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### **New Kanawha Family Court Judge To Be Sworn In**

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CHARLESTON. W.Va. – Brittany Ranson Stonestreet will be sworn in as Kanawha County's newest Family Court Judge in a ceremony at noon, Dec. 28, in the Chamber of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in Charleston.

The oath of office will be delivered by Supreme Court Justice Margaret L. Workman, who was the first woman to be elected to a statewide office and to the Supreme Court. Special remarks will be made by former Kanawha County Family Court Judge Mike Kelly.

Due to COVID social-distancing requirements, the ceremony will be private and will be broadcast on Facebook Live at <https://fb.me/e/54Nm9tKOh>. Media may attend in person, space permitting.

Governor Jim Justice appointed Mrs. Ranson Stonestreet to the vacancy left by the Dec. 4 retirement of Eleventh Family Court Circuit (Kanawha County) Judge R. Joseph Zak.

Mrs. Ranson Stonestreet has practiced family law for 10 years at Lyne Ranson Law Offices in Charleston. She has served as Chairwoman of the Alimony Committee for the national American Bar Association's Family Law Section since 2016. She is co-author of the 2015 book *Divorce in West Virginia: The Legal Process, Your Rights, and What to Expect*.

Mrs. Ranson Stonestreet is a native of Charleston and graduate of Capital High School. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism from West Virginia University, where she also minored in political science and business administration. She is a 2010 graduate of the West Virginia University College of Law, where she served as class president, was a member of the moot court board and M.E. Lugar Trial Association and was named to the prestigious Order of the Barristers.

She and her husband, Matthew Stonestreet, who is a consumer rights attorney at Giatras Law Firm, live in Charleston with their twin daughters.

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