



WEST VIRGINIA JUDICIARY

www.courtswv.gov new site feature overview

The new West Virginia Judiciary website incorporates many new features and organizational ideals that represent a vast departure from the previous site. These new features include the re-organization and distribution of information from areas of the site that regularly receive heavy traffic. The integrated decision list, comprehensive county pages, and consistent navigation throughout will improve the user’s experience.

In recognition of the growing use of mobile devices, the new site is ready for use on any digital device with a web browser and will automatically adapt for the best experience. The site also follows all standard guidelines for handicap accessibility, guaranteeing that the viewer will be able to find and access the information they seek no matter the circumstance.

Integrated Decision List

The Integrated Decision List encompasses all decision types, including Memorandum Decisions, created after the Revised Rules were adopted. Though a departure from past formats that used multiple lists to represent this information, new features allow the user to sort, search, and narrow results in the list for quick navigation. These new features include the ability to perform a multiple column sort, list-wide active text match search, as well as the ability to expand or shorten the number of items in the list that appear on the page. Reference Figures 1, 2, and 3, as well as the details below for further explanation.



Figure 1 - Integrated Decision List - www.courtswv.gov/supreme-court/opinions.html

A Each column of the list can be sorted individually by clicking the header of that column. Likewise, multiple columns can be sorted by holding down the shift key while clicking the additional column headers.

B The list-wide active text search or “List Search” allows the viewer to quickly search for specific information by typing a single word or multiple words, separated by a space. As the user begins typing, the list will narrow to show only those results that contain the text typed.

C Long lists of decisions can be cumbersome. A drop down menu allows the user to change the number of list items currently showing on the page. By default, all decisions are visible when the page loads. When shortening the number of decisions shown on the page simple page navigation will appear at the bottom of the list (see Figure 2). When printing this list, only those visible on the page will print out.



Figure 2 - automatic pagination feature - www.courtswv.gov/supreme-court/opinions.html

D Two columns have been added to the Integrated Decision List. Because a case title doesn’t convey much information about what kind of case or decision, the new columns list the case type and decision type for each case. There is also a rollover effect on the case type codes to give the viewer a quick reference if they are unfamiliar with the codes (see Figure 3). The case type codes that have been added are based upon the uniform reporting guidelines set forth by the National Center for State Courts. A complete list of codes is available on the “About the Decision List” page of the site.



Figure 3 - case type code hint - www.courtswv.gov/supreme-court/opinions.html



New County Pages

The re-organization and distribution of information led to the creation of the new County Pages. Each county page offers a snapshot of the judicial information that relates to that county, including information about each level of the court. This information includes features like circuit maps, addresses for filings, phone and fax numbers (see Figure 5). The page is created in a way that makes for clean printing in an orderly format, making it ideal as a quick reference guide. Each county page is accessible by either selecting a county from the state map, or by selecting the county from a complete list on the page (see Figure 4).

County Selection

Find out all court information related to selected county by clicking the map or click any of the text links below the map.

[Barbour](#) - [Berkeley](#) - [Boone](#) - [Braxton](#) - [Brooke](#) - [Cabell](#) - [Calhoun](#) - [Clay](#) - [Doddridge](#) - [Fayette](#) - [Gilmer](#) - [Grant](#) - [Greenbrier](#) - [Hampshire](#) - [Hancock](#) - [Hardy](#) - [Harrison](#) - [Jackson](#) - [Jefferson](#) - [Kanawha](#) - [Lewis](#) - [Lincoln](#) - [Logan](#) - [Marion](#) - [Marshall](#) - [Mason](#) - [McDowell](#) - [Mercer](#) - [Mineral](#) - [Mingo](#) - [Monongalia](#) - [Monroe](#) - [Morgan](#) - [Nicholas](#) - [Ohio](#) - [Pendleton](#) - [Pleasants](#) - [Pocahontas](#) - [Preston](#) - [Putnam](#) - [Raleigh](#) - [Randolph](#) - [Ritchie](#) - [Roane](#) - [Summers](#) - [Taylor](#) - [Tucker](#) - [Tyler](#) - [Upshur](#) - [Wayne](#) - [Webster](#) - [Wetzel](#) - [Wirt](#) - [Wood](#) - [Wyoming](#)

Figure 4 - county selection page - www.courtswv.gov/public-resources/court-information-by-county.html

CIRCUIT COURT

Taylor County is part of the **Nineteenth Judicial Circuit**, which also includes Barbour County. The county seat is Grafton.

Judge Alan D. Moats
Barbour County Courthouse
8 North Main Street
Philippi, WV 26416
304-265-3474
Fax: 304-265-0459

Address filings to the Taylor County Circuit Clerk,
Vonda M. Reneman,
Taylor County Courthouse
214 West Main Street, Room 105
Grafton, WV 26354
304-265-2480
Fax: 304-265-1404

Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Law Library
Barbour County Courthouse, 2nd Floor
8 North Main Street
Philippi, WV 26416
Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
304-457-1811

FAMILY COURT

Taylor County is part of the **Twenty-First Family Court Circuit**, which also includes Barbour County.

