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Chief Justice Margaret L. Workman was elected to the Supreme Court of Appeals in November 2008 and has served as Chief Justice four times. She previously was elected to the Court in November 1988, giving her the distinction of being the first woman elected to the Court and the first woman elected to statewide office in West Virginia.

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. 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 for 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, 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, 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. 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.

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 and Emily Faith Gardner.
Justice Tim Armstead was appointed to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia by Governor Jim Justice to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Justice Menis Ketchum. He took office September 25, 2018. He will serve until the November 6 general election, in which he is a candidate to retain the seat until the end of the term on December 31, 2020.

Justice Armstead became Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates in 2015 and was re-elected in 2017. Prior to serving as Speaker of the House, he had been Minority Leader since 2006 and a member of the House since 1998.

Justice Armstead began his public service career as a press intern for Governor Arch Moore. He later worked as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff of Governor Cecil Underwood. He served as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge David A. Faber.

Justice Armstead is a graduate of the University of Charleston West Virginia University College of Law. He lives in Elkview with his wife, Anna. They have one daughter and a grandson.
Justice Allen H. Loughry II was elected to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in 2012 and served as Chief Justice in 2017. He was born in 1970 and is a native of Tucker County, West Virginia.

He obtained four law degrees: an SJD (Doctor of Juridical Science) from American University, Washington College of Law, where he had the distinction of being one of the first three people to be admitted to the SJD program; an LLM from the University of London; an LLM from 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.

In 1999, Justice Loughry completed the program of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law through the American University, Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, and the University of Utrecht, Netherlands Institute of Human Rights. He also studied law 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 and was appointed as a special prosecuting attorney on numerous occasions. Justice Loughry has argued 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. 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. 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. Due to his academic and professional background, Justice Loughry is a frequent speaker on issues of government, ethics reform, politics, history, education, and the election process.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Justice Loughry resigned from his judicial office on November 12, 2018, after being convicted on 11 of 23 federal charges. On December 12, 2018, Governor Justice appointed John A. Hutchison to replace Loughry. Justice Hutchison previously served as a circuit judge in Raleigh County and will serve on the Court until 2020.
Justice Evan H. Jenkins was appointed to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia by Governor Jim Justice on August 25, 2018, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Robin Jean Davis. Justice Jenkins will serve until the November 6 general election. He is a candidate in that election to retain the seat, until the end of the term in December 31, 2024.

At the time of his appointment to the bench, Justice Jenkins was a member of the United States House of Representatives, to which he was elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2016, representing the citizens of West Virginia’s Third Congressional District. For four years he served on the House Appropriations Committee and most recently as the Vice-Chairman of the Commerce, Justice and Science Sub-Committee. He previously served three terms in the West Virginia House of Delegates, beginning in 1994, representing Cabell and Wayne counties, followed by three terms in the West Virginia Senate, from 2003 to 2015. Before his election to Congress, he was executive director of the West Virginia State Medical Association, general counsel of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce, and taught business law at Marshall University. Justice Jenkins was admitted to the practice of law in West Virginia thirty years ago and began his legal career as an associate attorney with the Huntington law firm of Jenkins Fenstermaker, PLLC in 1988.

Justice Jenkins is a native of Huntington. He has a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Florida and a law degree from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

Justice Jenkins and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Huntington where they raised two sons and a daughter. He is active in the community as a member of the First Presbyterian Church and has served as a volunteer leader for the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Tri-State Area, Foundation for the Tri-State Community, Foster Foundation, and Lily’s Place, a nationally recognized facility that cares for newborn infants suffering from drug exposure during pregnancy.
Justice Elizabeth D. “Beth” Walker was elected to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia on May 10, 2016, becoming the first Justice elected in a non-partisan race. She took office on January 1, 2017.

Justice Walker was raised in Huron, Ohio. She is a 1987 summa cum laude graduate of Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan. She earned her law degree in 1990 from The Ohio State University, where she was Articles Editor for The Ohio State Law Journal. During her years of private practice, she participated in courses offered by the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School, including its Mediation Workshop.

