Loughry II was elected to a 12-year term on the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in 2012. He was born in Elkins, West Virginia, in 1970 and raised in Tucker County, West Virginia. He obtained four law degrees: an S.J.D. (Doctor of Juridical Science) from The American University, Washington College of Law; an L.L.M. (Master of Laws in Criminology and Criminal Justice) from the University of London; an L.L.M. (Master of Laws in Law and Government) from The American University, Washington College of Law; and a JD (Juris Doctor) degree from Capital University School of Law, where he graduated with the honor of Order of the Curia.

On October 4, 2013, American University Washington College of Law awarded him its Distinguished Alumnus Award. He studied law in England at the University of Oxford and received the program's top political science award. He has a bachelor of science degree in journalism from West Virginia University. While there, he served on the West Virginia University Judicial Board. Justice Loughry was a senior assistant attorney general in the West Virginia Attorney General's Office from 1997 to 2003. He served in both the Appellate and Administration divisions. He was appointed as a special prosecuting attorney on numerous occasions to handle criminal cases throughout West Virginia. Justice Loughry has argued a significant number of cases before the West Virginia Supreme Court in addition to having argued or filed legal pleadings in the Supreme Court of the United States, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Northern Districts of West Virginia and the Southern District of Florida, among other legal forums. Justice Loughry served as a special assistant to U.S. Rep. Harley O. Staggers, Jr., and as a direct aide to West Virginia Governor Gaston Caperton. In 1997, he completed a legal externship at the Ohio Supreme Court. He also served as a personal assistant to the Tucker County prosecuting attorney in 1988 and 1989.

Additionally, he wrote for two newspapers (The Parsons Advocate and The Dominion Post of Morgantown) and was a freelance writer for The Associated Press. Justice Loughry began working as a lawyer at the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in 2003. In 2006, his book, Don’t Buy Another Vote, I Won’t Pay for a Landslide, was published. It is a non-partisan look at West Virginia’s history of political corruption. Forewords were written by U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ) and the late U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd (D-WV). Justice Loughry began teaching political science at the University of Charleston in 2010. Due to his academic and professional background, Justice Loughry is a frequent speaker throughout the country on issues of government, ethics reform, politics, history, education, and the election process.

Justice Loughry and his wife, Kelly, a native of Morgan County, West Virginia, have one son, Justus. They live in Charleston.
» Regular terms of Court begin on the second Tuesday in January and on the first Wednesday in September.
» Special terms are held at such times as may be designated by the Court.
» Salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals: $136,000, effective July 1, 2011.

Chief Justice
Margaret L. Workman (D) of Charleston, Kanawha County (term expires December 31, 2020)

Justices
Robin Jean Davis (D) of Charleston, Kanawha County (term expires December 31, 2024)
Brent D. Benjamin of Charleston, Kanawha County (term expires December 31, 2016)
Menis E. Ketchum (D) of Huntington, Wayne County (term expires December 31, 2020)
Allen H. Loughry II of Elkins, Randolph County (term expires December 31, 2024)

Court Administrative Assistants
To Chief Justice Workman: Jeanne Stevenson
To Justice Davis: Jennifer Stover
To Justice Benjamin: Jane Charnock
To Justice Ketchum: Ruth Melvin
To Justice Loughry: Vici Shafer
CLERK AND ASSISTANTS
The Supreme Court Clerk’s Office is the central point of contact for doing business with the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. The Clerk’s Office accepts papers for filing, preserves all court documents and information, and performs a wide variety of duties for the court, the public, and attorneys. The office answers questions regarding the status of cases before the Court and routine procedural questions but cannot provide legal advice or referrals.

Clerk: Rory L. Perry II
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LAW CLERKS
Law clerks provide legal research and analysis to assist in the drafting of opinions of the Court.

