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### **Justices to Attend Family Drug Treatment Court Opening in Nicholas County**

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SUMMERSVILLE, W.Va. – Three Supreme Court Justices are scheduled to attend the opening of the Family Drug Treatment Court in Nicholas County on Friday, February 21.

Chief Justice Tim Armstead, Justice Beth Walker, and Justice Evan Jenkins will attend the event at 11 a.m. at the Nicholas County Courthouse in Summersville.

The event is open to the public and the media.

The Nicholas County Family Drug Treatment Court will be the last of five pilot Family Treatment Courts. The other pilots are in Boone, Ohio, Randolph and Roane Counties.

The goal of Family Drug Treatment Courts is to help parents who have been adjudicated in abuse and/or neglect cases overcome substance abuse disorders before they permanently lose custody of their children.

“Family Drug Treatment Courts are an incredible initiative to address the effects of the opioid epidemic on our families,” said Chief Justice Tim Armstead. “We hope that through the experiences of the pilot counties we can expand Family Drug Treatment Courts in additional areas in our state. I’m confident these courts will assist families in reuniting and rebuilding their lives.”

Twenty-Eighth Judicial Circuit Judge Stephen O. Callaghan said, “We are very pleased to have the opportunity to implement a Family Drug Treatment Court in Nicholas County. We have a dedicated and committed staff, and we will build the Family Drug Treatment Court to help children and families in Nicholas County. I wish to thank the Supreme Court for this opportunity, and I pledge dedication on all levels to make it work.”

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