

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDGES TO THE MASS LITIGATION PANEL AND DESIGNATION OF CHAIR

Pursuant to Rule 26.02 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals, shall appoint seven (7) active or senior status circuit court judges to serve on the Mass Litigation Panel ("Panel"). "Each appointment is for a term of three (3) years, with two (2) judges to be appointed each year; provided, however, that beginning in 2009 and in every third year thereafter, three (3) judges shall be appointed. There is no prohibition against serving successive terms." *Id.* Further, "[t]he Chief Justice shall annually designate a Panel member to serve as its Chair to preside over the activities of the Panel and to report to the Supreme Court of Appeals." *Id.*

The terms of the Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr., Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, the Honorable Jay M. Hoke, Judge of the Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit, and the Honorable Jack Alsop, Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, will expire on June 30, 2024. The Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr. and the Honorable Jack Alsop have agreed to continue serving as members of the Panel.

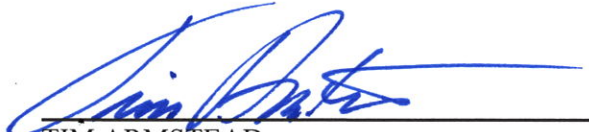
The Court has approved the Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr. and the Honorable Jack Alsop to continue serving as members of the Panel, and for the Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr. to continue serving as the Panel Chair. There are two vacancies on the Panel that will be filled in due time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr. is reappointed to serve on the Panel from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, that the Honorable Jack Alsop is reappointed to serve on the Panel from July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, and that the Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr. is reappointed to serve as Chair of the Panel from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, under the provisions of Rule 26.

IT IS THEREFORE ACKNOWLEDGED that the current Panel members and the expiration dates of their terms shall now be as follows:

The Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr. (Chair) Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2027
The Honorable Jack Alsop Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2024
The Honorable Stephanie Abraham Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2025
The Honorable Jason A. Wharton Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2026
The Honorable Robert E. Ryan Judge of the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2026

ENTERED: JUNE 28, 2024


TIM ARMSTEAD
Chief Justice