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## **New Kanawha County Circuit Judge Swearing-In Ceremony Scheduled**

For immediate release Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Stephanie Abraham will become the newest Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (Kanawha County) judge in a ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, September 14, in the ceremonial courtroom in the historic Kanawha County Courthouse.

Governor Jim Justice appointed Abraham to the bench to replace Louis “Duke” Bloom, who retired June 30. The governor will deliver the oath of office, making Abraham the sixth woman on the bench in the seven-judge circuit.

Abraham received a bachelor’s degree in finance from Syracuse University in 2000 and a law degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Law in 2003. She is licensed to practice law in West Virginia and Maryland.

Her legal career has included civil litigation, corporate matters, and representing state and county governmental agencies. She has also owned and operated a law firm as a solo practitioner engaged in real estate and property law since 2017.

Abraham has most recently been the general counsel for the West Virginia Board of Education since July 2022. She was also an attorney for the West Virginia Department of Education and was previously a judicial law clerk at the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia for the Seventh Judicial Circuit (2015-2017).

She was an Instructor of Business and Lead Faculty for Career Programs at Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Logan and has served on the school’s Board of Governors.

She and her husband, Brian, have two sons and live in South Charleston.

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