

Section Three



JUDICIAL



Supreme Court of Appeals

Administrative Office

Judicial Boards and Commissions

The West Virginia State Bar

Maps, Judicial and Family Court Circuits

Circuit Court Register

Family Court Judges

Magistrates



MENIS KETCHUM
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Appeals

MENIS KETCHUM (D) was elected to a full twelve-year term of the Supreme Court of Appeals on November 4, 2008. Named Chief Justice in January 2012. Born in 1943 in Huntington, West Virginia, and raised in Wayne County. Education: Wayne County public schools before attending Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where he played varsity baseball and was a member of the 1964 Mid-American Conference Championship Baseball Team. Returned to West Virginia to attend West Virginia University College of Law and while there, was a contributing writer and associate editor of the West Virginia Law Review. Received law degree in 1967 and returned to Huntington to join father, Chad W. Ketchum (1911-1998), in the practice of law with the firm of Greene, Ketchum & Baker, practicing at that firm and its successors and eventually becoming the senior partner prior to election to the Court. Recognized continuously from 1989 to 2008 in The Best Lawyers in America and was a member of the Leading Honoraries, the American College of Trial Lawyers, and the American Board of Trial Advocates. Member of the Board of Governors of Marshall University from 2002 until his campaign for the Court; served as Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board from 2003 until 2008. Previously served on the Boards of the Public Defender Corporations for the Sixth and Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuits, the Huntington Urban Renewal Authority, and participated in the statewide Vision Shared Health Care Team, and the Governor's Mine Safety Task Force. Married to the former Judy Varnum since 1966; three children – Kelli Morgan, Bert Ketchum and Chad Ketchum – and six grandchildren.

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS**Building 1, Room E-317****State Capitol—Charleston 25305****Website: www.courtswv.gov****TTY (for hearing impaired): (304) 558-4219**

Salaries of Justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals, \$136,000, effective July 1, 2011.

Regular terms of Court begin on the second Tuesday in January and on the first Wednesday in September.

Special terms are held at such times as may be designated by the Court.

CHIEF JUSTICE

Menis E. Ketchum (D) of Huntington, Wayne County
term expires December 31, 2020

JUSTICES

Robin Jean Davis (D) of Charleston, Kanawha County
term expires December 31, 2012
Brent D. Benjamin (R) of Charleston, Kanawha County
term expires December 31, 2016
Margaret L. Workman (D) of Charleston, Kanawha County
term expires December 31, 2020
Thomas E. McHugh (D) of Charleston, Kanawha County
term expires December 31, 2012

COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

To Chief Justice Ketchum—
Ruth Melvin
To Justice Davis—
Jennifer Stover
To Justice Benjamin—
Steven Cohen
To Justice Workman—
Jeanne Stevenson
To Justice McHugh—
Carol White

CLERK AND ASSISTANTS

The Supreme Court Clerk's Office is the central point of contact for doing business with the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. The Clerk's Office accepts papers for filing, preserves all court documents and information, and performs a wide variety of duties for the court, the public and attorneys. The office answers questions regarding the status of cases before the Court and routine procedural questions but cannot provide legal advice or referrals.

Clerk: Rory L. Perry II
Deputy Clerk: Edythe Nash Gaiser
Staff Attorney: Adrianna Marshall
Assistant Clerks:

Jacqueline Beaver
Richard Gush
Wanda R. McDuffie
Preston Samson
Redonna Thompson
Claudia Townsend
Angela Wilkinson
Cassandra A. Wine

Assistant Clerk/Messenger: Vaughn Summers
Assistant Clerk/Receptionist: Peggy Spradling
Lead Web Designer: Isaac Counts
Web Author: Angela Harless Smith

LAW CLERKS

Law Clerks provide legal research and analysis to assist in the drafting of opinions of the Court.

Personal Clerks to Justices:

To Chief Justice Ketchum—
Matthew Crabtree
Mark Farrell
To Justice Davis—
Cynthia Bowman
Toni Takarsh
To Justice Benjamin—
Sarah A. McDaniel
Jane Charnock Smallridge
To Justice Workman—
Dianna Canfield
Teresa Kleeh
To Justice McHugh—
Cynthia Nelson
Peggy Rash

Per Curiam Clerks:

Shannon Akers
Michelle Barker
Mary Blaydes
Peter Chambers
Becky Hentschel
Bobby Lipscomb
Allen Loughry
Tom McQuain
Louis Palmer
Susan Scott

CHIEF COUNSEL'S OFFICE

The Office of Counsel serves as central staff counsel to the Supreme Court. The Office of Counsel provides memoranda on legal issues to assist the Court in its role as the court of last resort in West Virginia. The various motions and other matters requiring rulings in cases pending before the Court are presented to the Court through the Office of Counsel. The Office of Counsel also provides assistance to the Chief Justice in consideration of motions for disqualifications and temporary assignment of circuit court judges, family court judges and magistrates.

Chief Counsel: Bruce A. Kayuha

Deputy Counsels:

Alison Chambers
Amie Johnson
Trina L. Leone

Deputy Counsel, Workers' Compensation:

Tomás R. Vernon

Senior Supervisor Writ Clerk:

Blake Westfall

Writ Clerks:

Aimee Lim
Adam Dean
Joshua Mullins
Andrea Nease Markins

Workers' Compensation Clerks:

Lindsay Agee
Emmett Pepper
Jillian Moore
Virginia Payne

Administrative Assistant:

Vici E. Shafer

Recusal Administrative Assistant: Shannon Green

Secretaries:

Robin Beatty
Joyce Burns

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

The Administrative Office of the Supreme Court of Appeals, under the supervision and direction of the Court, has charge of all administrative matters relating to the offices of circuit judges, family court judges, magistrates, probation officers, and all of their clerical and administrative personnel, and circuit clerks; the preparation of statistical data and reports of business transacted in all of the circuit courts and needs for assistance, if any; the preparation of the court system budget; the purchase, exchange, transfer and distribution of equipment and supplies; and such other matters as may be assigned by the Court.

Administrative Director of the Courts: Steven D. Canterbury

Deputy Administrative Director: Kathleen Gross

Executive Assistants to Administrative Director:

Mary Greene
Joan Mullins

Receptionists:

Dee Hill
Debby Moore

Compliance Officer: Thomas Scott

DIVISION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Division of Public Information issues publications and provides press relations for the judicial system.

