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## **New Family Court Judge To Be Sworn In**

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BECKLEY, W.Va. – Leigh M. Lefler will be sworn in as a judge in the Thirteenth Family Court Circuit (Raleigh, Summers and Wyoming Counties) during a ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 28.

Tenth Judicial Circuit (Raleigh County) Judge H.L. Kirkpatrick, III, will deliver the oath of office in a ceremony in his courtroom, located on the third floor of the Raleigh County Judicial Center, 222 Main St., Beckley.

She fills the vacancy left by the retirement of Judge Louise Goldston.

Ms. Lefler has a bachelor's degree in communications from Shepherd University and a law degree from the West Virginia University College of Law. She has been practicing law since 2003.

At the time of her appointment to the bench, she was an assistant Raleigh County Prosecutor. Previously she served as a guardian *ad litem* and as a member of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia's Advisory Committee for Family Treatment Courts. She participated in the Raleigh County Juvenile Drug Court and helped develop the Raleigh County Family Treatment Court.

She lives in Beckley and is a member of the Beckley Performing Arts Board of Directors.

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