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Judge DeChristopher to Sit on Supreme Court During Argument at WVU College of Law

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MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – Twenty-First Judicial Circuit (Monongalia County) Judge Perri Jo DeChristopher will sit by temporary assignment on the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia on one case during hearings Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the West Virginia University College of Law.

Judge DeChristopher will fill in for Justice Charles S. Trump IV, who voluntarily recused himself from the case being heard at approximately 10:40 a.m., a Rule 20 Argument in *Elaine Neidig v. Valley Health System*, Case No 24-27.

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 judge to serve. The visiting judge then participates in all private conferences and votes on that case.

Judge DeChristopher was born and raised in Monongalia County and attended Morgantown High School. She is a graduate of West Virginia University and West Virginia University College of Law.

She was appointed to the circuit court bench by Gov. Jim Justice and took office Jan. 27, 2023. She was elected to a full term in the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit, Division 3, in 2024.

Judge DeChristopher's full bio and portrait are available here:
<https://www.courtswv.gov/public-resources/court-information-county/circuit-judges/perriDeChristopher>.

Full information about Tuesday's event at WVU is available here:
<https://www.courtswv.gov/sites/default/pubfiles/mnt/2025-02/WVU%202025%20Law%20School%20Arguments%20Release.pdf>.

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