Director of Public Information: Jennifer Bundy

Public Information Specialist: April Harless

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

The Office of General Counsel provides legal counsel to the administrative director.

General Administrative Counsel: Kirk Brandfass

Administrative Assistant: Debra Henley

DIVISION OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Division of Special Projects provides administrative and advisory counsel to task forces, boards, panels and commissions dealing with social and equal justice issues. The office also studies and reports on comparative state judicial administrative policies and procedures. Matters dealing with court foreign language interpreters are also handled by this office.

Special Projects Counsel: Jennifer Singletary

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Division of Administrative Services oversees facilities, inventory and surplus and also recordings. The Division also provides court reporter support.

Director of Administrative Services: P. Fletcher Adkins

Video Conference and Recording Technician: Dermond L. Sigmon

Warehouse Manager: Russell Shelton

DIVISION OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Division of Financial Management oversees the court system budget matters, including cost allocation, appropriations, purchasing and credit card administration.

Director of Financial Management: Sue Racer-Troy

Chief Invoice Auditor: Nikki Preece

Invoice Auditors:

Susan Allowatt

Connie Toney

Dan Hager

Jane Thomas

DIVISION OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Division of Children's Services assists with initiatives to improve outcomes for children and families involved in child abuse and neglect and youth services cases, including the Court Improvement Program. The Division also coordinates the Supreme Court's civic education programs.

Director of Division of Children's Services: Nikki Tennis

Public Education Coordinator: Kandi Greter

Administrative Assistant: Tamera Gilmore

DIVISION OF COURT SERVICES

The Division of Court Services acts as a liaison to circuit clerks and manages and implements systemic improvement initiatives such as Regional and State Fatality Review, criminal history record improvement, the Domestic Violence Registry, the warrants database, Domestic Violence Court and court security administration. The Division coordinates the Americans with Disabilities Act, oversees family court facility leases and oversees all grants. The Division also manages all statistical analysis for the state court system, including data management of the Court Statistic Project and the Child Abuse and Neglect Database

Director of Division of Court Services: Angela Saunders
Deputy Director of Court Services: Matt Arrowood
Executive Administrative Assistant: Barbara White
Grants Accounts Manager: Janis Katzmilller
Validation Specialist, Domestic Violence Registry and Warrants: Sandy Hathaway
Data Manager, Domestic Violence Registry and Warrants: Jeremy Nagy
Criminal Records Specialist: Kelli Hall
Circuit Clerk Liaison: Teresa Vance
Senior Statistical Analyst: Autumn Johnson
Statistical Analyst, Court Improvement Program: Tabettha Moore Blevins
Statistical Analyst, Special Projects: Suzanne Davis
Statistical Analyst, Court Statistics: Tanya Wiggins
Statistical Assistant: Kim Harvey

DIVISION OF COURT SECURITY

The Division of Court Security oversees judicial system security and support.

Director of Court Security: Arthur Angus
Deputy Director of Court Security: Jess Gundy
Deputy Court Marshal: Harold Dailey
Messenger: Paul Mendez

DIVISION OF FAMILY COURT SERVICES

The Division of Family Court Services provides training and support services for family courts, judges and staff.

Director of Division of Family Court Services: Lisa Tackett
Program Coordinator for Family Court Services: Pepper Arrowood
Family Court Services Secretary: Cheryl Porter
Administrative Assistant: Sherrie DeBord

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

The Division of Human Resources oversees court system personnel issues, payroll processing and employee benefits.

Director of Division of Human Resources: Christine Workman
Payroll Administrator: Tammy Smith
PELA Administrator: Linda Foster
PELA Administrative Assistant: Barbara Randolph
Payroll Assistant: Angel Miller-Nantell

DIVISION OF JUDICIAL EDUCATION

The Division of Judicial Education oversees training programs for judicial officers and court staff.

Director of Judicial Education: Sara Thompson
Administrative Assistants:
Vickie Miller
Jessica Westfall
IT Liaison to Judicial Education: Jason Carlson

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS

The Division of Legislative Analysis works on the law-making process and informs judicial officers of potential effects on the judiciary. The Division also coordinates communication between judicial officers and legislators as well as prepares and files all fiscal notes with the Legislative Manager.

Director of Division of Legislative Analysis: Tina Sevy

DIVISION OF MAGISTRATE COURT SERVICES

The Division of Magistrate Court Services provides administrative support for magistrate courts, magistrates, clerks and assistants.

Director of Division of Magistrate Court Services: Janie Moore
Magistrate Courts Liaison/Monongalia County Magistrate Clerk: Caroline Stoker
Paralegal: Brenda Magann
Administrative Assistant: Melody Jordan

DIVISION OF MENTAL HYGIENE AND TREATMENT COURT SERVICES

The Division of Mental Hygiene and Mental Health Court Services oversees involuntary commitments, guardianship and conservatorship issues.

Director of Mental Hygiene and Mental Health Court Services: Linda Richmond Artimez
Data Manager, Mental Hygiene Registry: Lou Weisberg
State Treatment Coordinator: Jeffrey Reed Ellis

DIVISION OF PROBATION SERVICES

The Division of Probation Services oversees circuit court probation services, including policy development. It also provides administrative oversight of, and support to, the state's adult and juvenile drug courts, sex offender intensive supervision officers (SOISO) program and the school-based probation officer program. The Division also administers the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

Director of Division of Probation Services: Michael B. Lacy
Deputy Director of Probation-SOISO: Caren Bills
Deputy Director for Juvenile Drug Courts: Lora Maynard
Administrative Coordinator for Juvenile Interstate Compact: Randall Wagner
Counsel to the Division: Robert McKinney
Quality Assurance and Field Support for Drug Courts: Tim Hanna
Administrative Assistant: Georgeann Lilly-Barker

DIVISION OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The Division of Technology Services oversees the Unified Judicial Application (UJA) information system, networking, e-mail, hardware, software, technology systems, management and support and the Jury Management System.

