

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE MASS LITIGATION PANEL**

Pursuant to Rule 26.02 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals, shall appoint seven (7) active or senior status circuit court judges to serve on the Mass Litigation Panel ("Panel"). "Each appointment is for a term of three (3) years, with two (2) judges to be appointed each year; provided, however, that beginning in 2009 and in every third year thereafter, three (3) judges shall be appointed. There is no prohibition against serving successive terms." *Id.* Further, "[t]he Chief Justice shall annually designate a Panel member to serve as its Chair to preside over the activities of the Panel and to report to the Supreme Court of Appeals." *Id.*

The Court has approved the Honorable Derek C. Swope, Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, and the Honorable Joanna I. Tabit, Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, to continue serving as members of the Mass Litigation Panel, and for the Honorable Alan D. Moats, Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, to continue serving as the Mass Litigation Panel Chair.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the Honorable Derek C. Swope and the Honorable Joanna I. Tabit are reappointed to serve on the Panel from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025, and that the Honorable Alan D. Moats is reappointed to serve as Chair of the Panel from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, under the provisions of Rule 26.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ACKNOWLEDGED, that the current Panel members and the expiration dates of their terms shall now be as follows:

<b>The Honorable Alan D. Moats (Chair)</b> Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2023
<b>The Honorable Christopher J. McCarthy</b> Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2023
<b>The Honorable Jay M. Hoke</b> Judge of the Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2024
<b>The Honorable Jack Alsop</b> Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2024
<b>The Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr.</b> Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2024
<b>The Honorable Derek C. Swope</b> Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2025
<b>The Honorable Joanna I. Tabit</b> Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2025

ENTERED: JUNE 3, 2022

  
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JOHN A. HUTCHISON  
Chief Justice