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### Chief Justice Jenkins Congratulates Two New Judges For immediate release

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Chief Justice Evan Jenkins congratulates two new judges appointed to fill vacancies in the Eastern Panhandle and in southern West Virginia.

Gov. Jim Justice has appointed Wyoming County Prosecutor Micheal M. Cochrane to the bench in the Twenty-Seventh Judicial Circuit (Wyoming County) and Berkeley County Magistrate Richard D. Stephens to a seat in the Twenty-Fourth Family Court Circuit (Berkeley and Jefferson Counties).

Mr. Cochrane will fill the seat vacated by the June 21 retirement of Circuit Judge Warren R. McGraw. Magistrate Stephens will fill a seat vacated by the July 31 retirement of Family Court Judge David P. Greenberg.

“Both Mr. Cochrane and Magistrate Stephens already have a history of dedicated public service,” said Chief Justice Jenkins. “I congratulate them on their new assignments. I know they will fulfill their new duties with enthusiasm and commitment.”

Mr. Cochrane is a graduate of Marshall University and the Mississippi College School of Law and has been a practicing attorney since 2000. He was enlisted in the U.S. Navy from 1985 to 1989. He lives in Pineville.

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. He is married, has four children, and lives in Falling Waters.

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