ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE MICHAEL D. LORENSEN TO CONTINUE AS CHAIR OF THE BUSINESS COURT DIVISION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 29.02 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, the Business Court Division may consist "of up to seven (7) active or senior status circuit court judges who shall be appointed by the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals." Furthermore, "[b]eginning in 2012 and every three years thereafter, the Chief Justice shall designate a judge of the Division to serve as its Chair..."

WHEREAS, by Order entered on January 28, 2019, the Honorable Michael D. Lorensen, Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, was appointed to serve as Chair from February 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice has approved for Judge Lorensen to continue as Chair until January 31, 2022, and Judge Lorensen has agreed to serve.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the Honorable Michael D. Lorensen, Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, is to continue serving as Chair of the Business Court Division until January 31, 2022.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals record this Order in the office of said Clerk.

ENTERED: SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

TIM ARMSTEAD
Chief Justice