Director of Technology Services: Scott Harvey
Deputy Directors of Technology Services:
 Patricia Tillery
 Dave Wilkinson
Network Operations Manager: Mark Smith
Network Engineer: Scott Conrad
Jury System Support Specialist: Steve Tarbett
UJA Helpdesk Technician: Gary Conner
UJA Trainers/Application Testers:
 Sonya Dean
 Clarita Fisher
 Andrea Snyder
UJA Process Specialist: Mandona Weaver
IT Help Desk:
 Tara Harper
 Jason Seabolt
Network Wiring Technician: Anthony Hatfield
App/Training Support Specialist: Angela Markham
Application Development Manager: Marybeth Norris
Support Technicians II:
 Andrew Hinte
 Jeremy Shears
Microsoft System Engineer: Michael Sefton
Administrative Assistant: Barbara Hart

STATE LAW LIBRARY

The State Law Library's primary mission is to assist the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, the statewide unified court system and all judicial staff in carrying out the administration of justice.

The Library provides access to law-related information to the judiciary, legal community and the general public, comprising over 100,000 volumes and volume equivalents, including books, periodicals, treatises, microforms and electronic databases to support the state's need to access to Anglo-American law. It is the second largest law library in West Virginia.

The State Law Library is a member of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) whose mission is to disseminate information products from all three branches of the government to select libraries nationwide at no cost. One of just 1,250 FDLP libraries in the United States, the State Law Library is a partial depository library, acquiring about seven percent of the holdings of the federal government in a variety of formats, including print, CD-ROM, microfiche and electronic format.

The State Law Librarian administers and manages the State Law Library, which is located on the Fourth Floor of the East Wing of the Capitol Building in Room E-404; phone: (304) 558-2607; fax: (304) 558-3673. It is open to the public six days a week.

State Law Librarian: Kaye L. Maerz

Reference & Instructional Services Librarian: Brian E. Cassidy

Technology Services Librarian: Janet Nicholson

Payments Manager: Sandy Stemple

Public Services Library Assistant: Barbara Hayes

Technical Services Library Assistant: Jimmy Carpenter

Acquisitions Library Assistant: Steve Bradbury

THE JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

Created by rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Appeals by order entered December 15, 1982, the Judicial Investigation Commission is authorized to investigate alleged violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct by judicial officers, which include Supreme Court Justices, Circuit Court Judges, Family Court Judges, Magistrates, Mental Hygiene Commissioners, Special Commissioners, Special Masters and Senior Status and Special Judges of this state. After presentation of a report of the investigation by counsel and if a majority of the members believe that probable cause exists that an ethics violation occurred, the Commission may issue an admonishment if it believes that formal discipline is not warranted or it shall file formal charges with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, which initiates the hearing process before the Judicial Hearing Board.

Circuit Court Judge Members:

Honorable Ronald E. Wilson, *Chairman*New Cumberland
term expires June 30, 2015

Honorable H. L. Kirkpatrick IIIBeckley
term expires June 30, 2015

Honorable Christopher C. WilkesMartinsburg
term expires December 31, 2013

Senior Status Judge Member:

Honorable Andrew N. Frye, Jr.Petersburg
term expires July 31, 2015

Family Court Judge Member:

Honorable Robert C. HicksSistersville
term expires December 31, 2013

Magistrate Member:

Honorable Gail C. Boober, *Vice Chair*Charles Town
term expires December 31, 2012

Public Members:

Thomas F. BurgoyneWheeling
term expires December 31, 2012

Daniel CrockettDunbar
term expires December 31, 2012

Alice ChakmakianShepherdstown
term expires June 30, 2015

Commission Counsel: Teresa A. TarrCharleston

Executive Secretary: Nancy BlackEleanor

JUDICIAL HEARING BOARD

Created by rules promulgated by the Supreme Court of Appeals by order entered December 15, 1982, the Judicial Hearing Board conducts evidentiary hearings on formal ethics charges filed by the Judicial Investigation Commission against judicial officers, which include Justices of the Supreme Court of

Appeals, Circuit Court Judges, Family Court Judges, Magistrates, Mental Hygiene Commissioners, Special Commissioners, Special Masters and Senior Status and Special Judges. Following the hearing, the Board makes recommendations to the Supreme Court of Appeals regarding disposition of the charges.

Circuit Court Judge Members:

Honorable Lawrance S. Miller, Jr., <i>Chairman</i>	Kingwood
term expires December 31, 2012	
Honorable Alan D. Moats	Grafton
term expires June 30, 2015	
Honorable Jaymie G. Wilfong	Elkins
term expires December 31, 2014	

Family Court Judge Member:

Honorable Beth Longo	Philippi
term expires December 31, 2013	

Senior Status Judge Member:

Honorable Robert G. Chafin, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Kenova
term expires July 1, 2015	

Magistrate Member:

Honorable Tina M. Mouser	Philippi
term expires December 31, 2014	

Lay Members:

Jacqueline K. Farrell	Huntington
term expires December 31, 2012	
Michael D. Lorensen	Martinsburg
term expires December 31, 2014	
George Poole	Williamson
term expires December 31, 2014	

<i>Board Counsel:</i> Ancil G. Ramey	Huntington
--	------------

MASS LITIGATION PANEL

The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia has adopted a process for efficiently managing and resolving mass litigation that includes the establishment of a Mass Litigation Panel. The procedure for referral of cases to the Mass Litigation Panel is set forth in West Virginia Trial Court Rule 26.

The Mass Litigation Panel consists of seven active or senior status circuit court judges appointed by the Chief Justice, with the approval of the Supreme Court of Appeals. Each appointment is for a term of three years and there is no prohibition against serving successive terms. The Chief Justice annually designates a panel member to serve as its chairman to preside over the activities of the panel and to report to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Judge Members:

Honorable Alan D. Moats, <i>Chairman</i>	Grafton
term expires June 30, 2014	
Honorable Thomas C. Evans III	Ripley
term expires June 30, 2015	
Honorable Jay M. Hoke	Hamlin
term expires June 30, 2015	
Honorable John A. Hutchison	Beckley
term expires June 30, 2014	
Honorable James P. Mazzone	Weirton
term expires June 30, 2013	
Honorable Booker T. Stephens	Welch
term expires June 30, 2015	
Honorable Derek C. Swope	Princeton
term expires June 30, 2013	

Staff Members:

Mass Litigation Manager: Kimberley R. Fields
Administrative Assistant: Deborah K. Brogan

ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION

The West Virginia Access to Justice (WVATJ) Commission was created by the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia in January 2009 to address barriers to the civil justice system experienced by

West Virginians. The WVATJ Commission is charged to identify civil legal needs and develop long-term plans to develop and provide these services for West Virginians.

