

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE MICHAEL D. LORENSEN TO THE BUSINESS COURT DIVISION

WHEREAS, 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.” Furthermore, “[b]eginning in 2012 and every three years thereafter, the Chief Justice shall designate a judge of the Division to serve as its Chair” By Order entered on October 7, 2015, the Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes, Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, was reappointed to serve as Chair from October 10, 2015, through October 9, 2018.

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that the Honorable Russell M. Clawges Jr., Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, whose term on the Business Court Division was to expire on September 30, 2020, has resigned as a member of the Business Court.

WHEREAS, the Court has approved for Judge Wilkes to continue as Chair until November 9, 2018, and the appointment of the Honorable Michael D. Lorensen, Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, to the Business Court Division for the duration of Judge Clawges’ unexpired term.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes, Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, is to continue serving as Chair of the Business Court Division until November 9, 2018, and that the Honorable Michael D. Lorensen, Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, be, and he hereby is, appointed to serve under the provisions of Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules until 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:

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| The Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes (Chair) Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit | October 9, 2019 |
| The Honorable Joanna I. Tabit Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit | October 9, 2019 |
| The Honorable James A. Matish Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit | October 9, 2019 |
| The Honorable James H. Young Jr. Judge of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit | December 31, 2019 |
| The Honorable Michael D. Lorensen Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit | September 30, 2020 |
| The Honorable Paul T. Farrell Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit | September 30, 2020 |

The Honorable H. Charles Carl III
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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order be entered *nunc pro tunc* effective October 9, 2018.

ENTERED: OCTOBER 17, 2018



MARGARET L. WORKMAN
Chief Justice