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Judge Salango to Sit on Supreme Court for One Case

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (Kanawha County) Judge Tera Salango will sit on the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia to hear one case today, Tuesday, October 10.

Chief Justice Beth Walker appointed Judge Salango to sit in for Justice Haley Bunn, who is recused.

Judge Salango will hear a Rule 19 Argument in *Norman Launi, II v. Hampshire County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, et al.*, No. 22-0111. The case will be heard beginning at 1 p.m. and will be webcast live from a link on the West Virginia Judiciary website: www.courtswv.gov.

The recording will be available on the West Virginia Judiciary YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/wvsupremecourt>.

Judge Salango was elected on November 6, 2018. She is a native of Nitro, West Virginia, and has a 1999 bachelor's degree in criminal justice from West Virginia State University, where she graduated *Magna Cum Laude*. Judge Salango graduated in the top 20 percent of her class from West Virginia University College of Law in 2003.

Upon graduation, Judge Salango worked for the law firm of Spilman, Thomas & Battle and focused primarily on defense litigation. In 2005, she joined the Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and spent more than a decade handling a wide range of cases, including violent felonies, misdemeanors, and juvenile matters. In late 2016, Judge Salango joined a civil litigation law firm, Preston and Salango, where she handled civil cases.

Judge Salango lives in Charleston with her husband, Ben, and two sons. She is active in the Charleston community, having served on numerous boards that focus on helping children.