Personal Clerks to Justices
To Chief Justice Workman:
   Dianna Canfield
   Teresa Kleeh
   Marcella Riley
   Susan Scott

To Justice Davis:
   Cynthia Bowman
   Toni Takarsh
   Michelle Barker
   Louis Palmer

To Justice Benjamin:
   Sarah A. McDaniel
   Jane Charnock
   Shannon Akers
   Ray Franks
   Bobby Lipscomb

To Justice Ketchum:
   Peter Chambers
   Mark Farrell
   Tom McQuain
   Robert Pruett

To Justice Loughry:
   Becky Hentschel
   Amie Johnson
   Trina Leone
   Cynthia Nelson
CHIEF COUNSEL’S OFFICE
The Office of Counsel serves as central staff counsel to the Supreme Court. The Office of Counsel provides memoranda on legal issues to assist the Court in its role as the court of last resort in West Virginia. The various motions and other matters requiring rulings in cases pending before the Court are presented to the Court through the Office of Counsel. The Office of Counsel also provides assistance to the chief justice in consideration of motions for disqualifications and temporary assignment of circuit court judges, family court judges and magistrates.

Chief Counsel: Bruce A. Kayuha
Deputy Counsels:
  Alison Chambers
  Amie Johnson
  Trina L. Leone
Deputy Counsel, Workers’ Compensation Clerk:
  Tomás R. Vernon
Senior Supervisor Writ Clerk:
  Blake Westfall
Writ Clerks:
  Aimee Lim
  Joshua Mullins
  Adam Dean
  Andrea Nease Markins

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
The Administrative Office of the Supreme Court of Appeals, under the supervision and direction of the Court, has charge of all administrative matters relating to the offices of circuit judges, family court judges, magistrates, probation officers, and all of their clerical and administrative personnel, and circuit clerks; the preparation of statistical data and reports of business transacted in all of the circuit courts and needs for assistance, if any; the preparation of the court system budget; the purchase, exchange, transfer and distribution of equipment and supplies; and such other matters as may be assigned by the Court.

Administrative Director of the Courts: Steven D. Canterbury
Deputy Administrative Director: Jennifer Singletary, Esq.
Executive Assistant: Mary Greene
Executive Administrative Assistant: Joan Mullins
Compliance Officer: Thomas Scott
Receptionist: Debby Moore
Receptionist/Floater: Dee Hill

DIVISION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
The Division of Public Information issues publications and provides press relations for the judicial system.

Director of Public Information: Jennifer Bundy
Public Information Specialist: April Harless

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
The Office of General Counsel provides legal counsel to the administrative director.

General Administrative Counsel: Kirk Brandfass
Administrative Assistant: Debra Henley
DIVISION OF SPECIAL PROJECTS
The Division of Special Projects provides administrative and advisory counsel to task forces, boards, panels and commissions dealing with social and equal justice issues. The office also studies and reports on comparative state judicial administrative policies and procedures. Matters dealing with court foreign language interpreters are also handled by this office.

Special Projects Counsel: Sarah Johnson

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
The Division of Administrative Services oversees facilities, inventory and surplus and also recordings. The Division also provides court reporter support.

Director of Administrative Services: P. Fletcher Adkins
Deputy Director: Kim Ellis
Messenger/Runner: Paul Mendez
Warehouse Supervisor: Russell Shelton
Maintenance Engineer: Zachary Thompson

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
The Division of Financial Management oversees the court system budget matters, including cost allocation, appropriations, purchasing and credit card administration.

Director of Financial Management: Sue Racer-Troy
Chief Invoice Auditor: Nikki Preece
Invoice Auditors:
  Jill Connolly
  Sandy Johnson
Purchasing Coordinator: Susan Allowatt
Purchasing Card Coordinator: Dan Hager

DIVISION OF CHILDREN’S SERVICES
The Division of Children’s Services assists with initiatives to improve outcomes for children and families involved in child abuse and neglect and youth services cases, including the Court Improvement Program. The Division also coordinates the Supreme Court’s civic education programs.

Director of Division of Children’s Services: Nikki Tennis
Public Education Coordinator: Kandi Greter-Kirk
Administrative Assistant: Tamerra Gilmore
DIVISION OF COURT SERVICES
The Division of Court Services oversees numerous projects to improve the court system and manages all grants awarded to West Virginia courts. The Division operates the Domestic Violence Registry, the Warrants Database, the Child Abuse and Neglect Database, the West Virginia Court Statistics Database, the Criminal Disposition Database, and the West Virginia Offender Case Management System. The Division of Court Services also administers Court Security Funding and the Court Security Judge system, the Judicial Fatality Review Process, and Family Court facility leases. The Division provides training, technical assistance, statistical analysis, and program evaluation for many court initiatives including the Court Improvement Program, Kanawha County Domestic Violence Court Pilot Project, Drug Courts, Division of Probation Services programs, Criminal Records Disposition, the West Virginia Court Statistics Project, and other systemic improvement initiatives.

