

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE PERRI JO DECHRISTOPHER, JUDGE OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, TO THE MASS LITIGATION PANEL

Pursuant to Rule 26.02 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals, shall appoint seven (7) active or senior status circuit court judges to serve on the Mass Litigation Panel ("Panel"). "Each appointment is for a term of three (3) years, with two (2) judges to be appointed each year; provided, however, that beginning in 2009 and in every third year thereafter, three (3) judges shall be appointed. There is no prohibition against serving successive terms." *Id.* Further, "[t]he Chief Justice shall annually designate a Panel member to serve as its Chair to preside over the activities of the Panel and to report to the Supreme Court of Appeals." *Id.*

The Court has approved the Honorable Perri Jo DeChristopher, Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, to serve as a member of the Panel from the date of this Order through June 30, 2025. There is one additional vacancy that will be filled in due time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Honorable Perri Jo DeChristopher, Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, is appointed to serve on the Panel from the date of this Order through June 30, 2025, under the provisions of Rule 26.

IT IS THEREFORE ACKNOWLEDGED that the current Panel members and the expiration dates of their terms shall now be as follows:

The Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr. (Chair) Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2027
The Honorable Jack Alsop Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2024
The Honorable Stephanie Abraham Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2025
The Honorable Perri Jo DeChristopher Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2025
The Honorable Jason A. Wharton Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2026
The Honorable Robert E. Ryan Judge of the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2026

ENTERED: NOVEMBER 25, 2024



TIM ARMSTEAD
Chief Justice