Immediately after graduating from law school, Justice Walker moved to West Virginia and joined the law firm of Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love (now Bowles Rice) in Charleston. During her 22 years at Bowles Rice, she concentrated her statewide practice on labor and employment law and mediation. Justice Walker served on the firm’s Executive Committee and in several other leadership roles.

After moving from Charleston to Morgantown in 2011, Justice Walker became Associate General Counsel for the West Virginia United Health System (also known as West Virginia University Medicine). In that role, she advised WVU Medicine’s hospitals and other affiliates regarding labor and employment matters from 2012 until she resigned in 2016 to take office.

In 2012, Justice Walker was elected a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. She is a 1999 graduate of Leadership West Virginia.

A lifelong Girl Scout, Justice Walker is former chairwoman and current member of the board of directors of Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council. She has been an active community volunteer and served as chairwoman of the boards of Leadership West Virginia and Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center.

She is married to Mike Walker and stepmother to Jennifer. They live in Charleston.
SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS

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SUPREME COURT AS OF DEC. 31, 2018

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

JUSTICES
Tim Armstead of Elkview, Kanawha County (term expires December 31, 2020)
Evan H. Jenkins of Huntington, Cabell County (term expires December 31, 2024)
Elizabeth D. "Beth" Walker of Charleston, Kanawha County (term expires December 31, 2027)
*Allen H. Loughry II, of Charleston, Kanawha County (suspended August 9, 2018, resigned November 12, 2018); Paul Farrell Jr., of Huntington, Cabell County (sitting by temporary assignment August 9, 2018, through December 31, 2018)
Justice Beth Walker testifies before the Court of Impeachment on October 1, 2018. Walker, who was acquitted the next day, was the only Justice to take the stand before an acting Supreme Court ended the process.
Legislature Embarks on Impeachment Process After Supreme Court Controversy

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Following an Eyewitness News report uncovering lavish spending on renovating state Supreme Court justices’ offices and a subsequent federal investigation, Gov. Jim Justice called the Legislature into extraordinary session for impeachment proceedings.

The process culminated in the House adopting impeachment articles against four sitting Supreme Court justices and the Senate voting to acquit Justice Beth Walker – the only justice to go through the trial process in the Senate. The impeachment process ultimately came to a halt following an action brought by Chief Justice Margaret Workman.

By the end of 2018, two justices were charged as a result of the federal investigation and three of the five justices had resigned.

An Eyewitness News Waste Watch report by Kennie Bass in 2017 brought to light spending within the West Virginia Supreme Court. The report found former Chief Justice Allen Loughry spent $363,000 on his office renovations, including $32,000 for a couch and $1,700 for throw pillows.

The news report additionally listed renovations for other justices – former Justice Robin Davis’ office renovations cost about $500,000; Workman’s renovations cost about $111,000; former Justice Menis Ketchum’s renovations cost about $194,000; and Walker’s renovations cost about $131,000.

The Legislative Auditor’s office later looked into the court’s spending, releasing a series of audits. The audit found Loughry used court vehicles and rental cars paid by the state for his personal use. The first report additionally stated Loughry’s personal use of state vehicles and keeping an antique desk at his home may have violated the West Virginia Ethics Act.

That report stated Ketchum used a court vehicle to commute to Charleston from his Huntington home and additionally used the same vehicle to travel to a golf outing in Virginia. Ketchum reimbursed the state for mileage reimbursements he should not have received, the report stated.

Another report found Davis in seven instances used a court vehicle where a destination was provided but no business purpose was provided.
The reports also looked into renovation expenses between 2012 and 2016, which totaled about $3.4 million. The total combined cost of renovations to justices’ chambers was $1,943,357. However, several of the renovation projects did not have invoice documentation with enough detail to analyze.

Additionally, the report stated between 2009 and 2017, chief justices allowed 10 senior status judges in the Judicial Retirement System to exceed the statutory compensation cap 20 times, costing a total of $271,000.

After court spending came to light, in the 2018 regular session, the Legislature adopted the Judicial Budget Oversight Amendment. This resolution proposed an amendment to the state constitution to put the state Supreme Court’s budget under the authority of the Legislature.

The resolution provided the safeguard that the Legislature would not decrease the total appropriation less than 85 percent, the amount of total general revenue appropriation to the judiciary in the most recent budget without two-thirds majority approving such a decrease in a separate vote.