Director: Angela D. Saunders
Deputy Director: Evan Lynch
Executive Administrative Assistant: Barbara J. White
Grants Fiscal Manager: Laura Sarver
Grants Program Manager: Tom Hansen
Senior Statistical Analyst: Tabetha Blevins
CIP Analyst: Ashley Connolly
CIP Analyst: Monica Evans
Special Project Analyst: Laura Walsh
Statewide Criminal Records Coordinator: Olivya Atik
Domestic Violence Data Manager: Jeremy Nagy
Domestic Violence Registry Validation Specialist: Sandy Hathaway
Offender Case Management Database Quality Manager: Kathleen Lindsey
Offender Case Management Database Manager: Kenny Ward

DIVISION OF COURT SECURITY
The Division of Court Security oversees judicial system security and support.

Director of Court Security: Arthur Angus
Deputy Director of Court Security: Jess Gundy
Deputy Court Marshal: Harold Dailey

DIVISION OF FAMILY COURT SERVICES
The Division of Family Court Services provides training and support services for family courts, judges and staff.

Director of Division of Family Court Services: Lisa Tackett
Program Coordinator for Family Court Services: Pepper Arrowood
Family Court Services Secretary: Cheryl Porter
Administrative Assistant: Sherrie DeBord

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES
The Division of Human Resources oversees court system personnel issues, payroll processing and employee benefits.

Director of Division of Human Resources: Christine Workman
Payroll Administrator: Tammy Smith
Associate Payroll Administrator: Janis Kitzmiller
PEIA Administrator: Linda Foster
Receptionist and Payroll Assistant: Tracy Ferrell
DIVISION OF JUDICIAL EDUCATION
The Division of Judicial Education oversees training programs for judicial officers and court staff.

   Director of Judicial Education: Sara Thompson
   Administrative Assistant: Jessica Westfall
   IT Liaison to Judicial Education: Jason Carlson

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS
The Division of Legislative Analysis works on the lawmaking process and informs judicial officers of potential effects on the judiciary. The Division also coordinates communication between judicial officers and legislators as well as prepares and files all fiscal notes with the Legislative Manager.

   Director of Division of Legislative Analysis: Tina Payne

DIVISION OF MAGISTRATE COURT SERVICES
The Division of Magistrate Court Services provides administrative support for magistrate courts, magistrates, clerks and assistants.

   Director of Division of Magistrate Court Services: Janie Moore
   Computer Field Coordinator: Caroline Stoker
   Paralegal: Brenda Magann
   Administrative Assistant: Melody Jordan

DIVISION OF MENTAL HYGIENE & MENTAL HEALTH COURT SERVICES
The Division of Mental Hygiene and Mental Health Court Services oversees involuntary commitments, guardianship and conservatorship issues.

   Director: Linda Richmond Artmiez
   MHVTC Assistant: Alisha Lawson
   Assistant Quality Data Manager: Robyn Clark
   Administrative Assistant: Brianna Yoho

DIVISION OF PROBATION SERVICES
The Division of Probation Services oversees circuit court probation services, including policy development. It also provides administrative oversight of, and support to, the state’s adult and juvenile drug courts, sex offender intensive supervision officers (SOISO) program, and the school-based probation officer program. The Division also administers the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

   Director of Division of Probation Services: Michael B. Lacy
   Deputy Director of Probation-SOISO: Caren Bills
   Deputy Director for Juvenile Drug Courts: Lora Maynard
   Quality Assurance Specialist: Jessica Napier
   Counsel to the Division: Robert McKinney
   Drug Court Training and Development: Tim Hanna
   Quality Assurance and Field Support for Drug Courts: Sean Noland
   Administrative Assistant: Georgeann Lilly-Barker
   Administrative Assistant: Chasity Huffman
DIVISION OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
The Division of Technology Services oversees the Unified Judicial Application (UJA) information system, networking, email, hardware, software, technology systems, management and support and the Jury Management System.

