



# Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia

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### Judge Tom Scarr to be ICA Chief Judge in 2024

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Judge Thomas E. Scarr will be Chief Judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals of West Virginia (ICA) in 2024.

The chief judge has the responsibility of managing the day-to-day business of the court, including supervising employees and workflow, and ensuring compliance with all West Virginia judiciary policies.

Judge Charles Lorensen, who will be chief judge in 2025, will serve as chief judge in 2024 any time Judge Scarr is recused from a case or unable to serve.

Chief Judge Daniel Greear's term as the first ICA chief judge ends on December 31, 2023.

The chief judge rotation was determined by a Supreme Court order entered June 30, 2022, the day before the ICA began operating. According to that order, after 2025, the three ICA Judges will create their own process for choosing an ICA chief judge, as long as each judge serves as chief at least once during their 10-year term.

“Being the first chief judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals has been a unique honor. We have worked hard to establish the facilities and processes the court uses to operate, and I have confidence that Judge Scarr and Judge Lorensen will continue to build upon that work and improve the way the court operates,” said Chief Judge Greear.

“I commend Chief Judge Greear on his leadership during the ICA's first 18 months of operation,” said Judge Scarr. “The ICA's docket is diverse and growing, and I look forward to leading the court through its second full year of operation.”

“Judge Greear has done a tremendous job working through all the hundreds of decisions involved in setting up a new level of state courts,” said Judge Lorensen. “His efforts will make it much easier for Judge Scarr and me to lead the court in the future.”

The ICA's 2024 Spring Term begins with an argument docket on January 9.

Biographies and photos of the ICA Judges are available on the West Virginia Judiciary website: [Judges & Staff | West Virginia Judiciary \(courts.wv.gov\)](https://courts.wv.gov/judges-staff).

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