

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**RE: APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE JENNIFER F. BAILEY TO THE  
BUSINESS COURT DIVISION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 29.02 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, the Business Court Division may consist “of up to seven (7) active or senior status circuit court judges who shall be appointed by the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals. Each appointment is for a term of seven (7) years.”

WHEREAS, the Honorable Maryclaire Akers, Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, has resigned from the Business Court Division. Her term expires on December 31, 2028. The Chief Justice has appointed, and the Court has approved, the Honorable Jennifer F. Bailey, Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, to fill the remainder of Judge Akers’ term on the Business Court Division. Justices Bunn and Ewing would not approve the appointment.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Honorable Jennifer F. Bailey, Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, be, and she hereby is, appointed to serve under the provisions of Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules through December 31, 2028.

IT IS FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGED that the Business Court Division members and the expiration dates of their terms shall be as follows:

Honorable Andrew G. Dimlich Judge of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2025
Honorable Michael D. Lorensen ( <b>Chair</b> ) Judge of the Twenty-Seventh Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2026
Honorable Shawn D. Nines Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2027
Honorable Jennifer F. Bailey Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2028
Honorable David M. Hammer Judge of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2029
Honorable Robert E. Richardson Judge of the Twenty-Ninth Judicial Circuit	December 31, 2030
Honorable Christopher C. Wilkes Senior Status Judge.	December 31, 2031

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals record this Order in the office of the Clerk.

ENTERED: NOVEMBER 24, 2025

  
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WILLIAM R. WOOTON  
Chief Justice