Director: Scott Harvey
Deputy Directors:
   Patricia Tillery
   Dave Wilkinson
Administrative Assistant: Barbara Hart
Manager Applications Development: Marybeth Norris
Network Operations Manager: Mark Smith
Network Operations Support: Scott Conrad
Jury System Support Specialist: Steve Tarbett
Unified Jury Management System: Steve Tarbett
UJA Helpdesk Technician: Gary Conner
UJA Application Trainers:
   Sonya Dean
   Clarita Fisher
   Angela Markham
   Mary Jane Carrico
UJA Application Support: Andrea Snyder
UJA Trainer and Process Specialist: Mandona Weaver
IT Help Desk Support Specialist: Tara Harper
Network Wiring Technician: Anthony Hatfield
AppTraining Support Specialist: Angela Markham
Field Support Technicians:
   Andrew Hinte
   Jeremy Shears
Microsoft Operations Support: Michael Sefton

STATE LAW LIBRARY
The State Law Library’s primary mission is to assist the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, the statewide unified court system and all judicial staff in carrying out the administration of justice. The Library provides access to law-related information to the judiciary, legal community and the general public, comprising over 100,000 volumes and volume equivalents, including books, periodicals, treatises, microforms and electronic databases to support the state’s need to access Anglo-American law. It is the second largest law library in West Virginia. The State Law Library is a member of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) whose mission is to disseminate information products from all three branches of the government to select libraries nationwide at no cost. One of just 1,250 FDLP libraries in the United States, the State Law Library is a partial depository library, acquiring about seven percent of the holdings of the federal government in a variety of formats, including print, CD-ROM, microfiche and electronic.

The State Law Librarian administers and manages the State Law Library, which is located on the fourth floor of the East Wing of the Capitol Building in room E-404; phone: (304) 558-2607; fax: (304) 558-3673. It is open to the public six days a week.

State Law Librarian: Kaye L. Maerz
Reference & Instructional Services Librarian: Vanessa White
Technology Services Librarian: Janet Nicholson
Payments Manager: Sandy Stemple
Periodical Library Assistant: Barbara Hayes
Government Documents/Looseleaf Library Assistant: Jimmy Carpenter
Acquisitions and Payment Manager: Lisa Spencer
THE JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

Created by rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Appeals by order entered December 15, 1982, the Judicial Investigation Commission is authorized to investigate alleged violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct by judicial officers, which include supreme court justices, circuit court judges, family court judges, magistrates, mental hygiene commissioners, special commissioners, special masters and senior status and special judges of this state. After presentation of a report of the investigation by counsel and if a majority of the members believe that probable cause exists that an ethics violation occurred, the Commission may issue an admonishment if it believes that formal discipline is not warranted or it shall file formal charges with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, which initiates the hearing process before the Judicial Hearing Board.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE MEMBERS
   Honorable Ronald E. Wilson, Chair - New Cumberland (term expires June 30, 2015)
   Honorable H. L. Kirkpatrick III - Beckley (term expires June 30, 2015)
   Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes - Martinsburg (term expires December 31, 2016)

SENIOR STATUS JUDGE MEMBER
   Honorable Andrew N. Frye, Jr. - Petersburg (term expires July 31, 2015)

FAMILY COURT JUDGE MEMBER
   Honorable Robert C. Hicks - Sistersville (term expires December 31, 2016)

MAGISTRATE MEMBER
   Honorable Gail C. Boober, Vice Chair - Charles Town (term expires December 31, 2015)

PUBLIC MEMBERS
   Thomas F. Burgoyne - Wheeling (term expires December 31, 2015)
   Robert P. Fitzsimmons - Wheeling (term expires December 31, 2015)
   Alice Chakmakian - Shepherdstown (term expires June 30, 2015)

Chief Counsel: Teresa A. Tarr
Assistant Counsel: Brian J. Lanham
Executive Assistant: Mary Pamela Schafer
JUDICIAL HEARING BOARD
Created by rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Appeals by order entered December 15, 1982, the Judicial Hearing Board conducts evidentiary hearings on formal ethics charges filed by the Judicial Investigation Commission against judicial officers, which include justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals, circuit court judges, family court judges, magistrates, mental hygiene commissioners, special commissioners, special masters and senior status and special judges. Following the hearing, the Board makes recommendations to the Supreme Court of Appeals regarding disposition of the charges.