Voters overwhelmingly supported the amendment later that year.

In June 2018, the West Virginia House gavelled into the second extraordinary session with the House Judiciary Committee meeting later that day.

Before 2018, the most recent impeachment proceeding took place in 1989, when the West Virginia House of Delegates voted to impeach State Treasurer A. James Manchin. Manchin resigned before going to trial in the Senate.

The most recent trial to take place in the Senate happened in 1876, when the Senate convicted State Treasurer John S. Burdette and acquitted State Auditor Edward A. Bennett.
The House Judiciary Committee met sporadically over the next three months and later adopted a total of 16 articles of impeachment that encompassed all sitting West Virginia Supreme Court justices.

The House voted to impeach Loughry, Davis, Workman, and Walker and adopted 11 of those 16 articles of impeachment.

Of that total amount, Loughry was named in seven articles related to Loughry’s office renovation, taking home a Cass Gilbert desk worth an estimated value of $42,000, reserving state vehicles without providing destinations, using a state gas card to drive to book signings at The Greenbrier, using state computers for personal use at home, and making false statements under oath before the House Finance Committee when he denied involvement in the renovations.

Davis was named in four articles of impeachment, Workman in three, and Walker in one – which included articles individually focusing on particular justices and some that combined them.

Articles against Davis related to office renovations. Articles charged Workman, Loughry, and Davis with approving contracts overpaying senior status judges.

The last article adopted accused all justices of failing to adopt travel policies, report taxable fringe benefits including vehicle use and regular lunches on their W-2s, failing to provide supervision of state purchasing cards, failing to provide supervision over recordkeeping with state vehicles, failing to supervise state property, and failing to supervise purchasing procedures.

Since Ketchum submitted his letter of resignation before the bulk of the impeachment hearings took place, the House Judiciary Committee did not consider evidence against him.

The Senate made preparations for the trial phase of the impeachment process. In October, following about two hours of deliberation, the Senate acquitted Walker in her impeachment trial and adopted a resolution to publicly reprimand her.

Workman, who was scheduled for an impeachment trial after Walker, petitioned the state Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus seeking to halt impeachment proceedings against her.

The opinion granted the writ of prohibition and stated articles of impeachment against Workman
violated the separation of powers doctrine. The opinion also charged the House of Delegates failed to set out findings of fact and pass a resolution adopting the articles of impeachment, which violated due process.

Two justices were charged as a result of a federal investigation into the state Supreme Court. Loughry faced a 23-count indictment and was later convicted on 11 criminal counts. Ketchum was charged and later pleaded guilty to a federal wire fraud charge.

One of Loughry’s charges, a mail fraud count, related to claiming mileage to attend a conference in Baltimore. He claimed he used a personal vehicle when he used a court vehicle, according to a release from the U.S. Attorney’s office.

Seven wire fraud charges involved the use of a government fuel card for trips that were not official business including a trip to attend book-signing events at The Greenbrier for a book he wrote about public corruption in West Virginia, according to the release.

Loughry also was charged with lying to the FBI, claiming he didn’t drive state vehicles for his personal use, and for claiming he did not know a desk he had in his home was a Cass Gilbert desk.

Ketchum was charged with personal use of a state car and a state fuel credit card in connection to commuting from his home in Huntington and a trip to a private golf club in Virginia.

Three justices ended up resigning in 2018 — Ketchum, Davis, and Loughry. The governor appointed former Congressman Evan Jenkins and former House Speaker Tim Armstead to the bench. Armstead later was elected to a two-year unexpired term and Jenkins, a six-year unexpired term. The governor later appointed former Raleigh County Circuit Judge John Hutchison following Loughry’s resignation.
IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS - TIMELINE


April 16, 2018  First Post Audit report released on state Supreme Court spending.

June 8, 2018  Allen Loughry suspended from the state Supreme Court.

June 20, 2018  Allen Loughry charged in 22-count indictment.

June 25, 2018  Gov. Jim Justice called an extraordinary session for impeachment.

June 26, 2018  The House Judiciary Committee began impeachment process.

July 17, 2018  Allen Loughry charged with 1 additional count under superseding indictment, now facing 23-count indictment.

