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Judge Hammers to Sit on Supreme Court for One Case

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Sixth Judicial Circuit (Cabell County) Judge Sean K. “Corky” Hammers will sit by temporary assignment on the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia for one case on Wednesday, October 23.

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 Hammers will fill in for Justice John Hutchison, who is recused from Jonathan Fram, Superintendent v. Johnny Ray Miller, No 22-720. The Rule 20 argument will begin at 1:40 p.m.

Governor Jim Justice appointed Judge Hammers to the bench in the Sixth Judicial Circuit (Cabell County) to replace Judge Christopher Chiles. Judge Hammers was sworn in during a private ceremony and began work on Tuesday, January 2.

Judge Hammers is a graduate of Barboursville High School and has a bachelor’s degree in Business and Economics from Marshall University. He has a law degree from Capital University Law School in Columbus.

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