Circuit Court Judge Members
Honorable Lawrence S. Miller, Jr., Chair - Kingwood
Honorable Alan D. Moats - Philippi (term expires June 30, 2015)
Honorable Darrell Pratt - Wayne (term expires December 31, 2017)

Family Court Judge Member
Honorable Patricia A. Keller - Huntington (term expires December 31, 2016)

Senior Status Judge Member
Honorable Robert G. Chafin, Vice Chair - Kenova (term expires July 1, 2015)

Magistrate Member
Honorable Richard G. Postalwait - Grantsville (term expires December 31, 2017)

Lay Members
Jacqueline K. Farrell - Huntington (term expires December 31, 2015)
Holly S. Planinsie - Martinsburg (term expires December 31, 2017)
Darrell Shull - Williamson (term expires December 31, 2017)

Board Counsel: Ancil G. Ramey

MASS LITIGATION PANEL
The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia has adopted a process for efficiently managing and resolving mass litigation that includes the establishment of a Mass Litigation Panel. The procedure for referral of cases to the Mass Litigation Panel is set forth in West Virginia Trial Court Rule 26.

The Mass Litigation Panel consists of seven active or senior status circuit court judges appointed by the chief justice with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals. Each appointment is for a term of three years and there is no prohibition against serving successive terms. The chief justice annually designates a panel member to serve as its chair to preside over the activities of the panel and to report to the Supreme Court of Appeals. West Virginia Trial Court Rule 26.02.

Judge Members
Honorable Alan D. Moats, Chair - Grafton (term expires June 30, 2017)
Honorable David W. Hummel, Jr. - Moundsville (term expires June 30, 2015)
Honorable Jay M. Hoke - Hamlin (term expires June 30, 2015)
Honorable John A. Hutchison - Beckley (term expires June 30, 2017)
Honorable James P. Mazzone - Weirton (term expires June 30, 2016)
Honorable Derek C. Swope - Princeton (term expires June 30, 2016)

Mass Litigation Manager: Kimberley R. Fields
Administrative Assistant: Deborah K. Brogan
ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION
The West Virginia Access to Justice (WVATJ) Commission was created by the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in January 2009 to address barriers to the civil justice system experienced by West Virginians. The WVATJ Commission is charged to identify civil legal needs and develop long-term plans to develop and provide these services for West Virginians.

Chair: Jeffrey M. Shawver - Charleston
Judge Members:
Justice Brent D. Benjamin - Charleston
Family Court Judge Lisa Clark - Bluefield
Members:
Robert M. Bastress - Morgantown
Steve Canterbury - South Charleston
Harry Deitzler - Parkersburg
Charles DiSalvo - Morgantown
David Stewart - Charleston
Jane Charnock Smallridge - Charleston
Jim Martin - Charleston
Catherine D. McConnell - Gladesville
Kevin J. Robinson - Beckley
Stephanie Welsh - Morgantown
Jeffrey M. Shawver - Charleston
Jessica Justice Stolarik - Morgantown
Reagan Whitmyer - Scott Depot
Adrienne Worthy - Elkview
Access to Justice Director: Deborah Bogan

STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS
The West Virginia Board of Law Examiners consists of seven members of the West Virginia State Bar who are appointed by the Supreme Court of Appeals. The Board represents different geographical regions of West Virginia. Board members serve seven-year terms and may be reappointed by the Court for additional terms. The Board evaluates educational background, credentials, character and fitness, and competence of each applicant for admission to the practice of law in West Virginia under the Supreme Court’s Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law. Three full-time staff members serve as the Board’s liaisons to applicants for admission, the general public, and agencies requiring bar admissions assistance and information.

