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Supreme Court Sets 2026 Interest Rate on Judgments and Decrees

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Administrative Office of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia today announced it has set the interest rate for judgments and decrees entered during the 2026 calendar year at 6.25 percent.

West Virginia Code § 56-6-31 requires the Administrative Office to annually determine the interest rate to be paid upon judgments or decrees for the payment of money.

It requires the pre-judgment and post-judgment interest rate to be two percentage points above the Fifth Federal Reserve District secondary discount rate in effect on the second day of January of the year in which the judgment or decree is entered. The law also says the rate cannot exceed 9 percent per year or be less than 4 percent per year.

The main bank for the Fifth Federal Reserve District is the Fifth Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, Va. That bank's secondary discount rate on Jan. 2 was 4.25 percent. The rate of interest on judgments and decrees entered in 2026, therefore, is set at 6.25 percent.

The law also requires the Administrative Office to promptly notify the courts and members of the West Virginia State Bar of the rate of interest in effect for each calendar year.

The Supreme Court has notified the State Bar and posted the rate information on the West Virginia Judiciary website at: <https://www.courtswv.gov/legal-community/court-rules#miscellaneous>.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

**RE: DETERMINATION AND DISSEMINATION OF THE RATE OF
INTEREST ON JUDGMENTS AND DECREES FOR THE YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, West Virginia Code § 56-6-31 provides that the rate of interest on judgments and decrees for the payment of money shall be set at two percentage points above the Fifth Federal Reserve District's secondary discount rate in effect on the second day of January of the year in which the judgment or decree is entered, not to exceed nine percent per year or be less than four percent per year; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth Federal Reserve District's secondary discount rate effective on January 2, 2026, is 4.25%.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the rate of interest upon judgments and decrees entered in 2026 shall be 6.25% per year.

The Administrative Office of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals shall transmit this Administrative Order by appropriate means to all courts of this State and the West Virginia State Bar.

ENTERED: January 1, 2026



C. HALEY BUNN
Chief Justice