

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE MARYCLAIRE AKERS, JUDGE OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WEST VIRGINIA WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE ACT

In accordance with West Virginia Code § 62-1D-7, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals is required, on an annual basis, to designate five active circuit court judges to individually hear and rule upon applications for orders authorizing the interception of wire, oral or electronic communications.


By Administrative Order entered on June 14, 2023, the Honorable William J. Sadler, Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit; the Honorable Michael D. Lorensen, Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit; the Honorable Christopher D. Chiles, Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit; the Honorable Michael J. Olejasz, Judge of the First Judicial Circuit; and the Honorable Anita Harold Ashley, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, were appointed to serve from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, under the provisions of West Virginia Code § 62-1D-7 for the purpose of individually hearing and ruling upon applications for orders authorizing the interception of wire, oral or electronic communications.

Judge Chiles is retiring effective October 31, 2023, and the Chief Justice deems it necessary to appoint a circuit judge to replace Judge Chiles following his retirement to serve under the provisions of West Virginia Code § 62-1D-7.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Honorable Maryclaire Akers, Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, be and she is appointed to serve under the provisions of West Virginia Code § 62-1D-7 for the purpose of individually hearing and ruling upon applications for orders authorizing the interception of wire, oral or electronic communications from November 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Clerk of Court of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia record this Order in the office of said Clerk.

ENTERED: OCTOBER 24, 2023


ELIZABETH D. WALKER
Chief Justice