President: Ancil G. Ramey (term expires December 31, 2018)
Vice President: Bradley J. Pyles (term expires December 31, 2017)
Members:
Janice Lee Murray Hall (term expires December 31, 2015)
Marc B. Chernenko (term expires December 31, 2020)
Carol P. Smith (term expires December 31, 2019)
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THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BAR (INTEGRATED)
2000 Deitrick Boulevard, Charleston

Created by the Supreme Court of Appeals under its inherent rule-making power as authorized by Chapter 44, Acts of the Legislature, 1945. The court adopted and promulgated a definition of the practice of law, a code of professional ethics, a code of judicial ethics and a constitution and bylaws for the government of the State Bar, effective May 1, 1947. Its membership consists of all persons lawfully admitted to the practice of law in West Virginia.

By a majority vote in 2005, the members of the State Bar consented to the payment of an annual membership fee as follows: Less than one year, $100; one to three years, $200; over three years, $250.

The objects of the State Bar are to protect the interests of the public; to advance the administration of justice and the science of jurisprudence; to improve the relations between the public and the bench and the bar; to uphold and elevate the standards of honor, integrity, competency and courtesy in the legal profession; and to encourage cordial relations among its members. It is its declared purpose to give effect to pertinent rules of the Supreme Court of Appeals and to perform the functions expressed in its constitution and bylaws. A principal duty of the State Bar is to uphold the standards of professional ethics and to investigate and prosecute violations of these standards diligently and vigilantly.

The State Bar is governed by a board of governors, consisting of the State Bar officers and 20 governors being elected by the members of the Bar by a secret mail ballot.

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MAP, WEST VIRGINIA JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

First Circuit: Brooke, Hancock, Ohio
Second Circuit: Marshall, Tyler, Wetzel
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Thirty-first Circuit: Monroe, Summers
CIRCUIT COURTS
The Circuit Courts are trial courts of record, with seventy judges sitting in 31 circuits that range in size from one county with seven judges to nine counties with one judge each.

Circuit judges are responsible for hearing all felony criminal cases, civil lawsuits and appeals from magistrate courts. They have concurrent jurisdiction over misdemeanors with magistrate court. They review domestic relations appeals from family court when both parties, by mutual agreement, decide not to appeal directly to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. They also conduct various administrative judicial actions.

Judges are elected for eight-year terms. Current terms expire December 31, 2016. Salary: $126,000, effective July 1, 2011.

First Circuit
Ronald E. Wilson (D), Chief Judge, Weirton
Martin J. Gaughan (D), Judge, Weirton
James P. Mazzone (D), Judge, Weirton
David J. Sims (D), Judge, Wheeling
Brooke .........................First Monday in March, June and November.
Hancock ........................Second Tuesday in January, April and September.
Ohio ..........................Second Monday in January, May and September.

Second Circuit
David W. Hummel, Jr. (D), Chief Judge, Moundsville
Jeffrey Cramer (D), Judge, Moundsville
Marshall......................Second Tuesday in March, July and November.
Tyler .........................Second Tuesday in February, June and October.
Wetzel .......................Second Tuesday in January, May and September.

Third Circuit
Timothy L. Sweeney (D), Chief Judge, St. Marys
Doddridge.....................Second Monday in February and July and fourth Monday in October.
Pleasants .....................Second Monday in January, third Monday in May and fourth Monday in September.
Ritchie ......................Fourth Monday in January, first Monday in June and first Monday in October.

Fourth Circuit
J. D. Beane (D), Chief Judge, Parkersburg
Robert A. Waters (R), Judge, Parkersburg
Jeffrey B. Reed (R), Judge, Parkersburg
Wirt ..........................Last Monday in March, June and September
Wood ..........................Second Monday in January, May and September

Fifth Circuit
David W. Nibert (D), Chief Judge, Point Pleasant
Thomas C. Evans III (R), Judge, Ripley
Calhoun ......................First Tuesday in January, May and September.
Jackson ......................Fourth Tuesday in February, June and October.
Mason .......................First Monday in January, May and September.
Roane ......................Fourth Tuesday in January, May and September.

Sixth Circuit
Chris Chiles (R), Chief Judge, Huntington
Alfred E. Ferguson (D), Judge, Huntington
Paul T. Farrell (D), Judge, Huntington
F. Jane Hustead (D), Judge, Huntington
Cabell ........................First Monday in January and May and second Tuesday in September.
Seventh Circuit
Roger L. Perry (D), Chief Judge, Logan
Eric H. O’Briant (D), Judge, Logan
Logan..........................Second Monday in January, May and September.

