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New Raleigh County Circuit Judge to be Sworn In

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BECKLEY, W.Va. – Todd Kirby will be sworn in as a judge in the Tenth Judicial Circuit (Raleigh County) at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23, in the ceremonial courtroom in the historic Raleigh County Courthouse in Beckley.

The public is invited to the ceremony. Tenth Judicial Circuit Judge Andrew Dimlich will deliver the oath of office.

On July 2, Governor Jim Justice appointed Mr. Kirby to serve the remainder of the term of Judge Robert Burnside, who retired on May 31. That term ends December 31.

Mr. Kirby was elected in May 2024 to the same position. That eight-year term will begin on January 1, 2025.

Mr. Kirby is the son of Stephen and Beverly Kirby and was raised in Fairdale, West Virginia. He graduated from Liberty High School in 2003 and later earned degrees in political science, history, and international studies from Marshall University. In 2011, he earned a law degree from Liberty University School of Law in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Mr. Kirby opened a law firm in Beckley, where he worked from 2011-2024. In 2022, he was elected to represent the 44th District in the West Virginia House of Delegates. He resigned from that position to become a judge. He also served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Raleigh County from 2023-2024, where his focus was abuse and neglect cases.

He lives in Beckley with his wife, Beth, and two children.

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