

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: APPOINTMENT OF CIRCUIT JUDGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 29.02 OF THE WEST VIRGINIA TRIAL COURT RULES RELATING TO THE BUSINESS COURT DIVISION

In accordance with Rule 29.02 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, the Business Court Division (“Division”) will consist of up to seven (7) active or senior status circuit court judges as appointed by the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals, for a term of seven (7) years each. Subsequent appointments are to be made in such a fashion as to insure that the terms are staggered.

The Division currently consists of the Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes, Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit; the Honorable James J. Rowe, Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit; the Honorable Thomas C. Evans III, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit; and the Honorable James H. Young Jr., Judge of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit, who were previously assigned to serve under the provisions of Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court.

The Court has approved the appointment of the Honorable Russell M. Clawges Jr., Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, and the Honorable Paul T. Farrell, Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, to the Business Court Division.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the **Honorable Russell M. Clawges Jr.**, Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, and the **Honorable Paul T. Farrell**, Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, be, and they hereby are, appointed to serve under the provisions of Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, with appointments running from October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGED that the Business Court Division members and the expiration dates of their terms shall now be as follows:

The Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes (Chair) Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit	October 9, 2019
The Honorable James J. Rowe Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit	October 9, 2019
The Honorable Thomas C. Evans III Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit	October 9, 2019
The Honorable James H. Young Jr. Judge of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2019

Honorable Russell M. Clawges Jr.
Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit

September 30, 2020

Honorable Paul T. Farrell
Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit

September 30, 2020

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals record this Order in the office of said Clerk.

ENTERED: OCTOBER 1, 2013


BRENT D. BENJAMIN
Chief Justice