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New Mercer County Circuit Judge to Be Sworn In

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PRINCETON, W.Va. – Ryan J. Flanigan will be sworn in as a judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit (Mercer County) at 3 p.m. on Friday, August 16, at the Mercer County Courthouse.

Governor Jim Justice appointed Mr. Flanigan to fill the remainder of the term of Judge Derek Swope. That term ends on December 31, 2024. Mr. Flanigan was also elected in May 2024 to the same position, and that term will begin on January 1, 2025.

Mr. Flanigan was born and raised in Mercer County and graduated from Princeton Senior High School. He has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in political science from Marshall University, where he was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society and worked as a graduate assistant.

Mr. Flanigan graduated in 2002 from West Virginia University College of Law, where he served as an associate editor of the *West Virginia Law Review*. After graduation, Mr. Flanigan worked for the law firms of Robinson & McElwee and Bailey & Wyant, both located in Charleston. He focused on civil litigation. In 2009, he moved back to Mercer County and worked at the law firm of Sanders, Austin, Flanigan & Flanigan, focusing on civil and criminal litigation. In 2015, Mr. Flanigan joined The Flanigan Law Office, practicing civil and criminal litigation. He has litigated cases in state and federal courts in West Virginia and has also argued several cases before the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

Mr. Flanigan is active in his community and is involved in a number of organizations that focus on helping Mercer County and southern West Virginia.

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