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Judge Richardson to Sit for One Case on Intermediate Court of Appeals

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Eleventh Judicial Circuit Judge (Greenbrier and Pocahontas Counties) Robert E. Richardson will sit by temporary assignment on the Intermediate Court of Appeals (ICA) for one case on Tuesday, October 29.

Judge Richardson was appointed to sit in for ICA Judge Daniel W. Greear, who is voluntarily recused from *Deborah Beheler Baldwin v. Scott A. Adkins*, in his official capacity as Acting Commissioner of WorkForce West Virginia, and WorkForce West Virginia Board of Review, No. 24-ICA-39.

The Rule 20 case will be heard at 10 a.m. in the ICA Courtroom in the West Virginia Judicial Tower, 4700 MacCorkle Avenue, SE.

Cases set for Rule 20 arguments involve issues of first impression or of fundamental public importance; cases involving constitutional questions regarding the validity of a statute, municipal ordinance, or court ruling; and cases involving inconsistencies or conflicts among the decisions of lower tribunals.

Judge Richardson is a native of and now lives in Greenbrier County. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from West Virginia University in 1984. While a student at WVU, he was the University's first recipient of the Truman Scholarship (a national award presented to recognize leadership potential in public service) and served as the WVU Mountaineer mascot during the 1982-83 academic year.

Judge Richardson attended law school at the University of Virginia School of Law (J.D., 1987), where he was an editor of the *Virginia Law Review*, and at the Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M., 1989).

Judge Richardson began his legal career with the Institute for Public Representation in Washington, D.C., where he worked primarily on matters concerning the civil rights of persons with disabilities. While in that position, he served as an adjunct professor at the Georgetown University Law Center. He returned to West Virginia in 1990 to work with

West Virginia Legal Services Plan (now Legal Aid of West Virginia) as the managing attorney of its Clarksburg office and taught part-time as an adjunct faculty member at the West Virginia University College of Law. After a decade of public interest legal work, he returned to his hometown of Lewisburg in 1997 to pursue the private practice of law and opened his own firm in 2000.

Judge Richardson was appointed to the bench on May 21, 2014, was elected in 2016, and was re-elected in May 2024.

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