

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: THE DESIGNATION OF CIRCUIT JUDGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WEST VIRGINIA WIRETAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE ACT

Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 62-1D-7, “[t]he Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals shall, on an annual basis, designate five active circuit court judges to individually hear and rule upon applications for orders authorizing the interception of wire, oral or electronic communications[.]”

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the **Honorable Michael D. Lorensen**, Judge of the Twenty-Seventh Judicial Circuit; the **Honorable Maryclaire Akers**, Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit; the **Honorable Michael J. Olejasz**, Judge of the First Judicial Circuit; the **Honorable Anita Harold Ashley**, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit; and the **Honorable Robert E. Richardson**, Judge of the Twenty-Ninth Judicial Circuit, be, and they hereby are, designated to serve under the provisions of West Virginia Code § 62-1D-7 for the purpose of individually hearing and ruling upon applications for orders authorizing the interception of wire, oral or electronic communications.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the terms for the aforesaid appointments shall run from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

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

ENTERED: JUNE 10, 2026



C. HALEY BUNN
Chief Justice