Eighth Circuit
Sabrina Deskins (D), Williamson
Mingo..................Third Monday in January, April and September.

Ninth Circuit
Omar J. Aboulhosn (D), Chief Judge, Princeton
William J. Sadler (D), Judge, Princeton
Derek C. Swope (D), Judge, Bluefield
Mercer..........................Second Monday in February, June and October.

Tenth Circuit
Robert A. Burnside, Jr. (D), Chief Judge, Beckley
John A. Hutchison (D), Judge, Beckley
H. L. Kirkpatrick III (D), Judge, Beckley
Raleigh..................Second Monday in January, May and September.

Eleventh Circuit
Robert E. Richardson (D), Chief Judge, Lewisburg
James J. Rowe (D), Judge, Lewisburg
Greenbrier..................First Tuesday in February, June and October.
Pocahontas..................First Tuesday in April, August and December.

Twelfth Circuit
Paul M. Blake, Jr. (D), Chief Judge, Fayetteville
John W. Hatcher, Jr. (D), Judge, Fayetteville
Fayette..........................Second Tuesday in January, May and September.

Thirteenth Circuit
Jennifer Bailey (D), Chief Judge, Charleston
Louis H. Bloom (D), Judge, Charleston
Tod J. Kaufman (D), Judge, Charleston
Charles E. King (D), Judge, Charleston
Joanna Tabit (D), Judge, Charleston
James C. Strucky (R), Judge, Charleston
Carrie L. Webster (D), Judge, Charleston
Kanawha..Second Monday in January, May and September.

Fourteenth Circuit
Richard A. Facemire (D), Chief Judge, Sutton
Jack Alsop (D), Judge, Webster Springs
Braxton..................First Monday in February, June and October.
Clay..................Third Monday in March, second Monday in July and first Monday in November.
Gilmer..................First Monday in March, July and November.
Webster..................Second Monday in January and first Monday in May and September.

Fifteenth Circuit
J. Lewis Marks, Jr. (D), Chief Judge, Salem
Thomas A. Bedell (D), Judge, Clarksburg
James A. Matish (D), Judge, Bridgeport
Harrison..................First Monday in January, May and September.
Sixteenth Circuit
David R. Janes (D), Chief Judge, Fairmont
Michael John Aloi (D), Judge, Fairmont
Marion ....................... First Monday in February, June and October.

Seventeenth Circuit
Russell M. Clawges, Jr. (D), Chief Judge, Morgantown
Phillip D. Gaujot (D), Judge, Morgantown
Susan B. Tucker (D), Judge, Morgantown
Monongalia ............... First Thursday after first Monday in January, May and September.

Eighteenth Circuit
Lawrence S. Miller, Jr. (R), Chief Judge, Kingwood
Preston ..................... First Tuesday in March and June and third Tuesday in October.

Nineteenth Circuit
Alan D. Moats (D), Chief Judge, Thornton
Barbour ..................... Fourth Monday in February, May and October.
Taylor ..................... Second Monday in January, April and September.

Twentieth Circuit
David H. Wilmoth (D), Chief Judge, Elkins
Randolph ..................... Last Monday in February, June and October.

Twenty-first Circuit
Lynn A. Nelson (R), Chief Judge, Keyser
Philip B. Jordan, Jr. (D), Judge, Keyser
Grant ....................... First Tuesday in March, second Tuesday in July and first Tuesday in November.
Taylor ..................... Second Tuesday in January, first Tuesday in May and September.
Tucker ..................... Second Tuesday in February, first Tuesday in June and October.

Twenty-second Circuit
Judge H. Charles Carl III (D), Chief Judge, Romney
Charles E. Parsons (R), Judge, Romney
Hampshire ..................... First Tuesday in January, May and September.
Hardy ..................... First Tuesday in February, June and October.
Pendleton ................. First Tuesday in March, July and November.

