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Judge Wilson to Sit on Supreme Court During Marion County LAWS Arguments

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FAIRMONT, W.Va. – Twentieth Judicial Circuit (Marion County) Judge Patrick N. Wilson will sit by temporary assignment on the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia on two cases during hearings Wednesday, Feb. 19, conducted as part of the Court's Legal Advancement for West Virginia Students (LAWS) civics education program at the Marion County Courthouse.

Judge Wilson will fill in for Justice Charles S. Trump IV, who voluntarily recused himself from cases being heard at approximately 10:50 a.m. and 11:35 a.m.:

- Case No. 22-706: *State of West Virginia v. Richard Dane Small*
- Case No. 22-674: *State of West Virginia v. Joseph Wayne Mason*

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 Wilson was appointed to the circuit court bench in Marion County on January 6, 2016. He was elected later in 2016 and re-elected in 2024.

Judge Wilson was born and raised in Marion County. He has a 1979 bachelor's degree from Fairmont State College (now University). He has a 1985 law degree from West Virginia University College of Law.

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

Full information about Wednesday's LAWS event is available here: <https://www.courtswv.gov/sites/default/pubfiles/mnt/2025-02/Marion%20County%20LAWS%20Release.pdf>.

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