Chairman: Robert S. Baker.....Beckley

Judge Members:

Honorable Brent D. Benjamin, Supreme Court JusticeCharleston

Honorable Lisa Clark, Family Court Judge.....Bluefield

Members:

Robert M. Bastress.....Morgantown

Steve Canterbury.....South Charleston

Harry Deitzler.....Parkersburg

Charles DiSalvo.....Morgantown

Michael Kawash.....South Charleston

Everett Boober.....Charles Town

Jim Martin.....Charleston

Catherine D. McConnell.....Gladesville

Kevin J. Robinson.....Beckley

Molly Russell.....Morgantown

Jeffrey M. Shawver.....Charleston

Jessica Justice Stolarik.....Morgantown

Reagan Whitmyer.....Scott Depot

Adrienne Worthly.....Elkview

Access to Justice Director: Deborah Bogan

STATE BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

The West Virginia Board of Law Examiners consists of seven members of the West Virginia State Bar who are appointed by the Supreme Court of Appeals. The Board represents different geographical regions of West Virginia. Board members serve seven-year terms and may be reappointed by the Court for additional terms. The Board evaluates educational background, credentials, character and fitness, and competence of each applicant for admission to the practice of law in West Virginia under the Supreme Court's Rules for Admission to the Practice of Law. Three full-time staff members serve as the Board's liaisons to applicants for admission, the general public and agencies requiring bar admissions assistance and information.

President: Janice Lee Murray Hall.....term expires December 31, 2015

Vice President: Roslyn Payne Artis.....term expires December 31, 2014

Members:

Lawrence M. Schultz.....term expires December 31, 2016

Ancil G. Ramey.....term expires December 31, 2019

Sue A. Howard.....term expires December 31, 2013

Ward D. Stone, Jr.....term expires December 31, 2012

Bradley J. Pyles.....term expires December 31, 2017

Bar Admissions Administrator: Madeleine J. Nibert

Deputy Bar Admissions Administrators:

Nancy A. Green

Kelley D. Rogers

THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BAR (Integrated) 2000 Deitrick Boulevard, Charleston

Created by the Supreme Court of Appeals under its inherent rule-making power as authorized by Chapter 44, Acts of the Legislature, 1945. The Court adopted and promulgated a definition of the practice of law, a code of professional ethics, a code of judicial ethics and a constitution and bylaws for the government of the State Bar, effective May 1, 1947. Its membership consists of all persons lawfully admitted to the practice of law in West Virginia.

By a majority vote in 2005, the members of the State Bar consented to the payment of an annual membership fee as follows: Less than one year, \$100; one to three years, \$200; over three years, \$250.

The objectives of the State Bar are to protect the interests of the public; to advance the administration of justice and the science of jurisprudence; to improve the relations between the public and the Bench and the Bar; to uphold and elevate the standards of honor, integrity, competency and courtesy in the legal profession; and to encourage cordial relations among its members. It is its declared pur-

pose to give effect to pertinent rules of the Supreme Court of Appeals and to perform the functions expressed in its constitution and bylaws. A principal duty of the State Bar is to uphold the standards of professional ethics and to investigate and prosecute violations of these standards diligently and vigilantly.

The State Bar is governed by a Board of Governors, consisting of the State Bar officers and twenty Governors being elected by the members of the Bar by a secret mail ballot.

President: James C. Wright

President-Elect: Harry G. Deitzler

Vice President: Kevin J. Robinson

Executive Director: Anita R. Casey

Chairman, Young Lawyers' Section: Jason C. Pizatella

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

The Lawyer Disciplinary Board, along with the assistance of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, has jurisdiction to investigate complaints regarding violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct; to hold hearings; and to make recommendations to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia with respect to disciplinary action to be taken against lawyers. The Board consists of two-thirds practicing lawyers and one-third nonlawyers, all appointed by the President of the Board of Governors of the West Virginia State Bar. The Board is divided into an Investigative Panel, which reviews complaints, and a Hearing Panel, which presides over hearings and makes recommendations to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. Both the Lawyer Disciplinary Board and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel are funded by the West Virginia State Bar from dues paid by West Virginia lawyers.

Chief Disciplinary Counsel: Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti

Senior Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel: Andrea J. Hinerman

Lawyer Disciplinary Counsels:

Renee N. Frymyer

Jessica H. Donahue Rhodes

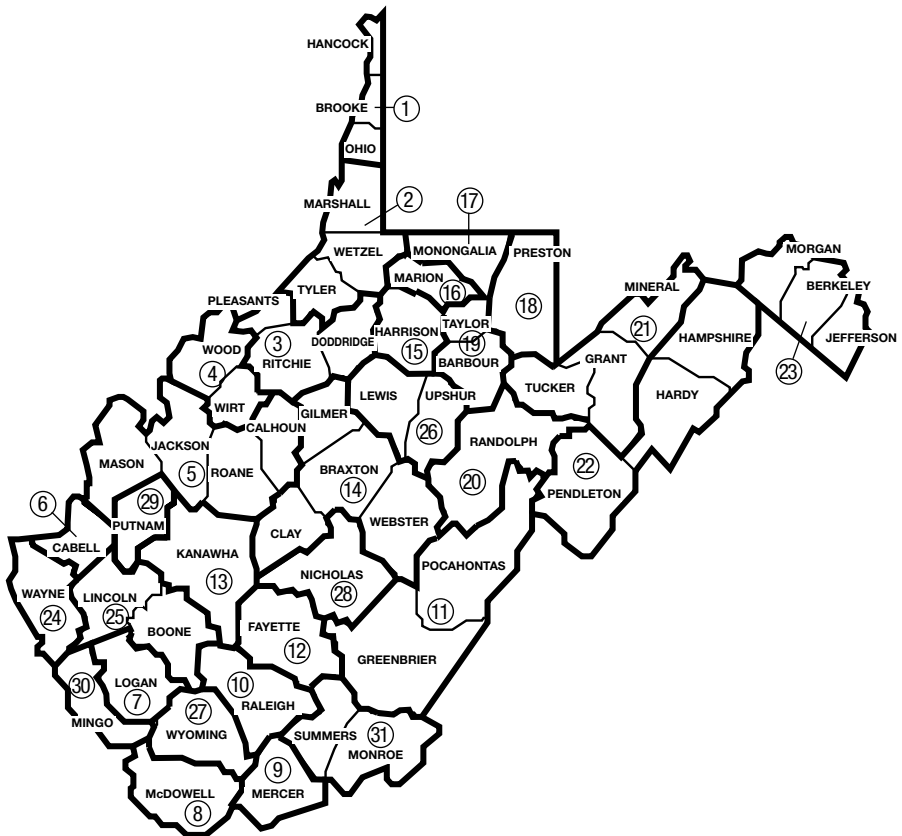
Legal Assistants:

