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## **New circuit judge to be sworn in February 2 in Keyser**

For immediate release

KEYSER, W.Va. – James W. Courier, Jr., will be sworn in as a circuit judge at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, in a ceremony in the courtroom of the Mineral County Courthouse in Keyser.

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin appointed him to the bench in the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit (Grant, Mineral and Tucker Counties) on January 12 to fill the vacancy created by the December 31, 2015, retirement of Judge Philip Jordan.

Mr. Courier is a graduate of Potomac State College, West Virginia University, and West Virginia University College of Law. He began his legal career in 1994 as an associate with the Law Office of Barr and James. In 1996, he opened his own law office and became a sole practitioner. Shortly after, he also began working as assistant prosecuting attorney for Mineral County and working part time as Allegany County's assistant state's attorney in Maryland.

For the past seven years, he has been the Mineral County Prosecutor.

He has been active in the Kiwanis Club of Keyser, the Mineral County Criminal Justice Board, the Potomac State College Alumni Association Board, the Mineral County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, in Trinity Lutheran Church and in coaching youth baseball and basketball.

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