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New Family Court Judge Investiture to be Monday

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MARTINSBURG, W.Va. – Berkeley County Magistrate Richard D. Stephens will be sworn into office as a Family Court Judge in the Twenty-Fourth Family Court Circuit (Berkeley and Jefferson Counties) in a ceremony at 5 p.m. August 23.

The investiture ceremony will be held in the Berkeley County Judicial Center. The oath of office will be delivered by Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit (Berkeley, Jefferson and Morgan Counties) Chief Judge Michael D Lorensen.

The event will be open to the media and the public, however pursuant to Administrative Order 21-AD-77, there will be limited capacity.

Magistrate Stephens will fill a seat vacated by the July 31 retirement of Family Court Judge David P. Greenberg.

Magistrate Stephens received an undergraduate degree from Alderson-Broaddus College in 1998. He graduated from the Claude W. Petit College of Law at Ohio Northern University in 2001.

Magistrate Stephens was previously employed as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Berkeley County for 10 years. He maintained a solo law practice in the Eastern Panhandle for five years prior to becoming a magistrate, a position which he held for the last four years.

Magistrate Stephens says he eagerly looks forward to serving the citizens in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties as their next Family Court Judge for the Twenty-Fourth Family Court Circuit.

He and his wife, Colleen Stephens, reside in Falling Waters with their four children.