Maura A. Lewis, Senior Legal Assistant

Mary E. Casto, Assistant to Chief Counsel

Kathleen L. McKinney

Receptionist: Evelyn M. Stover



MAP, WEST VIRGINIA JUDICIAL CIRCUITS

1st Circuit: Brooke, Hancock, Ohio
2nd Circuit: Marshall, Tyler, Wetzel
3rd Circuit: Doddridge, Pleasants, Ritchie
4th Circuit: Wirt, Wood
5th Circuit: Calhoun, Jackson, Mason, Roane
6th Circuit: Cabell
7th Circuit: Logan
8th Circuit: McDowell
9th Circuit: Mercer
10th Circuit: Raleigh
11th Circuit: Greenbrier, Pocahontas
12th Circuit: Fayette
13th Circuit: Kanawha
14th Circuit: Braxton, Clay, Gilmer, Webster
15th Circuit: Harrison

16th Circuit: Marion
17th Circuit: Monongalia
18th Circuit: Preston
19th Circuit: Barbour, Taylor
20th Circuit: Randolph
21st Circuit: Grant, Mineral, Tucker
22nd Circuit: Hampshire, Hardy, Pendleton
23rd Circuit: Berkeley, Jefferson, Morgan
24th Circuit: Wayne
25th Circuit: Boone, Lincoln
26th Circuit: Lewis, Upshur
27th Circuit: Wyoming
28th Circuit: Nicholas
29th Circuit: Putnam
30th Circuit: Mingo
31st Circuit: Monroe, Summers

CIRCUIT COURTS

The Circuit Courts are trial courts of record, with seventy judges sitting in thirty-one circuits that range in size from one county with seven judges to nine counties with one judge each.

Circuit judges are responsible for hearing all felony criminal cases, civil lawsuits and appeals from magistrate courts. They have concurrent jurisdiction over misdemeanors with magistrate court. They review domestic relations appeals from family court when both parties, by mutual agreement, decide not to appeal directly to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. They also conduct various administrative judicial actions.

Judges are elected for eight-year terms. Current terms expire December 31, 2016. Salary: \$126,000, effective July 1, 2011.

First Circuit—Ronald E. Wilson (D), Chief Judge, Weirton

Martin J. Gaughan (D), Judge, Weirton

James P. Mazzone (D), Judge, Weirton

David J. Sims (D), Judge, Wheeling

<i>Counties</i>	<i>Terms of Court</i>
Brooke	First Monday in March, June and November
Hancock	Second Tuesday in January, April and September
Ohio	Second Monday in January, May and September

Second Circuit—David W. Hummel, Jr. (D), Chief Judge, Moundsville

Mark A. Karl (R), Judge, Moundsville

Marshall	Second Tuesday in March, July and November
Tyler	Second Tuesday in February, June and October
Wetzel	Second Tuesday in January, May and September

Third Circuit—Timothy L. Sweeney (D), Chief Judge, St. Marys

Doddridge	Second Monday in February and July and fourth Monday in October
Pleasants	Second Monday in January, third Monday in May and fourth Monday in September
Ritchie	Fourth Monday in January, first Monday in June and first Monday in October

Fourth Circuit—J. D. Beane (D), Chief Judge, Parkersburg

Robert A. Waters (R), Judge, Parkersburg

Jeffrey B. Reed (R), Judge, Parkersburg

Wirt	Last Monday in March, June and September
Wood	Second Monday in January, May and September

Fifth Circuit—David W. Nibert (D), Chief Judge, Point Pleasant

Thomas C. Evans III (R), Judge, Ripley

Calhoun	First Tuesday in January, May and September
Jackson	Fourth Tuesday in February, June and October
Mason	First Monday in January, May and September
Roane	Fourth Tuesday in January, May and September

Sixth Circuit—David M. Pancake (R), Chief Judge, Huntington

Alfred E. Ferguson (D), Judge, Huntington

Paul T. Farrell (D), Judge, Huntington

F. Jane Hustead (D), Judge, Huntington

Cabell	First Monday in January and May and second Tuesday in September
--------------	---

Seventh Circuit—Roger L. Perry (D), Chief Judge, Logan**Eric H. O'Briant (D), Judge, Logan**

LoganSecond Monday in January, May and September.

Eighth Circuit—Rudolph J. Murensky II (D), Chief Judge, Welch**Booker T. Stephens (D), Judge, Welch**

McDowell.....Third Monday in February, June and October.

Ninth Circuit—Omar J. Aboulhosn (D), Chief Judge, Princeton**William J. Sadler (D), Judge, Princeton****Derek C. Swope (D), Judge, Bluefield**

MercerSecond Monday in February, June and October.

Tenth Circuit—Robert A. Burnside, Jr. (D), Chief Judge, Beckley**John A. Hutchison (D), Judge, Beckley****H. L. Kirkpatrick III (D), Judge, Beckley**

Raleigh.....Second Monday in January, May and September.

Eleventh Circuit—Joseph C. Pomponio, Jr. (D), Chief Judge, Lewisburg**James J. Rowe (D), Judge, Lewisburg**

Greenbrier.....First Tuesday in February, June and October.

PocahontasFirst Tuesday in April, August and December.

Twelfth Circuit—Paul M. Blake, Jr. (D), Chief Judge, Fayetteville**John W. Hatcher, Jr. (D), Judge, Fayetteville**

Fayette.....Second Tuesday in January, May and September.

Thirteenth Circuit—Paul Zakaib, Jr. (R), Chief Judge, Charleston**Jennifer Bailey (D), Judge, Charleston****Louis H. Bloom (D), Judge, Charleston****Tod J. Kaufman (D), Judge, Charleston****Charles E. King (D), Judge, Charleston****James C. Stucky (R), Judge, Charleston****Carrie L. Webster (D), Judge, Charleston**

Kanawha.....Second Monday in January, May and September.

Fourteenth Circuit—Richard A. Facemire (D), Chief Judge, Sutton**Jack Alsop (D), Judge, Webster Springs**

Braxton.....First Monday in February, June and October.

