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New Family Court Judge Begins Work, Schedules Investiture Ceremony

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PRINCETON, W.Va. – Adam B. Wolfe began work Wednesday, Sept. 4, as a judge in the Twelfth Family Court Circuit (McDowell and Mercer Counties).

Governor Jim Justice appointed him to the bench on Aug. 14 to fill the remainder of the term of his predecessor, who resigned July 12, 2024. That term will end on December 31. Mr. Wolfe was elected in May to the same seat for an eight-year term that begins January 1, 2025.

Although he was sworn in Wednesday, he will hold a **public investiture ceremony at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24**, in the courtroom of Ninth Judicial Circuit (Mercer County) Judge Ryan Flanigan in the Mercer County Courthouse. Supreme Court Justice John Hutchison will deliver the oath of office. October 24 is the eleventh anniversary of the day Mr. Wolfe was admitted to practice law and it's his father's birthday.

Mr. Wolfe grew up in Philippi. He has a 2003 bachelor's degree in social work from Concord University and a 2013 law degree from the Appalachian School of Law.

He has practiced law in Southern West Virginia, most recently at the Public Defender Corp. for the Ninth Judicial Circuit. He also practiced consumer law at Mountain State Justice, where he helped West Virginia residents retain their family homes. Mr. Wolfe previously was an assistant prosecuting attorney, where he focused on prosecuting felony crimes committed against children. He also operated his own law firm and served as a circuit court law clerk for Justice Hutchison when Justice Hutchison was a circuit judge in Raleigh County.

Mr. Wolfe is a past president and served on the board of the Concord University Alumni Association. He received the Concord University Alumni Association's Young Alumnus Award in 2014. He is a board member of the Planet X-treme Teen Center, and he is an active member and director of the Rotary Club of Princeton. He also is an assistant scoutmaster in Boy Scout Troop 1 in Princeton and is on the District Committee for the Mountain Dominion District of the Buckskin Council, Boy Scouts of America.

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