July 27, 2018  Menis Ketchum resigned.

July 31, 2018  Menis Ketchum charged in federal information with one wire fraud count.

August 7, 2018  House Judiciary adopted 16 articles of impeachment against Allen Loughry, Margaret Workman, Robin Davis, and Beth Walker.

August 13, 2018  House voted to impeach Allen Loughry, Margaret Workman, Robin Davis, and Beth Walker. The House impeached justices on 11 of the 16 articles of impeachment.

August 14, 2018  Robin Davis sent her letter of retirement.

August 20, 2018  Senate convened to establish rules for the trial phase of the impeachment.

August 23, 2018  Menis Ketchum entered guilty plea to wire fraud charge.

August 25, 2018  Gov. Jim Justice appointed former Congressman Evan Jenkins and former House Speaker Tim Armstead to the state Supreme Court.

October 1, 2018  Impeachment Trial for Beth Walker began in the Senate.

October 2, 2018  Senate voted to acquit Beth Walker in her impeachment trial.

October 11, 2018  Acting state Supreme Court issued opinion in *S.E.R. Margaret Workman v. Mitch Carmichael*, finding the articles of impeachment violated the separation of powers doctrine and that the House’s impeachment proceedings were flawed in that it failed to set out findings of fact and pass a resolution adopting the articles of impeachment.

October 12, 2018  Allen Loughry is convicted of 11 of 23 federal charges.

November 6, 2018  Voters approved Judicial Budget Oversight Amendment. Tim Armstead elected to a two-year unexpired term to the state Supreme Court. Evan Jenkins elected to six-year unexpired term to state Supreme Court.

November 12, 2018  Allen Loughry resigned.

December 12, 2018  Gov. Jim Justice appointed former Raleigh County Circuit Judge John Hutchison to state Supreme Court.
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.

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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.

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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.

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

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The Division of Facilities and Fleet Management Services oversees facilities, inventory and surplus and also recordings. The Division also provides court reporter support.

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The Division of Children and Juvenile Services assists with the Court’s initiatives to improve the outcomes for children and families involved in abuse and neglect, child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The Court Improvement Program and the Juvenile Justice Commission are housed in this department.

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DIVISION OF COURT SERVICES
The Division of Court Services oversees numerous projects to improve the court system, including Mental Hygiene Services, Access to Justice, and Judicial Education, which includes training programs for all judicial officers and court staff, mandatory and continuing judicial legal education credits, college/graduate school education benefits for court staff, and general conference information. It also works to provide access for all in the court system through language access and sign language interpreters.

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

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   Deputy Director of Court Security: Donald Frye
   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.

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   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.

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   Insurance Coordinator: Linda Foster
   Payroll Coordinator: Cheryl Ingraham
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   Receptionist and Payroll Assistant: Tracy Ferrell
   Document Scanner: Dan Hagar

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

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   Administrative Assistant: Melody Jordan
   Data Entry/Validation Specialist: Rebecca Wilkinson
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.

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DIVISION OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES
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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, 2018)
Honorable H. L. Kirkpatrick III - Beckley (term expires June 30, 2018)
Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes - Martinsburg (term expires December 31, 2019)

Senior Status Judge Member
Honorable Andrew N. Frye, Jr. - Petersburg (term expires July 31, 2018)

Family Court Judge Member
Honorable Robert C. Hicks - Sistersville (term expires December 31, 2019)

Magistrate Member
Honorable Gail C. Boober, Vice Chair - Charles Town (term expires December 31, 2018)

Public Members
Thomas F. Burgoyne - Wheeling (term expires December 31, 2018)
Robert P. Fitzsimmons - Wheeling (term expires December 31, 2018)
F. Layton Cottrill, Jr. - Shepherdstown (term expires June 30, 2018)

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, 2018)
Honorable Darrell Pratt - Wayne (term expires December 31, 2020)

Family Court Judge Member
Honorable Patricia A. Keller - Huntington (term expires December 31, 2019)

Senior Status Judge Member
Honorable Robert G. Chafin, Vice Chair - Kenova (term expires July 1, 2018)

Magistrate Member
Honorable Richard G. Postalwait - Grantsville (term expires December 31, 2020)

