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Judge Johnson appointed to hear Putnam Magistrate case

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Judge Gary Johnson has been appointed to sit on the Supreme Court to hear arguments in a case concerning a candidate for Magistrate in Putnam County.

The Supreme Court issued a Rule to Show Cause on Wednesday, March 9, in State ex. rel. Judicial Investigation Commission v. The Putnam County Board of Ballot Commissioners and Troy Sexton, No. 16-0223.

The Judicial Investigation Commission filed the Petition for Writ of Mandamus on March 7 and a motion to expedite, which the Court has granted. Troy Sexton and the Ballot Commissioners have been ordered to file responses by noon March 14.

The Court will hear arguments in the case on a Rule 20 Docket at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15.

Supreme Court Justice Brent D. Benjamin voluntarily recused himself, pursuant to Cannon 2, Rule 2.11 of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Chief Justice Menis E. Ketchum appointed Judge Johnson of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial Circuit (Nicholas County) to sit in place of Justice Benjamin.

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