

Justice Jenkins Launches "And Justice For All" Civic Education Video Series

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Supreme Court Justice Evan Jenkins on Monday announced the launch of a new civic and student education video series, entitled "And Justice for All." Beginning Monday, and each Monday for the next few months, the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals will release short videos that highlight many unique facts about our state Supreme Court and the judicial system in West Virginia.

"In our system of government, the public is counting on the courts to protect their rights and liberties. Through this video series we hope to share not only why our judicial system is so important in a civil society, but also how it works," said Justice Jenkins, who narrates the series.

"The videos will cover a wide range of topics such as highlighting the history of our beautiful Supreme Court chamber in Charleston, describing how cases are handled from Magistrate Court to the Supreme Court, and profiling the important work the almost 1,500 state judicial employees do in county courthouses throughout West Virginia," Justice Jenkins said.

"Whether these videos are used by social studies teachers to help educate our students or watched by a West Virginian just wanting to learn more about the judicial system, we hope the videos will help promote more awareness and understanding of the importance of an independent judiciary that is transparent, accountable and accessible, Justice Jenkins said.

The first two videos, an introduction to the series and a history of the Supreme Court Chamber, were released at the announcement.

New videos in the series will be released each Monday. Each video lasts about two minutes and will be posted on the West Virginia Judiciary Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.

To suggest a video idea or ask a question about the series, contact Supreme Court Public Information Officer Jennifer Bundy at <u>Jennifer.bundy@courtswv.gov</u> or (304) 340-2305 or Deputy Public Information Officer April Harless at <u>april.harless@courtswv.gov</u> or (304) 340-2306.

No outside contracted service at taxpayer expense was used in producing this video series. The videos are produced by Supreme Court Multimedia Specialist Alex Wilson.