



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**IN RE: FELA ASBESTOS CASES**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 02-C-9500**

**THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO ALL CASES**

**ORDER ASSIGNING JUDGE GREGORY L. HOWARD, JR.  
TO FELA ASBESTOS CASES**

The Honorable Jay M. Hoke was assigned to preside over *In re: FELA Asbestos Cases*, Kanawha County Civil Action No. 02-C-9500, or proceedings therein by Order of the Mass Litigation Panel entered on September 4, 2018 (Transaction ID 62404953). Judge Hoke's term expired on June 30, 2024, and he is no longer serving as a member of the Mass Litigation Panel. Accordingly, the Panel Chair, with the advice and consent of the Panel, assigns The Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr. to preside over *In re: FELA Asbestos Cases*, Kanawha County Civil Action No. 02-C-9500, or proceedings therein. The Panel is advised the following cases are currently pending in this litigation:

1. *Billy Vaughn v. CXS Transportation Inc., etc.*, Civil Action No. 19-C-244 MSH FELA
2. *Donald G. Corn, Sr. v. Norfolk Southern Railway Company, etc.*, Civil Action No. 19-C-70 MCD FELA
3. *Ray T. Robinson v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co., etc.*, Civil Action No. 20-C-003 MCD FELA
4. *Wilson D. Hatfield v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co., etc.*, Civil Action No. 20-C-186 KAN FELA
5. *Jessica Higginbotham, Administratrix of the Estate of Dustin C. Higginbotham v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co., etc.*, Civil Action No. 20-C-285 KAN FELA
6. *Mildred Goode v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co., etc.*, Civil Action No. 20-C-302 KAN FELA
7. *Jonathan N. Dotson v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co., etc.*, Civil Action No. 22-C-85 MNG FELA

8. *David A. Cooper v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co., etc.*, Civil Action No. 23-C-31 MNG FELA

9. *Stephanie Dempsey, Administratrix of the Estate of Carl Dempsey v. Norfolk Southern Railway Co.*, Civil Action No. 23-C-66 BRK FELA

By Administrative Order of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia entered on September 5, 2024, Acting Chief Justice William R. Wooton assigned Judge Hoke to assist the Panel in resolving the FELA Asbestos Litigation, *In Re: FELA Asbestos Cases*, Kanawha County Civil Action No. 02-C-9500, by presiding over *Donald G. Corn, Sr. v. Norfolk Southern Railway Company, etc.*, Civil Action No. 19-C-70 MCD FELA, which is scheduled to begin trial on September 23, 2024. Judge Hoke will preside over the trial of the *Corn* case and any pretrial proceedings therein.

This Order has been electronically filed and served on all counsel of record this day via File & Serve*Xpress*.

It is so **ORDERED**.

**ENTERED:** September 5, 2024.

/s/ Gregory L. Howard, Jr.  
Chair, Mass Litigation Panel