ClayThird Monday in March, second Monday in July and first Monday in November.

Gilmer.....First Monday in March, July and November.

WebsterSecond Monday in January and first Monday in May and September.

Fifteenth Circuit—J. Lewis Marks, Jr. (D), Chief Judge, Salem**Thomas A. Bedell (D), Judge, Clarksburg****James A. Matish (D), Judge, Bridgeport**

HarrisonFirst Monday in January, May and September.

Sixteenth Circuit—David R. Janes (D), Chief Judge, Fairmont**Michael John Aloï (D), Judge, Fairmont**

MarionFirst Monday in February, June and October.

Seventeenth Circuit—Russell M. Clawges, Jr. (D), Chief Judge, Morgantown**Phillip D. Gaujot (D), Judge, Morgantown****Susan B. Tucker (D), Judge, Morgantown**

Monongalia.....First Thursday after first Monday in January, May and September.

Eighteenth Circuit—Lawrance S. Miller, Jr. (R), Chief Judge, Kingwood

PrestonFirst Tuesday in March and June and third Tuesday in October.

Nineteenth Circuit—Alan D. Moats (D), Chief Judge, Thornton

BarbourFourth Monday in February, May and October.

TaylorSecond Monday in January, April and September.

Twentieth Circuit—Jaymie Godwin Wilfong (D), Chief Judge, Elkins

RandolphLast Monday in February, June and October.

Twenty-First Circuit—Lynn A. Nelson (R), Chief Judge, Keyser**Philip B. Jordan, Jr. (D), Judge, Keyser**

GrantFirst Tuesday in March, second Tuesday in July and first Tuesday in November.

MineralSecond Tuesday in January, first Tuesday in May and September.

TuckerSecond Tuesday in February, first Tuesday in June and October.

Twenty-Second Circuit—Donald H. Cookman (D), Chief Judge, Romney**Charles E. Parsons (R), Judge, Romney**

Hampshire.....First Tuesday in January, May and September.

Hardy.....First Tuesday in February, June and October.

Pendleton.....First Tuesday in March, July and November.

Twenty-Third Circuit—David H. Sanders (D), Chief Judge, Charles Town**Gray Silver III (D), Judge, Martinsburg****Christopher C. Wilkes (R), Judge, Martinsburg****John Yoder (R), Judge, Harpers Ferry****Vacancy**

Berkeley.....Third Tuesday in February, May and October.

Jefferson.....Third Tuesday in January, April and September.

MorganFirst Tuesday in January, April and September.

Twenty-Fourth Circuit—Darrell Pratt (D), Chief Judge, Prichard**James H. Young, Jr. (D), Judge, Ceredo**

WayneFirst Monday in March, July and November.

Twenty-Fifth Circuit—Jay M. Hoke (D), Chief Judge, Branchland**William S. Thompson (D), Judge, Madison**

BooneThird Monday in January, April and September.

LincolnThird Monday in January, April and September.

Twenty-Sixth Circuit—Thomas H. Keadle (D), Chief Judge, Buckhannon

LewisFirst Monday in March, second Monday in July and first Monday in November.

UpshurSecond Monday in January, May and September.

Twenty-Seventh Circuit—Warren R. McGraw (D), Chief Judge, Pineville

WyomingFirst Monday in February, May and October.

Twenty-Eighth Circuit—Gary L. Johnson (D), Chief Judge, Richwood

NicholasSecond Tuesday in January, May and September.

Twenty-Ninth Circuit—Phillip M. Stowers (D), Chief Judge, Hurricane**J. Robert Leslie (D), Judge, Hurricane**

PutnamFirst Monday in March, second Monday in July and November.

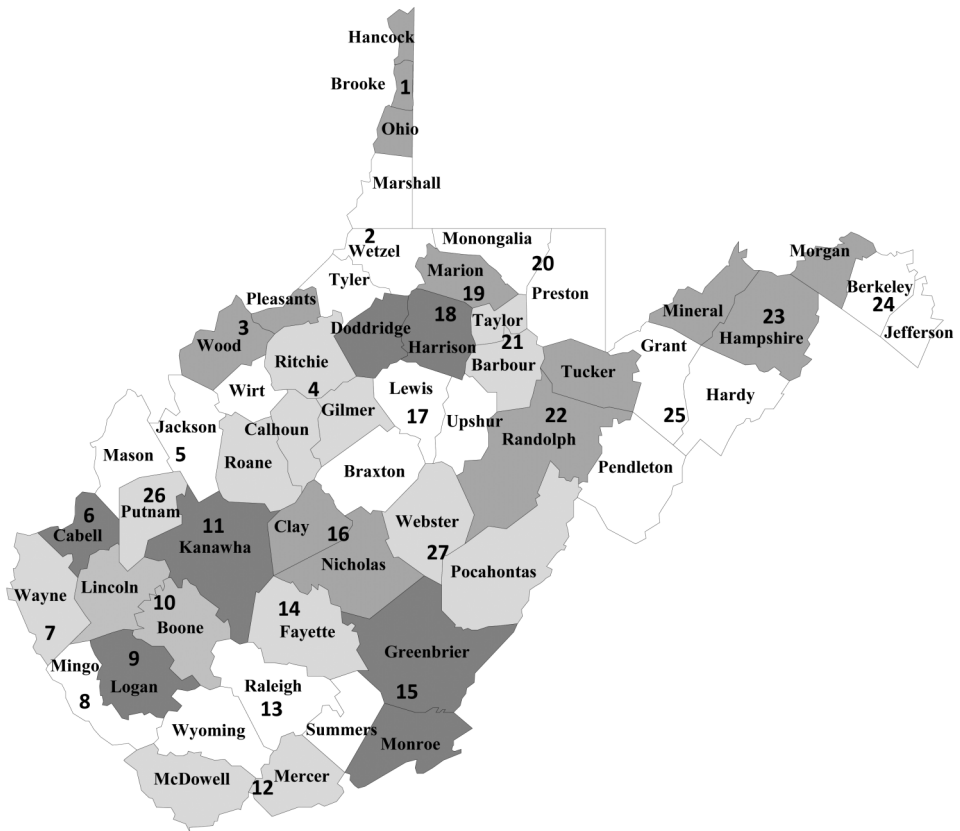
Thirtieth Circuit—Michael Thornsby (D), Chief Judge, Williamson

MingoThird Monday in January, April and September.

