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## **Justice Benjamin to attend Hancock drug court graduation**

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NEW CUMBERLAND, W.Va. – Supreme Court Justice Brent D. Benjamin will attend a ceremony honoring two graduates of the First Judicial Circuit Northern Panhandle Adult Drug Court.

The ceremony will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 20, in the courtroom of Hancock County Magistrate William Hicks in the New Cumberland Magistrate Building, 110 South Court Street, New Cumberland.

The drug court is a hybrid adult drug court and DUI Court serving the three northern-most counties of West Virginia: Hancock, Brooke, and Ohio.

The Northern Panhandle Adult Drug Court and DUI Court was implemented on August 1, 2005, and was the first adult drug court in West Virginia. For four years this drug court served Brooke, Hancock, Ohio, Marshall, Tyler, and Wetzel Counties. On September 1, 2009, the Northern Panhandle Drug Court was split into two drug courts: The First Circuit Northern Panhandle Drug Court Serving Brooke, Hancock, and Ohio Counties; and the Second Circuit Northern Panhandle Drug Court serving Marshall, Tyler, and Wetzel Counties.

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