

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE MASS LITIGATION PANEL, REQUEST FOR PROPOSED RULES

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Rule 26.01(a) of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules, duly adopted by the Supreme Court of Appeals, the Chief Justice, with the approval of the full Court, shall appoint six active or senior status circuit judges to serve on the Mass Litigation Panel for a term of three years, two to be appointed each year; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Rule 26.01(a), the Chief Justice shall also annually designate one of the members of the Panel to serve as its chairman; and

WHEREAS, The three-year term of the Honorable Arthur M. Recht, Judge of the First Judicial Circuit, and the Honorable Gary L. Johnson, Judge of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial Circuit, expires on June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Rule 26.01(b)(4) imposes a responsibility upon the Panel to recommend rules for adoption by the Supreme Court of Appeals for conduct of the business of the panel;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That the Honorable James P. Mazzone, Judge of the First Judicial Circuit, and the Honorable Derek C. Swope, Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, be appointed to serve terms on the Mass Litigation Panel from July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2010; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Honorable Arthur M. Recht, Judge of the First Judicial Circuit, and the Honorable Gary L. Johnson, Judge of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial Circuit, shall continue to preside over any pending matters assigned to them, and may further be recalled to render assistance and expertise to the Panel from time to time in the future when so requested by the Chairman of the Mass Litigation Panel and approved by the Chief Justice; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That the Honorable Alan D. Moats, Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, be appointed to serve as Chairman of the Mass Litigation Panel from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008;

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED, That the Chairman forthwith establish a committee to draft proposed rules for consideration by the Supreme Court for the conduct of the business of the Panel;

IT IS FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGED, That the Mass Litigation Panel members and the expiration dates of their terms shall now be as follows:

The Honorable Alan D. Moats (Chairman) Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2008
The Honorable John A. Hutchison Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2008
The Honorable Booker T. Stephens Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2009
The Honorable Jay M. Hoke Judge of the Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2009
The Honorable Derek C. Swope Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2010
The Honorable James P. Mazzone Judge of the First Judicial Circuit	June 30, 2010

ENTERED: July 10, 2007

ROBIN JEAN DAVIS, Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Appeals

Attest: _____
Rory L. Perry II, Clerk
Supreme Court of Appeals