

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

### SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

#### RE: ESTABLISHING NUMBERED DIVISIONS WITHIN FAMILY COURT CIRCUITS

WHEREAS, During the 2007 Regular Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature enacted House Bill No. 3106, which realigned certain Family Court circuits and added ten judges to the state's Family Court system. This increased the number of Family Court judges from thirty-five to forty-five. Although the actual legislation became effective on June 7, 2007, the boundary changes and new judgeships created therein will not become effective until January 1, 2009. Therefore, all forty-five Family Court judges will be chosen by the voters during the 2008 election cycle; AND

WHEREAS, in 2001, during its 5<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session, the West Virginia Legislature enacted W. Va. Code § 51-2A-5(b), which provides in relevant part:

*"...In family court circuits having two or more family court judges there shall be, for election purposes, numbered divisions corresponding to the number of family court judges in each area."*

WHEREAS, the Court has a constitutional obligation to exercise general supervisory control over the courts pursuant to Article VIII, section 3 of the West Virginia Constitution;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, in accordance with the provisions of W. Va. Code § 51-2A-5(b), that numbered divisions within family court circuits be, and hereby are, established as follows, to become effective January 1, 2009:

In the First Family Court Circuit, consisting of Brooke, Hancock and Ohio counties, the seat currently held by The Honorable Joyce D. Chernenko shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 1. Further, the seat currently held by The Honorable William Sinclair shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 2.

In the Third Family Court Circuit, consisting of Pleasants and Wood counties, the seat currently held by The Honorable Annette Fantasia shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 1. Further, the seat currently held by The Honorable C. Darren Tallman, shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 2.

In the Fifth Family Court Circuit, consisting of Mason, Jackson and Wirt counties, the seat currently held by The Honorable Deloris J. Nibert shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 1. Further, the seat created on January 1, 2009, to be filled during the 2008 elections, shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 2.

In the Sixth Family Court Circuit, consisting of Cabell County, the seat currently held

by The Honorable Ronald E. Anderson shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 1. Further, the seat currently held by The Honorable Patricia A. Keller shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 2.

In the Ninth Family Court Circuit, consisting of Logan County, the seat currently held by The Honorable Kelly Gilmore Codispoti shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 1. Further, the seat created on January 1, 2009, to be filled during the 2008 elections, shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 2.

In the Tenth Family Court Circuit, consisting of Lincoln and Boone counties, the seat currently held by The Honorable Cynthia L. Jarrell shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 1. Further, the seat created on January 1, 2009, to be filled during the 2008 elections, shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 2.

In the Eleventh Family Court Circuit, consisting of Kanawha County, the seat currently held by The Honorable Robert M. Montgomery shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 1. The seat currently held by The Honorable Jane Charnock Smallridge shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 2. The seat currently held by The Honorable Michael J. Kelly shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 3. The seat currently held by The Honorable D. Mark Snyder, shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 4. The seat created on January 1, 2009, to be filled during the 2008 elections, shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 5.

In the Twelfth Family Court Circuit, consisting of McDowell and Mercer counties, the seat currently held by The Honorable Edwin B. Wiley shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 1. The seat currently held by The Honorable Mary E. Griffith shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 2. The seat created on January 1, 2009, to be filled during the 2008 elections, shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 3.

In the Thirteenth Family Court Circuit, consisting of Raleigh, Summers and Wyoming counties, the seat currently held by The Honorable H. Suzanne McGraw shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 1. The seat currently held by The Honorable Louise G. Staton shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 2. The seat created on January 1, 2009, to be filled during the 2008 elections, shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 3.

In the Eighteenth Family Court Circuit, consisting of Harrison and Doddridge counties, the seat currently held by The Honorable Michael Drew Crislip shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 1. The seat created on January 1, 2009, to be filled during the 2008 elections, shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 2.

In the Twentieth Family Court Circuit, consisting of Monongalia and Preston counties, the seat currently held by The Honorable J. Jeffrey Culpepper shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 1. The seat created on January 1, 2009, to be filled during the 2008 elections, shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 2.

In the Twenty-Fourth Family Court Circuit, consisting of Berkeley and Jefferson counties, the seat currently held by The Honorable William T. Wertman shall hereinafter be referred

to as Division 1. The seat currently held by The Honorable Sally G. Jackson shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 2. The seat created on January 1, 2009, to be filled during the 2008 elections, shall hereinafter be referred to as Division 3.

ENTER: June 26, 2007

/s/ Robin Jean Davis  
Chief Justice  
Supreme Court of Appeals

Attest: /s/ Rory L. Perry II  
Clerk  
Supreme Court of Appeals