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New Cabell County Family Court Judge To Be Sworn In

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Sarah E. Dixon will be sworn in as a family court judge in Cabell County at 1 p.m. on July 10 in Courtroom One of the Cabell County Courthouse in Huntington.

Governor Jim Justice appointed Ms. Dixon to the bench in the Sixth Family Court Circuit (Cabell County) on May 29 to serve the remainder of the term of Family Court Judge Jason Spears, who resigned. She is being sworn in for that term, which ends December 31.

In May, Ms. Dixon was elected to an eight-year term in the same seat, and that term begins January 1, 2025.

Ms. Dixon was born and raised in Huntington. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Miami University of Ohio with a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in American literature. She obtained her law degree at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law.

Ms. Dixon's legal career has primarily focused on family law. She opened her own law office in January 2013. In November of 2014, she began working as a Cabell County assistant prosecuting attorney, a job in which she focused solely on child abuse and neglect cases. She later returned to private practice and consistently represented children in circuit and family court, as well as adults in divorce, custody, domestic violence, guardianship, and grandparents' rights cases in West Virginia family courts. She was the adoption lawyer for hundreds of families.

Ms. Dixon is the granddaughter of the late Cabell County Magistrate Betty Wolford and the daughter of business owners and employers, Shawn and Cary Dixon of Huntington, West Virginia.

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