

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: DESIGNATION OF MASS LITIGATION PANEL CHAIR

By Administrative Order entered on June 27, 2023, the Honorable Joanna I. Tabit, Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, and a member of the Mass Litigation Panel ("Panel"), was designated to serve as the Chair of the Panel from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, under the provisions of Rule 26 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules.

Given the recent passing of Judge Tabit, the Chief Justice designates the Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr., Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, to serve as Chair of the Panel. There are two vacancies on the Panel that will be filled in due time.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr. is designated to serve as Chair of the Panel from the date of this Order through June 30, 2024, under the provisions of Rule 26 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules.

IT IS THEREFORE ACKNOWLEDGED that the current Panel Members and the expiration dates of their terms are as follows:

<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. (Chair)</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 Jason A. Wharton</b> Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2026

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order be filed with the Clerk of Court of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia and copies provided to the current Mass Litigation Panel members and Counsel to the Mass Litigation Panel.

ENTERED: OCTOBER 20, 2023

  
ELIZABETH D. WALKER  
Chief Justice