

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. RICHARDSON TO THE BUSINESS COURT DIVISION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 29.02 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, the Business Court Division “consists of up to seven (7) active or senior status circuit court judges who shall be appointed by the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals. Each appointment is for a term of seven (7) years.”

WHEREAS, the Honorable Paul T. Farrell, Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, served as a member of the Business Court Division until his term ended on December 31, 2023. The Court has approved the appointment of the Honorable Robert E. Richardson, Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, to the Business Court Division.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Honorable Robert E. Richardson, Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, be, and he hereby is, appointed to serve under the provisions of Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules through December 31, 2030.

IT IS FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGED that the Business Court Division members and the expiration dates of their terms shall be as follows:

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| Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes Senior Status Judge | December 31, 2024 |
| Vacant [Honorable Joseph K. Reeder, Judge of the Twenty-Ninth Judicial Circuit, resigned effective August 30, 2024] | December 31, 2025 |
| Honorable Michael D. Lorensen (Chair) Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit [Chair until December 31, 2024] | December 31, 2026 |
| Honorable Shawn D. Nines Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit | December 31, 2027 |
| Honorable Maryclaire Akers Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit | December 31, 2028 |
| Honorable David M. Hammer Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit | December 31, 2029 |
| Honorable Robert E. Richardson Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit. | December 31, 2030 |

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia record this Order in the office of said Clerk.

ENTERED: OCTOBER 15, 2024


TIMOTHY P. ARMSTEAD
Chief Justice