

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: *IN RE: TOBACCO LITIGATION*, OHIO COUNTY CIVIL ACTION NO. 00-C-5000; AND
IN RE: FELA ASBESTOS CASES, KANAWHA COUNTY CIVIL ACTION NO. 02-C-9500

By previous Supreme Court Administrative Order entered on January 12, 2012, the Honorable Arthur M. Recht was ordered to continue presiding as a senior status judge in *In Re: Tobacco Litigation*, Ohio County Civil Action No. 00-C-5000, and *In Re: FELA Asbestos Cases*, Kanawha County Civil Action No. 02-C-9500, effective February 1, 2012.

In the interest of judicial economy, the Chief Justice deems Judge Recht's assignment as a senior status judge to these cases to be no longer warranted.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that Judge Recht is hereby relieved of his assignment as a senior status judge to the cases referenced above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Mass Litigation Panel shall assign an active judge or judges to preside over and expedite the resolution of these cases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this ORDER be transmitted to the Honorable Alan D. Moats, Chair of the Mass Litigation Panel; to the Honorable Arthur M. Recht, Senior Status Judge; to the Mass Litigation Manager; and to the Circuit Clerks of Ohio and Kanawha Counties who are to provide copies of the same to all parties of record or their counsel.

ENTERED: OCTOBER 17, 2017


ALLEN H. LOUGHRY II
Chief Justice