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Judicial Holiday Declared for July 3

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – In following with [the proclamation issued by Gov. Patrick Morrisey](#), Chief Justice William R. “Bill” Wooton today issued an administrative order declaring July 3 a judicial holiday for offices operating within the West Virginia Judicial System.

The order applies to all judicial offices and judicial employees operating under the authority, supervision or control of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, including the Intermediate Court of Appeals and magistrate, family and circuit court offices statewide.

The chief circuit judge of each judicial circuit is instructed to take necessary measures to ensure access to magistrate court services during the holiday period.

While the judicial holiday has been declared, circuit judges, family court judges and magistrates do have the discretion to move forward with trials, hearings or other proceedings that have already been scheduled on their docket as they deem necessary.

Individuals or parties with proceedings that were scheduled for July 3 should check with the office of the circuit judge, circuit clerk, family court or magistrate staff to inquire about the status of their proceedings and whether they will be rescheduled if they have not yet been notified of any changes.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: JUDICIAL HOLIDAY DECLARED

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of West Virginia has proclaimed a general cessation of business for state employees on Thursday, July 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII §3, of the Constitution of the State of West Virginia provides that the chief justice shall be the administrative head of all the courts;

It is, therefore, ORDERED that Thursday, July 3, 2025, shall be a judicial holiday for judicial offices operating within the West Virginia Judicial System. This Order applies to all judicial offices and judicial employees operating under the authority, supervision, or control of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

It is further ORDERED that the chief circuit judge of each circuit shall notify the magistrates and magistrate clerk's offices of this day and shall make an appropriate directive to provide the availability of magistrate court services on this date. Such directives may include, but are not limited to, provisions for filing with magistrate court clerks, directing a particular magistrate or magistrates to be on duty or on call, or such other local provision as will ensure access to the magistrate court.

The Administrative Office is hereby directed to distribute copies of this Administrative Order by appropriate means to the Intermediate Court of Appeals, all circuit court judges, family court judges, and magistrates.

ENTERED: July 2, 2025



WILLIAM R. WOOTON
Chief Justice