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New circuit judge to be sworn in June 17 in Eleventh Judicial Circuit For immediate release

LEWISBURG, W.Va. – Jennifer P. Dent will be sworn in as circuit judge at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 17, in a ceremony in the Greenbrier County Courtroom in Lewisburg.

Mrs. Dent was elected on May 10, 2016, to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit (Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties) term that begins January 1, 2017. Governor Earl Ray Tomblin appointed her to the seat to serve the remainder of the term of Judge James Rowe, who retired early this year. Judge Rowe will swear-in Mrs. Dent.

She is a native of Lewisburg, Greenbrier County. She has a 1983 bachelor's degree in business from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a 1986 law degree from the Cumberland School of Law.

In 1986 she worked for the Central Bank of the South. She then joined the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Alabama, Eastern Division, where she was a law clerk from 1987 to 1989 and the Deputy Clerk in Charge from 1989 to 1991. She was an attorney at the Najjar, Denaburg Law Firm in Birmingham, Ala., from 1991 to 1993.

She returned to West Virginia in 1993. She was an assistant prosecutor in Summers County (1994 to 2002) and an assistant prosecutor in Monroe County (1998 to 2002). From 2002 until her appointment to the bench, she was an assistant prosecutor in Greenbrier County. In that role, she prosecuted child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency and juvenile status offenses and misdemeanor and felony cases.

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