

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**RE: APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE MARYCLAIRE AKERS TO 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. Each appointment is for a term of seven (7) years."

WHEREAS, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals has been advised that the Honorable James H. Young, Jr., Judge of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit, whose term on the Business Court Division will expire on December 31, 2021, has requested that he not be reappointed to the Division upon expiration of his term. The Court has approved the appointment of the Honorable Maryclaire Akers, Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, to the Business Court Division.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the Honorable Maryclaire Akers, Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, be, and she hereby is, appointed to serve under the provisions of Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2028.

IT IS FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGED that the Business Court Division members and the expiration dates of their terms shall, effective January 1, 2022, be as follows:

Honorable H. Charles Carl III Judge of the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2022
Honorable Paul T. Farrell Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2023
Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes Senior Status Judge	December 31, 2024
Honorable Jennifer P. Dent Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2025
Honorable Michael D. Lorensen ( <b>Chair</b> ) Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2026
Honorable Shawn D. Nines Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2027
Honorable Maryclaire Akers Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.	December 31, 2028

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: DECEMBER 29, 2021

  
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EVAN H. JENKINS  
Chief Justice