

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE MASS LITIGATION PANEL

Pursuant to Rule 26.02 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals, shall appoint seven (7) active or senior status circuit court judges to serve on the Mass Litigation Panel ("Panel"). "Each appointment is for a term of three (3) years, with two (2) judges to be appointed each year; provided, however, that beginning in 2009 and in every third year thereafter, three (3) judges shall be appointed. There is no prohibition against serving successive terms." *Id.* Further, "[t]he Chief Justice shall annually designate 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." *Id.*

The Honorable Alan D. Moats, Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, currently serves as the Mass Litigation Panel Chair. The terms of the Honorable Derek C. Swope, Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, and the Honorable Joanna I. Tabit, Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, will expire on June 30, 2019. Although the term of the Honorable Booker T. Stephens, Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, will not expire until June 30, 2021, Judge Stephens retired on May 31, 2019, and as a result, tendered his resignation from the Mass Litigation Panel.

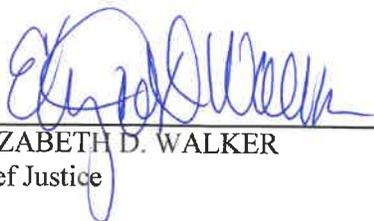
The Court has approved the reappointment of Judge Moats as Chair of the Panel, the reappointment of Judge Swope and Judge Tabit to serve as members of the Panel, and furthermore has accepted the resignation of Judge Stephens.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that Judge Alan D. Moats is reappointed to serve as Chair of the Panel from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, and that Judge Derek C. Swope and Judge Joanna I. Tabit are reappointed to serve on the Panel from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ACKNOWLEDGED, that the current Panel members and the expiration dates of their terms shall now be as follows:

The Honorable Alan D. Moats (Chair) Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2020
The Honorable Christopher J. McCarthy Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2020
The Honorable Jay M. Hoke Judge of the Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2021
The Honorable Jack Alsop Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2021
The Honorable Derek C. Swope Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2022
The Honorable Joanna I. Tabit Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2022

ENTERED: June 5, 2019


ELIZABETH D. WALKER
Chief Justice