Thirty-First Circuit—Robert A. Irons (D), Chief Judge, Pickaway

MonroeSecond Tuesday in January, third Tuesday in May and second Tuesday in September.

SummersFirst Tuesday in March, third Tuesday in July and November.



MAP, FAMILY COURT SYSTEM CIRCUITS

First Circuit: Brooke, Hancock, and Ohio Counties
Second Circuit: Marshall, Tyler, and Wetzel Counties
Third Circuit: Pleasants and Wood Counties
Fourth Circuit: Calhoun, Gilmer, Ritchie, and Roane Counties
Fifth Circuit: Jackson, Mason, and Wirt Counties
Sixth Circuit: Cabell County
Seventh Circuit: Wayne County
Eighth Circuit: Mingo County
Ninth Circuit: Logan County
Tenth Circuit: Boone and Lincoln Counties
Eleventh Circuit: Kanawha County
Twelfth Circuit: McDowell and Mercer Counties
Thirteenth Circuit: Raleigh, Summers, and Wyoming Counties
Fourteenth Circuit: Fayette County

Fifteenth Circuit: Greenbrier and Monroe Counties
Sixteenth Circuit: Clay and Nicholas Counties
Seventeenth Circuit: Braxton, Lewis, and Upshur Counties
Eighteenth Circuit: Doddridge and Harrison Counties
Nineteenth Circuit: Marion County
Twentieth Circuit: Monongalia and Preston Counties
Twenty-first Circuit: Barbour and Taylor Counties
Twenty-second Circuit: Randolph and Tucker Counties
Twenty-third Circuit: Hampshire, Mineral and Morgan Counties
Twenty-fourth Circuit: Berkeley and Jefferson Counties
Twenty-fifth Circuit: Grant, Hardy and Pendleton Counties
Twenty-sixth Circuit: Putnam County
Twenty-seventh Circuit: Pocahontas and Webster Counties

FAMILY COURT JUDGES

The Family Court system was created, in part, by a constitutional amendment ratified in November 2000, and by Chapter 5, Acts of the Legislature, Fifth Extraordinary Session, 2001, effective September 19, 2001. The Family Court system replaced the family law master system created by Chapter 2, Acts of the Legislature, Second Extraordinary Session, 1986.

West Virginia is divided into twenty-seven family court circuits served by forty-five family court judges. Family court judges are elected for eight-year terms. Current terms expire December 31, 2016. Salary: \$94,500, effective July 1, 2011.

First Circuit (Hancock, Brooke and Ohio counties)

Joyce Dumbaugh Chernenko (D), Wellsburg
William F. Sinclair (D), Wheeling

Second Circuit (Marshall, Tyler and Wetzel counties)

Robert C. Hicks (D), Sistersville

Third Circuit (Pleasants and Wood counties)

Brian C. Dempster (D), Williamstown
C. Darren Tallman (R), Parkersburg

Fourth Circuit (Calhoun, Gilmer, Ritchie and Roane counties)

Larry S. Whited (R), Grantsville

Fifth Circuit (Jackson, Mason and Wirt counties)

Rebecca Stafford Cornett (R), Cottageville
Constance Fisher Thomas (R), New Haven

Sixth Circuit (Cabell County)

Ronald E. Anderson (D), Huntington
Patricia A. Keller (D), Huntington

Seventh Circuit (Wayne County)

R. Stephen Lewis (D), Huntington

Eighth Circuit (Mingo County)

Miki J. Thompson (D), Williamson

Ninth Circuit (Logan County)

Kelly Gilmore Codispoti (D), Logan
Jason D. Harwood (D), Holden

Tenth Circuit (Boone and Lincoln counties)

Cynthia J. Jarrell (D), Danville
Scott E. Elswick (D), Alum Creek

Eleventh Circuit (Kanawha County)

Ken D. Ballard (D), Charleston
Mike J. Kelly (D), Charleston
Robert M. Montgomery (D), Charleston
Sharon M. Mullens (D), Charleston
D. Mark Snyder (D), Charleston

Twelfth Circuit (McDowell and Mercer counties)

Anthony Bisaha (D), Athens
Lisa K. Clark (D), Bluefield
Mary Ellen Griffith (D), Princeton

Thirteenth Circuit (Raleigh, Summers and Wyoming counties)

K. Bruce Lazenby (D), Beckley
H. Suzanne McGraw (D), Beckley
Louise G. Staton (D), Mullens

Fourteenth Circuit (Fayette County)

Matthew Dean England (D), Fayetteville

Fifteenth Circuit (Greenbrier and Monroe counties)

David M. Sanders (D), Alderson

Sixteenth Circuit (Clay and Nicholas counties)

Donald K. Bischoff (D), Summersville

Seventeenth Circuit (Braxton, Lewis and Upshur counties)

Robert Reed Sowa (R), Frametown

Eighteenth Circuit (Doddridge and Harrison counties)

Lori Betler Jackson (D), Nutter Fort

Cornelia Reep (D), Bridgeport

Nineteenth Circuit (Marion County)

Amy J. Swisher (D), Fairmont

Twentieth Circuit (Monongalia and Preston counties)

Patricia Tolle Hill (D), Morgantown

Randal A. Minor (D), Bruceton Mills

Twenty-First Circuit (Barbour and Taylor counties)

Beth Longo (D), Philippi

Twenty-Second Circuit (Randolph and Tucker counties)

Michelle W. Good (D), Elkins

Twenty-Third Circuit (Hampshire, Mineral and Morgan counties)

Glen R. Stotler (R), Berkeley Springs

Twenty-Fourth Circuit (Berkeley and Jefferson counties):

David P. Greenberg (D), Martinsburg

Sally G. Jackson (D), Martinsburg

William T. Wertman, Jr. (D), Martinsburg

Twenty-Fifth Circuit (Grant, Hardy and Pendleton counties):

Amanda Hatfield See (D), Moorefield

Twenty-Sixth Circuit (Putnam County)

William M. Watkins III (R), Hurricane

Twenty-Seventh Circuit (Pocahontas and Webster counties)

Jeffrey L. Hall (D), Diana

MAGISTRATE COURTS

Magistrate Courts supplanted the justice-of-the-peace system through the 1974 Judicial Reorganization Amendment. There are 158 magistrates statewide, with at least two in every county and ten in the largest county, Kanawha.

