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### **New Family Court Judge to be sworn in** For immediate release

PHILIPPI, W.Va. – Karen Hill Johnson will be sworn in as a Family Court Judge in the Twenty-First Family Court Circuit (Barbour and Taylor Counties) at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22.

The ceremony will be in the Barbour County Courthouse courtroom of Nineteenth Judicial Circuit (Barbour and Taylor Counties) Judge Alan Moats, who will deliver the oath of office.

The public is invited to attend.

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin appointed Ms. Johnson on September 1 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Beth Longo. Ms. Johnson was elected in May to the same family court seat. Her eight-year term begins January 1.

She is a graduate of Fairmont State College, where she received a degree in business management and marketing, and has a 2005 law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Michigan. She has represented the indigent and juveniles through Circuit Court appointments, but the bulk of her law practice in recent years has focused on serving as a guardian *ad litem* for children in Family Court and in child abuse and neglect proceedings in Circuit Court.

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