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### **New Family Court Judge for McDowell and Mercer Counties to be Sworn In**

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PRINCETON, W.Va. – Angela Alexander Walters will be sworn in as a judge in the Twelfth Family Court Circuit (McDowell and Mercer Counties) in a ceremony at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20, in the Mercer County Courthouse.

The ceremony will take place in Ninth Judicial Circuit (Mercer County) Judge Derek Swope's courtroom. Judge Swope will deliver the oath of office.

Governor Jim Justice appointed Walters to the bench to fill a vacancy left by the October 31 retirement of Judge Mary Ellen Griffith.

Since 2002, Walters has been an assistant attorney general working on cases for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources in 13 southern West Virginia counties.

She was born and raised in Maryland and moved to West Virginia when the West Virginia University marching band recruited her to be a member of its flag corps. She graduated from West Virginia University in 1991 with a triple major in international studies, Slavic studies, and foreign languages (she is fluent in French and Russian). She received her law degree from West Virginia University College of Law in 1994 after spending the summer of 1992 with two of her law professors lecturing about law (in Russian) in Donetsk, Ukraine.

After law school, she worked for the firm Randall Roahrig in Princeton, for the Public Defender's Office in Princeton (as Chief Assistant Public Defender), and then the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office until she joined the Attorney General's Office.

She is the Service Chair for the Princeton Rotary and has three sons, Riley Ash, Dalton Ash, and Aidan Ash.

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