

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDGES TO THE MASS LITIGATION PANEL AND DESIGNATION OF CHAIR

Pursuant to Rule 26.02 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals, shall appoint active or senior status circuit court judges to serve on the Mass Litigation Panel ("Panel") for a term of three (3) years. There is no prohibition against the appointed judges serving successive terms. A Panel member shall be designated annually to serve as its Chair to preside over the activities of the Panel and to report to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

The terms of the Honorable Stephanie Abraham, Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit, and the Honorable Perri Jo DeChristopher, Judge of the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit, will expire on June 30, 2025. The Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr., Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, was designated to serve as the Panel's Chair through June 30, 2025.


The Court has approved Judges Abraham and DeChristopher to continue serving as members of the Panel through June 30, 2028, and for Judge Howard to continue serving as the Chair through June 30, 2026.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Honorable Stephanie Abraham and the Honorable Perri Jo DeChristopher are reappointed to serve on the Panel from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028, and that the Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr., is designated as Chair of the Panel from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, under the provisions of Rule 26.

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

The Honorable Gregory L. Howard, Jr. (Chair) Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2027
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
The Honorable Stephanie Abraham Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2028
The Honorable Perri Jo DeChristopher Judge of the Twenty-First Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2028

ENTERED: JUNE 5, 2025



WILLIAM R. WOOTON
Chief Justice