

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE JOHN A. HUTCHISON 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 of West Virginia, 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 John A. Hutchison, former Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia and former Judge of the Circuit Court of Raleigh County, who has been approved as Senior Status, to serve as a member of the Panel from the date of this Order through June 30, 2027.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Honorable John A. Hutchison is appointed to serve on the Panel in a term that expires on June 30, 2027, under the provisions of Rule 26.

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

The Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr. (Chair) Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2027
The Honorable Stephanie Abraham Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2025
The Honorable Perri Jo DeChristopher Judge of the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2025
The Honorable Jason A. Wharton Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2026
The Honorable Chad Lovejoy Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2026
The Honorable Jack Alsop Senior Status	June 30, 2027
The Honorable John A. Hutchison Senior Status	June 30, 2027

ENTERED: FEBRUARY 28, 2025


WILLIAM R. WOOTON
Chief Justice