Judge Beth Longo
P. O. Box 475
3 North High Street
Philippi, WV 26416
304-457-3483
Fax: 304-457-6500

MAGISTRATE COURT

Magistrate James Leonard Lucas
(same address and fax number as the Magistrate Clerk)
304-265-1322

Brenda L. Vance, Clerk
Taylor County Courthouse Annex
214 West Main Street
Grafton, WV 26354
304-265-5762
Fax: 304-265-5708

Magistrate Ricky R. Reese
(same address and fax number as the Magistrate Clerk)
304-265-1322

PROBATION

Probation Office
Taylor County Courthouse Annex
214 West Main Street, Room 206
Grafton, WV 26354
304-265-5135
Fax: 304-265-0714

Justin Carter, Probation Officer
Crystal D. Jenks, Probation Officer
Heather L. Pride, Probation Officer

Bonnie L. Viani, Probation Officer, Chief

Region II Sex Offender Intensive Supervision Officers
David Bailey
William Cobasky
Jaime Jenkins
John McCoy, Lead Officer
Neil Parsons

Figure 5 - example county page - www.courtswv.gov/lower-courts/counties/taylor.html



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Mobile Device Adaptability

The new site is ready for use on any digital device with a web browser, actively adapting and changing to provide the best user experience possible. As device sizes change from pc to phone, so does the website, displaying a user interface created to promote the strengths of the environment it is being used in.

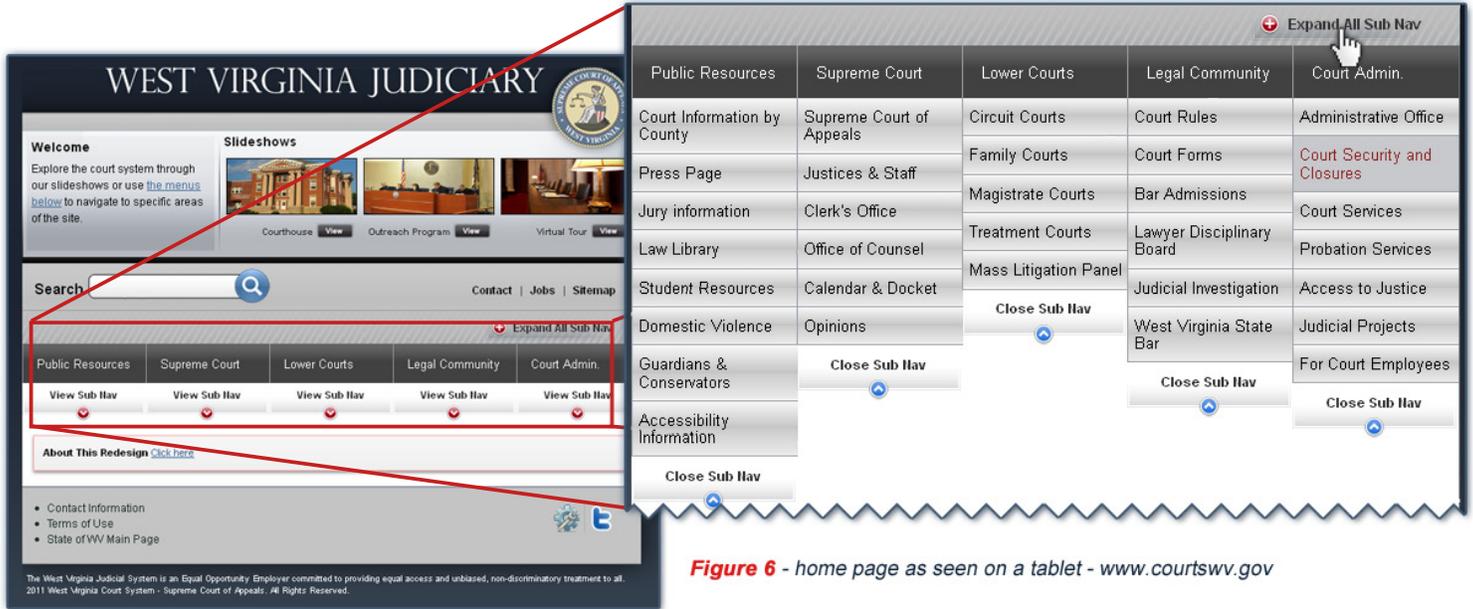


Figure 6 - home page as seen on a tablet - www.courtswv.gov

An example of a noticeable difference in appearance is the efficient use of smaller screen space by creating collapsible menus for the main navigation (see Figure 6). This allows the user to see the entire home page of the site on the screen without scrolling. Using the tablet's touch screen technology, the user can expand a single menu by clicking the "View Submenu" button underneath it, or expand all submenus by clicking the "Expand All Sub Nav" button.

Just as there have been changes to the layout for use on tablets, there have also been adjustments making the website easy to use on smart phones. Like the design change for the tablet, the navigation for smart phones is displayed in a space saving way. The main navigation and subnavigation have been placed into drop down menus, optimizing content space for the relatively condensed environment of the smart phone (see Figure 7).



Figure 7 - navigation as seen on smart phone - www.courtswv.gov/supreme-court/clerk/clerk-office.html