

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**RE: APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE JAMES A. MATISH TO THE BUSINESS COURT DIVISION**

Pursuant to Rule 29.02 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, the Business Court Division may consist of up to seven (7) active or senior status circuit court judges who shall be appointed by the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

The Honorable Thomas C. Evans III, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, will retire as a Circuit Court Judge on December 31, 2016. Therefore, he will no longer be an active circuit court judge. The Supreme Court has elected not to appoint senior status circuit court judges to the Business Court Division.

The Court has approved the appointment of the Honorable James A. Matish, Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, to the Business Court Division to replace Judge Evans beginning on January 1, 2017, and for the duration of Judge Evans's term, which is set to expire on October 9, 2019.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the Honorable James A. Matish, Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, be, and he hereby is, appointed to the Business Court Division to serve under the provisions of Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, with said appointment to run from January 1, 2017, through October 9, 2019.

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

<b>The Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes (Chair)</b> Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit	October 9, 2019
<b>The Honorable Joanna I. Tabit</b> Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit	October 9, 2019
<b>The Honorable James A. Matish</b> Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit	October 9, 2019
<b>The Honorable James H. Young Jr.</b> Judge of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2019
<b>The Honorable Russell M. Clawges Jr.</b> Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit	September 30, 2020
<b>The Honorable Paul T. Farrell</b> Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit	September 30, 2020
<b>The Honorable H. Charles Carl III</b> Judge of the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit.	June 30, 2022

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: NOVEMBER 9, 2016

  
MENIS E. KETCHUM  
Chief Justice