Lay Members
Jacqueline K. Farrell - Huntington (term expires December 31, 2018)
Holly S. Planinsic - Wheeling (term expires December 31, 2020)
Amber Urso Sellaro - Morgantown (term expires December 31, 2020)

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, 2020)
Honorable Derek C. Swope - Princeton (term expires June 30, 2019)
Honorable Joanna I. Tabit - Charleston (term expires June 30, 2019)
Honorable Christopher J. McCarthy - Clarksburg (term expires June 30, 2020)
Honorable Jay M. Hoke - Hamlin (term expires June 30, 2021)
Honorable Booker T. Stephens - Welch (term expires June 30, 2021)
Honorable Jack Alsop – Webster Springs (term expires June 30, 2021)

Mass Litigation Manager: Kimberley R. Fields
Administrative Assistant: Deborah K. Brogan
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: Marc B. Chernenko (term expires December 31, 2020)
Vice President: Brent Everett Wear (term expires December 31, 2021)
Members:
Ancil G. Ramey (term expires December 31, 2018)
Carol P. Smith (term expires December 31, 2019)
Janice Lee Murray Hall (term expires December 31, 2022)
Jason C. Pizatella (term expires December 31, 2024)
Susan R. Snowden (term expires December 31, 2023)

Bar Admissions Administrator: Madeleine Jaeck
Deputy Bar Admissions Administrator: Missy Menefee

THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BAR (INTEGRATED)
2000 Deitrick Boulevard, Charleston
Created by West Virginia Code Section 51-1-4a, effective May 1, 1947, the West Virginia State Bar serves as an agency of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. Under the Court’s inherent rule-making power, as authorized by Chapter 44, Acts of the Legislature, 1945, the Court promulgated a definition of the practice of law, a code of professional ethics, a code of judicial ethics, a constitution, bylaws and rules for operation of the State Bar. Its membership consists of all persons lawfully admitted to the practice of law in West Virginia and those who have sought and obtained pro hac vice admission in specific cases.

The objects of the State Bar, as set out in its constitution, 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. Its purpose is to give effect to pertinent rules of the Supreme Court of Appeals and to perform the functions expressed in its constitution and bylaws. The State Bar currently consists of an administrative arm, a disciplinary arm and an arm charged with providing judges and lawyers who suffer from any physical or mental and/or emotional health conditions that affect their ability to practice or serve with immediate and continuous help.

The State Bar is governed by a board of governors, consisting of three State Bar officers, an immediate past president, 20 governors elected by the members of the bar from 16 geographically diverse districts, an African American representative and the chairperson of the young lawyers section executive committee.

President: Ann L. Haight
President-Elect: Monica N. Haddad
Vice President: Tom Scarr
Executive Director: Anita R. Casey
Chair, Young Lawyers’ Section: Nicole Cofer
OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL
The Lawyer Disciplinary Board, along with the assistance of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, has jurisdiction to investigate and when necessary prosecute complaints regarding violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. The Board is authorized to hold hearings and to make recommendations to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia with respect to disciplinary action to be taken against lawyers. ODC and the Board give informal ethics advice and issue ethics opinions regarding compliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct. ODC staff also conduct continuing legal education seminars on legal ethics. The Board consists of two-thirds practicing lawyers and one-third non-lawyers, all appointed by the president of the Board of Governors of the West Virginia State Bar. The board is divided into an Investigative Panel, which reviews complaints, and a Hearing Panel, which presides over hearings and makes recommendations to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. Both the Lawyer Disciplinary Board and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel are funded by the West Virginia State Bar from dues paid by West Virginia lawyers.

Chief Disciplinary Counsel: Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti
Senior Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel: Andrea J. Hinerman
Lawyer Disciplinary Counsels:
   Renee N. Frymyer
   Jessica H. Donahue Rhodes
   Joanne M. Vella Kirby
Legal Assistants:
   Maura A. Lewis, Senior Legal Assistant
   Mary E. Casto, Legal Assistant
   Amanda J. Unrue, Legal Assistant
   Alektra M. Watts, Legal Assistant
   Evelyn Stover, Office Manager
MAP, WEST VIRGINIA JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

First Circuit: Brooke, Hancock, Ohio
Second Circuit: Marshall, Tyler, Wetzel
Third Circuit: Doddridge, Pleasants, Ritchie
Fourth Circuit: Wirt, Wood
Fifth Circuit: Calhoun, Jackson, Mason, Roane
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Thirty-First Circuit: Monroe, Summers
CIRCUIT COURTS
The Circuit Courts are trial courts of record, with 70 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, 2024. Salary: $126,000, effective July 1, 2011.