Twenty-third Circuit
David H. Sanders (D), Chief Judge, Charles Town
Gray Silver III (D), Judge, Martinsburg
Christopher C. Wilkes (R), Judge, Martinsburg
John Yoder (R), Judge, Harpers Ferry
Berkeley ..................... Third Tuesday in February, May and October.
Jefferson ..................... Third Tuesday in January, April and September.
Morgan ..................... First Tuesday in January, April and September.

Twenty-fourth Circuit
Darrell Pratt (D), Chief Judge, Prichard
James H. Young, Jr. (D), Judge, Ceredo
Wayne ..................... First Monday in March, July and November.
Twenty-fifth Circuit
Jay M. Hoke (D), Chief Judge, Branchland
William S. Thompson (D), Judge, Madison
Boone ....................... Third Monday in January, April and September.
Lincoln ...................... Third Monday in January, April and September.

Twenty-sixth Circuit
Jacob E. Reger (D), Chief Judge, Buckhannon
Lewis ....................... First Monday in March, second Monday in July and first Monday in November.
Upshur ....................... Second Monday in January, May and September.

Twenty-seventh Circuit
Warren R. McGraw (D), Chief Judge, Pineville
Wyoming ...................... First Monday in February, May and October.

Twenty-eighth Circuit
Gary L. Johnson (D), Chief Judge, Richwood
Nicholas ...................... Second Tuesday in January, May and September.

Twenty-ninth Circuit
Phillip M. Stowers (D), Chief Judge, Hurricane
Joseph Reeder (R), Judge, Hurricane
Putnam ....................... First Monday in March, second Monday in July and November.

Thirtieth Circuit
Miki J. Thompson (D), Chief Judge, Williamson
Mingo ....................... Third Monday in January, April and September.

Thirty-first Circuit
Robert A. Irons (D), Chief Judge, Pickaway
Monroe ....................... Second Tuesday in January, third Tuesday in May and second Tuesday in September.
Summers ...................... First Tuesday in March, third Tuesday in July and November.
MAP, WEST VIRGINIA FAMILY COURT SYSTEM CIRCUITS

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FAMILY COURT JUDGES


West Virginia is divided into 27 family court circuits served by 45 family court judges. Family court judges are elected for eight-year terms. Current terms expire December 31, 2016. Salary: $94,500, effective July 1, 2011.

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Twenty-first Circuit
(Barbour and Taylor)
Beth Longo (D), Philippi

Twenty-second Circuit
(Randolph and Tucker)
Michelle W. Good (D), Elkins

Twenty-third Circuit
(Hampshire, Mineral, and Morgan)
Glen R. Stotler (R), Berkeley Springs

Twenty-fourth Circuit
(Berkeley and Jefferson)
David P. Greenberg (D), Martinsburg
Sally G. Jackson (D), Martinsburg
William T. Wertman, Jr. (D), Martinsburg

Twenty-fifth Circuit
(Grant, Hardy, and Pendleton)
Amanda Hatfield See (D), Moorefield

Twenty-sixth Circuit
(Putnam)
William M. Watkins, III (R), Hurricane

Twenty-seventh Circuit
(Pocahontas and Webster)
Jeffrey L. Hall (D), Diana

MAGISTRATE COURTS
Magistrate Courts supplanted the justice-of-the-peace system through the 1974 Judicial Reorganization Amendment. There are 158 magistrates statewide, with at least two in every county and 10 in the largest county, Kanawha.

More than 300,000 cases a year are handled by magistrate courts. Each magistrate has jurisdiction of most misdemeanors, including traffic and natural resource offenses; preliminary hearings in felony cases; civil cases in which $5,000 or less is in dispute; domestic violence proceedings involving protective orders; brief commitments under mental hygiene law; and initial hearings in juvenile cases if designated as a juvenile referee.

Magistrates are elected to four-year terms. The current terms expire December, 2016. Salaries, in two tiers, are $51,125 and $57,500, effective July 1, 2011. The tiers are determined by the population of the county. Salary tiers are calculated by the number of magistrates authorized for each county divided into the population of the county. Magistrates who serve fewer than 8,400 people are in Tier 1 and are paid the lower salary while those who serve more than 8,400 people are in Tier 2 and are paid the higher salary (§50-1-3).
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**Notes:**
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## JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA, 1863-2012

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