More than 300,000 cases a year are handled by magistrate courts. Each magistrate has jurisdiction of most misdemeanors, including traffic and natural resource offenses; preliminary hearings in felony cases; civil cases in which \$5,000 or less is in dispute; domestic violence proceedings involving protective orders; brief commitments under mental hygiene law; and initial hearings in juvenile cases if designated as a juvenile referee.

Magistrates are elected to four-year terms. The current terms expire December 2012. Salaries, in two tiers, are \$51,125 and \$57,500, effective July 1, 2011. The tiers are determined by the population of the county. Salary tiers are calculated by the number of magistrates authorized for each county divided into the population of the county. Magistrates who serve fewer than 8,400 people are in Tier 1 and are paid the lower salary while those who serve more than 8,400 people are in Tier 2 and are paid the higher salary (\$50-1-3).

BARBOUR COUNTY

Kathi McBee
Tina Mouser

BERKELEY COUNTY

Joan V. Bragg
James A. Humphrey
Sandra Miller
JoAnn B. Overington
Harry Snow

BOONE COUNTY

Charles M. Byrnside
Clarence Porter Snodgrass

BRAXTON COUNTY

Larry B. Clifton
Mary Beth Smith

BROOKE COUNTY

Nathaniel Marino
Robin L. Snyder

CABELL COUNTY

Rondall L. Baumgardner
Darrell G. Black
Daniel M. Goheen
John H. McCallister
Patricia Verbage-Spence
Michael J. Woelfel
Betty J. Wolford

CALHOUN COUNTY

Richard G. Postalwait
Teresa D. Robinson

CLAY COUNTY

Jeffrey W. Boggs
Mitchel H. King

DODDRIDGE COUNTY

D. Frances Davis
Jamie Lou Moran

FAYETTE COUNTY

Charles Garvin III
Sharon R. McGraw
Janice Wiseman
Danita G. Young

GILMER COUNTY

Robert W. Minigh
Carol L. Wolfe

GRANT COUNTY

Willard L. Earle II
Larry W. Ours

GREENBRIER COUNTY

Charles D. Beard
Brenda Campbell
Brenda J. Smith

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

John David Rohrbaugh
Shirley A. Timbrook

HANCOCK COUNTY

Betty J. Bauer
William S. Hicks
Michael W. Powell

HARDY COUNTY

Shawna Crites
Craig A. Hose

HARRISON COUNTY

Warren E. Davis
Frank A. DeMarco
Mark A. Gorby
Keith W. Marple
Tammy F. Marple

JACKSON COUNTY

Jacqueline R. Casto
William Thomas Reynolds

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Gail C. Boober
Mary P. Rissler
William E. Senseney

KANAWHA COUNTY

Josanna Kim Aaron
Kristen Vieweg
Timothy C. Halloran
Ward Harshbarger III
Pete C. Lopez
Jack Pauley
Joseph L. Shelton
Traci L. Strickland
Julie M. Yeager
Paris Workman

LEWIS COUNTY

Sharon A. Hull
James D. Moody

LINCOLN COUNTY

Mona Dell Snodgrass
Sophia J. Tully

LOGAN COUNTY

Leonard Codispoti
Jeffrey S. Lane
Dwight A. Williamson

MARION COUNTY

Melissa Pride Linger
Hank E. Middlemas
Cathy Reed-Vanata
Rebecca L. Tate

MARSHALL COUNTY

William D. Anderson
David M. Buzzard
Mark A. Kerwood

MASON COUNTY

Cheryl M. Ross
Gail L. Roush

MCDOWELL COUNTY

Steve L. Cox
James Richard VanDyke
John Anderson Vance

MERCER COUNTY

James E. Dent
Michael D. Flanigan
Richard D. Fowler
Susan C. Honaker
Charles N. Poe

MINERAL COUNTY

David C. Harman
Carolyn S. Roby

MINGO COUNTY

Dallas Toler
Pamela S. Newsome
Deloris D. Sidebottom

MONONGALIA COUNTY

Saundra K. Holepit
Hershel R. Mullins
James E. Nabors
Darris J. Summers

MONROE COUNTY

Nancy P. Crews
Kevin L. Miller

MORGAN COUNTY

Kermit M. Ambrose
Gregory L. Miller

NICHOLAS COUNTY

Sarah Meadows Brown
John D. Morton, Jr.
Doren W. Plummer

OHIO COUNTY

Charles W. Murphy
Patricia L. Murphy
Harry A. Radcliffe
Joseph E. Roxby

PENDLETON COUNTY

Andrew M. Hinkle
Leland E. Propst

PLEASANTS COUNTY

Kathy M. Elder
Randy Nutter

POCAHONTAS COUNTY

Kathy L. Beverage
Janet L. Kershner-Vanover

PRESTON COUNTY

Lewis F. Ault
Harold E. Jenkins, Jr.
Janice K. Snider

PUTNAM COUNTY

Kim M. Blair
Elizabeth Kylene Brown
Linda J. Hunt

RALEIGH COUNTY

Charles R. Humphrey
Mary H. Jennings
Richard D. Jones
Stephen D. Massie
Gregory W. Tanner

RANDOLPH COUNTY

Robert R. Elbon, Jr.
George M. Riggleman
Benjamin E. Shepler

RITCHIE COUNTY

Teresa C. Harper
David Wayne Haugh

ROANE COUNTY

Jason D. Bennett
Russell W. Goodwin

SUMMERS COUNTY

Jack K. Hellems
Jack W. Jeffries, Jr.

TAYLOR COUNTY

James L. Lucas
Rick Reese

TUCKER COUNTY

Riley H. Barb
Carol D. Irons

TYLER COUNTY

Michael K. Griffin
John E. Roberts

UPSHUR COUNTY

Juanita Adams
John M. Coffman

WAYNE COUNTY

David Ferguson
John Cavins
Randall W. Wiles

WEBSTER COUNTY

Richard S. Robertson
John R. Stone

WETZEL COUNTY

Judith P. Goontz
Thomas J. Shepherd

WIRT COUNTY

Charles David Roberts
Janey I. Wigal

WOOD COUNTY

Donna Jackson
Brenda K. Marshall
Joyce S. Purkey
Robin Waters

WYOMING COUNTY

James R. Boles
Donald C. Cook
Kimberly R. Farmer



SOUTHEAST VIEW OF THE CAPITOL AT NIGHT

(Photograph by Martin Valent, Courtesy of Legislative Office
of Reference and Information)