First Circuit
David J. Sims, Chief Judge, Wheeling
Ronald E. Wilson, Judge, Weirton
James A. Cuomo, Judge, Weirton
James P. Mazzone, Judge, Weirton
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., Chief Judge, Moundsville
Jeffrey Cramer, 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, 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, Chief Judge, Parkersburg
Robert A. Waters, Judge, Parkersburg
Jason Wharton, Judge, Parkersburg
Wirt..................Last Monday in March, June and September
Wood..................Second Monday in January, May and September

Fifth Circuit
Richard Craig Tatterson, Chief Judge, Point Pleasant
Anita Ashley, Judge, Spencer
Lora Dyer, 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, Chief Judge, Huntington
Alfred E. Ferguson, Judge, Huntington
Paul T. Farrell, Judge, Huntington
Gregory L. Howard, Judge, Huntington
Cabell..................First Monday in January and May and second Tuesday in September.
Seventh Circuit
Eric H. O’Briant, Chief Judge, Logan
Roger L. Perry, Judge, Logan
Logan ....................... Second Monday in January, May and September.

Eighth Circuit
Booker T. Stephens, Chief Judge
Rudolph J. Murensley II
McDowell .................... Third Monday in February, June and October.

Ninth Circuit
Derek C. Swope, Chief Judge, Bluefield
William J. Sadler, Judge, Princeton
Mark Wills, Judge, Princeton
Mercer ....................... Second Monday in February, June and October.

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

Eleventh Circuit
Robert E. Richardson, Chief Judge, Lewisburg
Jennifer P. Dent, Judge, Lewisburg
Greenbrier .................... First Tuesday in February, June and October.
Pocahontas .................... First Tuesday in April, August and December.

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

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

Fourteenth Circuit
Richard A. Facemire, Chief Judge, Sutton
Jack Alsop, 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
Thomas A. Bedell, Chief Judge, Clarksburg
James A. Matish, Judge, Bridgeport
Christopher McCarthy, Clarksburg
Harrison......................First Monday in January, May and September.

Sixteenth Circuit
Patrick N. Wilson, Chief Judge, Fairmont
David R. Janes, Judge, Fairmont
Marion.......................First Monday in February, June and October.

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

Eighteenth Circuit
Lawrance S. Miller Jr., Chief Judge, Kingwood
Preston.......................First Tuesday in March and June and third Tuesday in October.

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

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

Twenty-First Circuit
Lynn A. Nelson, Judge, Keyser
James W. Courrier Jr., Judge, Keyser
Grant.........................First Tuesday in March, second Tuesday in July and first Tuesday in November.
Mineral......................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, Chief Judge, Romney
C. Carter Williams, 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
Christopher C. Wilkes, Chief Judge, Martinsburg
Gray Silver III, Judge, Martinsburg
John Yoder, Judge, Harpers Ferry
Bridgett Gohee, Judge, Martinsburg
Laura V. Faircloth, Judge, Martinsburg
Michael D. Lorenson, Judge, Martinsburg
_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, Chief Judge, Prichard
James H. Young Jr., Judge, Ceredo
_Wayne_........................... _First Monday in March, July and November._

Twenty-Fifth Circuit
Jay M. Hoke, Chief Judge, Branchland
William S. Thompson, Judge, Madison
_Boone_........................... _Third Monday in January, April and September._
_Lincoln_........................... _Third Monday in January, April and September._

Twenty-Sixth Circuit
Jacob E. Reger, Chief Judge, Buckhannon
Kurt Hall, Judge, Weston
_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, Chief Judge, Pineville
_Wyoming_........................... _First Monday in February, May and October._

Twenty-Eighth Circuit
James Rowe, Senior Status Judge, sitting by temporary assignment, Richwood**
_Nicholas_........................... _Second Tuesday in January, May and September._

