



# Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia

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## Half-day Judicial Holiday Declared for Nov. 26

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – In following with [the proclamation issued by Gov. Patrick Morrisey](#), Chief Justice William R. “Bill” Wooton has issued an administrative order declaring a half-day judicial holiday on the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 26, 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.

Circuit judges, family court judges and magistrates will have the discretion to move forward with time-sensitive matters already scheduled on their docket as they deem necessary.

Individuals or parties with proceedings that were scheduled for the afternoon of Nov. 26 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.

The judicial system will also be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28, in accordance with the regular Thanksgiving and Lincoln’s Day [state holidays](#).

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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 the last half of Wednesday, November 26, 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 the last half of Wednesday, November 26, 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 court 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. Further, judicial officers may, at their discretion, hear time sensitive matters.

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

ENTERED: November 24, 2025

  
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WILLIAM R. WOOTON  
Chief Justice