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Judge Ryan Sat on Supreme Court for Three Cases

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Twenty-First Judicial Circuit (Grant, Mineral, and Tucker Counties) Judge Robert E. Ryan sat by temporary assignment on the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia for three cases on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

When a Supreme Court Justice is unable to serve in a case, Article VIII Section 2 of the Constitution of West Virginia allows the chief justice to assign a circuit court or intermediate court judge to participate in all hearings, conferences, and votes on that case.

Judge Ryan filled in for Chief Justice Tim Armstead, who is recused from two cases that are having combined Rule 19 Arguments at 11:20 a.m.: *ACE American Insurance Company and ACE Property and Casualty Insurance Company v. AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp. and Bellco Drug Corp.*, Case No 22-564, and *St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co. v. AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp. and Bellco Drug Corp.*, No 22-575.

Judge Ryan also filled in for Justice William R. “Bill” Wooton on a Rule 19 Argument at 1 p.m. in *WVSSAC v. David D.*, No. 22-0390.

Rule 19 arguments involve assignments of error in the application of settled law, claims of an unsustainable exercise of discretion where the law governing that discretion is settled, claims of insufficient evidence or a result against the weight of the evidence, cases involving a narrow issue of law, and cases in which a hearing is required by law.

Judge Ryan was sworn in as a judge on July 26, 2023, after Governor Jim Justice appointed him to fill a vacancy. He has 1996 bachelor’s degree in political science from West Virginia University and a 2000 law degree from Washington and Lee University School of Law. He is admitted to practice law in four states, two U.S. Courts of Appeals, and five U.S. district courts.

He is a former member of the Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia, the West Virginia Association of Justice, the Defense Research Institute, the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, and several bar associations. He was repeatedly recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers and by Best Lawyers in America, being named as Lawyer of the Year in Railroad Law in 2019.