Twenty-Ninth Circuit
Joseph Reeder, Chief Judge, Hurricane
Phillip M. Stowers, Judge, Hurricane
_Putnam_........................... _First Monday in March, second Monday in July and November._

Thirty-First Circuit
Miki J. Thompson, Chief Judge, Williamson
_Mingo_........................... _Third Monday in January, April and September._

Thirty-First Circuit
Robert A. Irons, 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._

**Judge Stephen D. Callahan (28th Circuit) took office January 1, 2017, and was suspended by the Supreme Court without pay for two years in an opinion issued February 9, 2017.
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Second Circuit: Marshall, Tyler, Wetzel
Third Circuit: Pleasants, Wood
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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, 2024. Salary: $94,500, effective July 1, 2011.

First Circuit
*Hancock, Brooke, and Ohio*
Joyce Dumbaugh Chernenko, Wellsburg
William F. Sinclair, Wheeling

Second Circuit
*Marshall, Tyler, and Wetzel*
Robert C. Hicks, Sistersville

Third Circuit
*Pleasants and Wood*
Ellen Smith, Parkersburg
C. Darren Tallman, Parkersburg

Fourth Circuit
*Calhoun, Gilmer, Ritchie, and Roane*
Steve Jones, Grantsville

Fifth Circuit
*Jackson, Mason, and Wirt*
Brian Cromley, Ripley
Constance Fisher Thomas, New Haven

Sixth Circuit
*Cabell*
Patricia A. Keller, Huntington
Jason Spears, Huntington
Jara Howard, Huntington

Seventh Circuit
*Wayne*
Sean Maynard, Wayne

Eighth Circuit
*Mingo*
Sabrina Deskins, Williamson

Ninth Circuit
*Logan*
Kelly Gilmore Codispoti, Logan
Christopher Workman, Logan

Tenth Circuit
*Boone and Lincoln*
Bobby Hale, Madison
Ron Salmons, Hamlin

Eleventh Circuit
*Kanawha*
Ken D. Ballard, Charleston
Robert M. Montgomery, Charleston
Jim Douglas, Charleston
Lera K. VanMeter, Charleston
R. Joseph Zak, Charleston

Twelfth Circuit
*McDowell and Mercer*
Anthony Bisaha, Athens
Lisa K. Clark, Bluefield
Mary Ellen Griffith, Princeton

Thirteenth Circuit
*Raleigh, Summers, and Wyoming*
H. Suzanne McGraw, Beckley
Louise G. Goldston, Mullens
Eric Shuck, Beckley

Fourteenth Circuit
*Fayette*
Matthew Dean England, Fayetteville

Fifteenth Circuit
*Greenbrier and Monroe*
David M. Sanders (D), Alderson

Sixteenth Circuit
*Clay and Nicholas*
William Dorsey, Summersville

Seventeenth Circuit
*Braxton, Lewis, and Upshur*
Theresa Turner, Weston
Eighteenth Circuit  
(Doddridge and Harrison)  
Lori Betler Jackson, Clarksburg  
Peter Conley, Clarksburg  

Nineteenth Circuit  
(Marion)  
Susan Riffle, Fairmont  

Twentieth Circuit  
(Monongalia and Preston)  
Patricia Tolle Hill, Morgantown  
Randal A. Minor, Bruceton Mills  

Twenty-First Circuit  
(Barbour and Taylor)  
Karen Johnson, Philippi  

Twenty-Second Circuit  
(Randolph and Tucker)  
Lori Haynes, Elkins  

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

Twenty-Fourth Circuit  
(Berkeley and Jefferson)  
David P. Greenberg, Martinsburg  
Sally G. Jackson, Martinsburg  
David Camiletti, Martinsburg  

Twenty-Fifth Circuit  
(Grant, Hardy, and Pendleton)  
Jeffrey R. Roth, Moorefield  

Twenty-Sixth Circuit  
(Putnam)  
Richard Witt, Hurricane  

Twenty-Seventh Circuit  
(Pocahontas and Webster)  
Joyce Merton, Webster Springs
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 in non-partisan races to four-year terms. The current terms expire December, 2020. Salary is $57,500 beginning January 1, 2017 (§50-1-3).

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